

COMMISSION TO NEGOTIATE WITH UTES OF SOUTHERN
COLORADO.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate from the Secretary of the Interior to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the Southern Ute Commission.

MARCH 19, 1890.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
March 17, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress copy of a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs of the 11th instant, forwarded by the Secretary of the Interior, in reference to an appropriation of \$1,000 to meet an excess of expenditures by the Southern Ute Commission under the act of May 1, 1888.

Respectfully, yours,

W. WINDOM,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, March 11, 1890.

SIR: I am in receipt, by your reference of the 27th ultimo, of a communication from T. S. Childs, secretary and special disbursing agent of the Southern Ute Commission, in reference to a deficiency in the sum of \$1,000, needed to meet an excess of expenditure by the Southern Ute Commission, in carrying out the provisions of the act of Congress, approved May 1, 1888 (25 Stat., 133), and incurred by the Commission in the prosecution of its duties.

The former estimate for this amount was submitted for the action of the Congress by the Department on the 26th of February, 1889, without a recommendation from this office, but it is a fact that a liability in the amount named has been incurred by the said Commission, and this office recommends that the former estimate be renewed in the sum named, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to cover deficiencies in expenditures incurred in carrying out the provisions of said act, under title of appropriation "Commission to negotiate with Utes of Southern Colorado."

The letter of Mr. Childs and inclosures are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

T. J. MORGAN,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR,
March 14, 1890.

Respectfully forwarded to the honorable Secretary of the Treasury.
The estimate is re-submitted for the favorable action of Congress.

JOHN W. NOBLE,
Secretary.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 26, 1890.*

SIR: I submit a recommendation of your predecessor for an appropriation by Congress of \$1,000, or so much of this amount as may be needed, to meet an excess of expenditures by the Southern Ute Commission. The circumstances have been fully explained in my correspondence with the Department. The agreement with the Southern Ute Indians was made within the limits of the appropriation. The commissioners were, however, ordered to report in Washington. This, by the increased time and expense involved, carried the expenditures beyond the appropriation. An unexpected bill from the War Department increased this excess. Under the circumstances the claim would seem neither unjust nor unreasonable.

The communication of the late Secretary was made of course to a former Congress. The committees of the present Congress, I understand, will wish its renewal or indorsement by yourself.

Respectfully yours,

T. S. CHILDS,
Late Secretary and Disbursing Secretary Southern Ute Commission.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
February 27, 1890.

Referred to Commission of Indian Affairs, who will please inform me whether in his judgment this appropriation is still to be insisted upon.

J. W. NOBLE,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 26, 1889.

SIR: The Department is informed by Rev. Thos. S. Childs, member, and the special disbursing agent of the Southern Ute Commission, appointed in accordance with the act of May 1, 1888 (25 Statutes, 133), that an indebtedness amounting to about \$1,000 in excess of the sum of \$10,000 appropriated by said act of May 1, 1888, has been incurred by the Commission in the prosecution of its duties.

The work accomplished by this Commission is fully shown by the papers embodied in Senate Ex. Doc. 67, Fiftieth Congress, second session, and the full expenses necessarily incurred by the Commission should be paid, and I therefore have the honor to request that an item appropriating a sum not exceeding \$1,000, or so much thereof as

may be necessary to complete the settlement of the expenses of said Commission, may be included in the Indian appropriation bill now pending before Congress, to be immediately available.

Very respectfully,

WM. F. VILAS,
Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS,
United States Senate.

Item to be inserted into the deficiency appropriation bill.

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be required to pay indebtedness incurred by the Commission to negotiate with the Southern Ute Indians for the relinquishment of their lands in Colorado, \$1,000.

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