

CENSUS OF THE INDIANS.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate from the Secretary of the Interior of an appropriation for taking a census of Indians in the United States.

FEBRUARY 18, 1886.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
February 17, 1886.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication of the Secretary of the Interior of the 13th instant, submitting an estimate of appropriation for \$5,000 to enable that Department to obtain a census of the various tribes and bands of Indians in the United States.

Respectfully, yours,

D. MANNING,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 13, 1886.

SIR: In accordance with the provisions of section 2 of the act of July 7, 1884 (23 Stat., 254), I have the honor to transmit herewith, for presentation to Congress, copy of a letter of 11th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, inclosing an item of appropriation in the sum of \$5,000, required to enable the Department to obtain a census of the various tribes and bands of Indians in the States and Territories of the United States.

The matter has the approval of this Department.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

L. Q. C. LAMAR,
Secretary.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, February 11, 1886.

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to the fact that this office is not in possession of accurate statistics regarding the number of Indians located upon the several Indian reservations in the States and Territories of the United States, and that it is my opinion, if a correct census of all the tribes and bands could be obtained, a large saving of money would thereby be secured by the Government in the preparation of estimates for appropriations for the Indian service, submitted to Congress for its action from time to time.

In view of the expenses incident to the obtainment of a correct census of all the tribes and bands, and for the reason that this office has not at its disposal any moneys applicable for the purpose named, I respectfully recommend that Congress be requested to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the object specified, to be expended under your direction.

Very respectfully,

J. D. C. ATKINS,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Estimate of appropriation required to enable the Secretary of the Interior to obtain a census of all tribes and bands of Indians in the States and Territories of the United States, to be inserted in the sundry civil bill.

This amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to enable the Secretary of the Interior to obtain a full and correct census of all the tribes and bands of Indians residing in the States and Territories of the United States, \$5,000.

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