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L E T T E R

FROM THE

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

TO THE

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS,

COMMUNICATING

A letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs reporting the amount of expenses incurred in negotiating the treaty with the Ute Indians, under the act of April 23, 1874.

JANUARY 19, 1875.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 13, 1875.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a copy of a communication dated the 12th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, reporting the expenses incurred in negotiating with the Ute Indians in Colorado, under the authority conferred upon the Secretary of the Interior by the act of Congress, approved April 23, 1874, which leaves "the expense of such negotiation to be paid by the United States, and to be hereafter appropriated." (Statutes at Large, vol. 17, p. 55.)

The expense of the negotiations, for which an appropriation is to be made, in accordance with the act above referred to, is \$25,795.13.

An estimate for said amount is herewith presented, to which the attention and favorable consideration of Congress are respectfully requested.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. WM. A. BUCKINGHAM,
Chairman Committee Indian Affairs, United States Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 12, 1875.

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to the following, viz: By the act approved April 23, 1872, (St., vol. 17, p. 55,) the Secretary of the Interior was authorized and empowered to enter into negotiations with the Ute Indians in Colorado for the extinguishment of their right to

the southern portion of their reservation, "the expense of the negotiation to be paid by the United States, and to be hereafter appropriated."

In accordance with the act in question, a commission was duly appointed July 1, 1872, to negotiate with these Indians, and the necessary instructions were given to collect the various bands at the Los Pinos agency, and to provide subsistence for them during the council. This commission, however, after prolonged negotiations, failed of its object, and another commission was appointed June 20, 1873, to renew the negotiations. The former instructions regarding the collection and subsistence of the bands were repeated, and the Indians were finally induced to conclude an agreement, which was ratified by act of April 29, 1874. (Pamph. ed. St., p. 36.)

The expense of the negotiation for which an appropriation is to be made, in accordance with the act of April 23, 1872, above referred to, is \$25,795.13; which amount has been taken from the funds belonging to said Indians. I have, therefore, caused to be prepared, and submit herewith, for the action of Congress, an estimate of appropriation required to restore to the Ute Indians in Colorado the amount thus taken from their tribal funds, and respectfully recommend the same for the favorable consideration of the Department and of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Estimate of appropriation required for the Indian service in Colorado.

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary to re-imburse appropriations for Ute Indians in Colorado, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1873, and June 30, 1874, the amount expended from said appropriations in negotiations with said Indians, in accordance with the act approved April 23, 1872, (St., vol. 17, p. 55,)	\$25,795 13
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