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TRANSPORTATION FOR INDIAN PUPILS.

LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION TO PAY THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF INDIAN PUPILS.

FEBRUARY 6, 1897.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *February 5, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior of the 4th instant, submitting an estimate of appropriation, \$990.60, for Indian school transportation, to pay an amount due the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company for the transportation of Indian pupils in 1889 to and from the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute.

Respectfully, yours,

W. E. CURTIS, *Acting Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 4, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, inclosing a deficiency estimate of \$990.60 for the transportation of Indian pupils in 1889 to and from the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute.

The Commissioner states that this amount is necessary to pay certain claims of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company that were allowed by the Indian Bureau and the Treasury Department in the regular process of settlement, but owing to the late date of allowance, two years after the expiration of the fiscal year in which the appropriation providing for such payments was made, the unexpended balance of said appropriation was carried to the surplus fund in the Treasury.

The recommendation of the Commissioner that a deficiency appropriation be made to pay the claims as herein stated is approved, and the estimate is respectfully forwarded through your Department for the favorable action of Congress.

Respectfully,

D. R. FRANCIS,
Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, February 1, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to advise you that the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, under orders from this office, transported Indian pupils in 1889 to and from Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, the claims for which amount to \$990.60.

The claims were allowed by this office and forwarded to the Treasury Department for settlement, but owing to the late date of allowance and to the fact that the balance of appropriation out of which the claims were payable had been covered into the Treasury under the surplus-fund act, the same were disallowed by the accounting officers of the Treasury.

As these claims are just and should be paid, I inclose herewith a supplemental estimate of deficiencies, in duplicate, for the above sum, with the recommendation that the same be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury for transmittal to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Very respectfully,

THOS. P. SMITH,
Acting Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Estimate of appropriation required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, and prior years by the Indian Office.

Indian school transportation:

For collecting and transportation of pupils to and from Indian schools, and also for the transportation of Indian pupils from all the Indian schools, and placing of them, with the consent of their parents, under the care and control of such suitable white families as may in all respects be qualified to give such pupils moral, industrial, and educational training, under arrangements in which their proper care, support, and education shall be in exchange for their labor (act of June 29, 1888, vol. 25, p. 237, sec. 1)

\$990.60

Amount appropriated for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1897.. 28,000.00