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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TO THE

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS,

TRANSMITTING

*A copy of a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in relation to the final report of Professor Walter P. Jenney, of explorations in the Black Hills, Dakota, in 1875.*

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FEBRUARY 6, 1877.—Ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee on Printing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, January 16, 1877.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, addressed to this Department under date of 15th instant, submitting, with a request for favorable consideration, a copy of a letter from Prof. Walter P. Jenney, who presents his final report of the explorations made in the Black Hills in Dakota, in 1875, together with plates, maps, and illustrations, for publication, together with an estimate of appropriation for the cost of publication.

The manuscript, plates, and maps accompany a copy of this letter addressed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The subject has the approval of this Department, and is respectfully commended to the favorable consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Z. CHANDLER,  
*Secretary.*

Hon. WM. B. ALLISON,  
*Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs, U. S. Senate.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*January 15, 1877.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith, for your favorable consideration, a copy of letter from Walter P. Jenney, E. M., transmitting his final report of the explorations made under directions of this office, in the Black Hills of Dakota, in 1875, together with plates, maps, and illustrations, for publication.

Professor Jenney submits an estimate (copy herewith) of the cost of engraving and printing these illustrations, amounting to \$3,000, with request that the same be published in quarto form.

A draught of the estimate of cost forwarded by Professor Jenney is herewith respectfully submitted, with a request that Congress be asked to make an appropriation for the expense thereof, and also request that its publication be made in quarto form.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. Q. SMITH,  
*Commissioner.*

The Hon. the SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

WASHINGTON, January 9, 1877.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the final report of the explorations made under the directions of the Office of Indian Affairs, in the Black Hills of Dakota, during the summer of 1875, together with plates, maps, and illustrations, and request that the same may be published.

Owing to the size and shape of the drawings prepared and submitted, it is essential to the proper presentation of the report that it should be printed in quarto form, and I respectfully ask that an order may be given to that effect.

Careful estimates have been obtained of the cost of engraving and printing all the plates, maps, and illustrations, and it is found that a sum not exceeding \$3,000 will cover all expenses incident thereto.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WALTER P. JENNEY, *E. M.*

Hon. J. Q. SMITH,  
*Commissioner of Indian Affairs.*

*Memoandum estimate of cost for engraving and printing plates, maps, and other illustrations, to accompany final report of explorations in the Black Hills.*

16 plates of paleontology .....	\$1,760
Topographical map .....	300
Geological map, (9 colors) .....	400
2 plates of lithology .....	300
Other illustrations, wood-cuts .....	240
	3,000