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APPROPRIATION FOR MONTANA INDIAN WAR CLAIMS.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

ASKING

*For an appropriation for expenses of investigation into Montana Indian war claims.*

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FEBRUARY 4, 1871.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, *February 4, 1871.*

The Secretary of War has the honor to report to the House of Representatives that the investigation by the War Department of the Montana Indian war claims of 1867, in obedience to the requirements of section 10 of an act of Congress of July 15, 1870, has been attended with certain necessary expenses for traveling and other proper allowances to witnesses, and for clerk-hire, stationery, advertising, postage, telegraphing, and expressage, for the payment of which the ordinary and contingent appropriations of the Department are neither adequate nor applicable; and it is therefore recommended that an appropriation of one thousand nine hundred dollars be granted for the payment of such expenses as have been, or may be, necessarily incurred in this behalf.

WM. W. BELKNAP,  
*Secretary of War.*