

OSAGE INDIAN AGENT.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate from the Secretary of the Interior of an appropriation for increase of the salary of the Indian agent at the Osage Agency, Ind. T.

JANUARY 9, 1888.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

January 5, 1888.

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 28th ultimo, inclosing copy of a letter of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in relation to the estimate for the salary of the Indian agent at the Osage Agency, Ind. T., on page 139 of the Book of Estimates for 1889, which it is desired shall be increased from \$1,600 to \$2,000 per annum.

Respectfully, yours,

C. S. FAIRCHILD,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, December 28, 1887.

SIR: I inclose herewith duplicate copies of a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 27th instant, stating that the salary of the agent for the Indians of the Osage Agency is \$1,600, and that the increase submitted in the estimates for appropriation is only \$200, being \$200 less than originally intended, as shown by duplicate estimate on file in this Department, and, giving reasons for the increase, recommends that the attention of Congress be called to the matter.

Very respectfully,

L. Q. C. LAMAR,
Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., December 27, 1887.

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to House Ex. Doc. No. 5, Fiftieth Congress, first session, page 139, containing estimates of appropriation required to pay the salary of the Indian agent for the next fiscal year at the Osage Agency, Ind. T.

This agent is allowed by law the sum of \$1,600 as salary, and the increase submitted for appropriation is \$200, being \$200 less than originally intended, as shown by the duplicate estimate on file in the Department, the sum of \$400 having been recommended as additional salary required to pay the agent at this agency.

Owing to the large amount of money disbursed at this agency annually, aggregating nearly \$300,000, it is impossible to obtain the services of an agent at the salary fixed by law, the sureties on his bond being required to qualify for at least the sum of \$150,000.

In view of this fact, I respectfully recommend that the attention of Congress be called to this matter through the honorable Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

J. D. C. ATKINS,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.