

LETTER
FROM THE
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,
TRANSMITTING

A copy of a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, respecting the deficiency in the appropriation for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the Sioux Indians.

FEBRUARY 3, 1883.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 2, 1883.

SIR: I have the honor to present herewith a copy of a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, touching the deficiency in appropriation for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the Sioux Indians.

In the deficiency estimate now before Congress is an item for \$250,000 for subsistence for the Sioux Indians, and the Commissioner recommends, in view of the fact that no funds are available for the purchase of beef for Standing Rock Agency, proposals for which were received at Kansas City on the 1st instant, that immediate action be taken by Congress upon that item of the deficiency estimate.

I respectfully recommend the early and favorable attention and action of the Congress upon this subject.

Very respectfully,

H. M. TELLER,
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE PRO TEMPORE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, February 1, 1883.

SIR: I have the honor to call your attention to a statement made in my annual report, under the head of "Deficiencies in appropriations," pages 12 and 13, that the amount appropriated for the Sioux, viz, \$1,075,000, was not sufficient to purchase the subsistence supplies to which they are entitled under Article 5 of the agreement of February 28, 1877, and the deficiency estimate submitted to you for transmission to Congress in which the sum of \$250,000 was asked for supplies for the Sioux for the balance of the fiscal year, and I have to say that no con-

tract can be made for the 500,000 pounds of beef advertised for Standing Rock Agency, and for which bids will be opened in Kansas City, Mo., this day, until the deficiency appropriation asked for is furnished.

I therefore respectfully ask that the attention of the Committee on Appropriations of the House be called to the deficiency estimate and an early appropriation made.

Very respectfully,

H. PRICE,
Commissioner.

HON. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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