

TELEGRAPHING, AND PURCHASE OF INDIAN SUPPLIES.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*An increased estimate from the Secretary of the Interior for telegraphing,
and purchase of Indian supplies for the fiscal year 1891.*

MARCH 13, 1890.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
March 12, 1890.

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 10th instant, increasing the estimate on page 136 of the Book of Estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, for "telegraphing, and purchase of Indian supplies" from \$40,000 to \$45,000.

Respectfully, yours,

W. WINDOM,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., March 7, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to state that on page 136 of the Book of Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891 (Ex. Doc. No. 5, Fifty-first Congress, first session), will be found the following item, viz :

Telegraphing, and purchase of Indian supplies:

To pay the expenses of purchasing goods and supplies for the Indian service, including rent of warehouse and pay of necessary employes; advertising, at rates not exceeding regular commercial rates; inspection, and all other expenses connected therewith, including telegraphing \$40,000

This sum has been annually appropriated by Congress for several years past for the objects named, but it has invariably proved inadequate to meet the demands of the service, and for that reason Con-

gress has been called upon during the last three fiscal years for an appropriation to meet deficiencies amounting to \$5,000 annually.

In view of these facts I am of the opinion that the sum of \$40,000 estimated for the next fiscal year, will not be sufficient to meet all the expenses to be incurred under the above title of appropriation; therefore I respectfully recommend that the Congress be called upon to increase the estimate to \$45,000 for the fiscal year 1891.

Very respectfully,

T. J. MORGAN,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

[Indorsement.]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
March 10, 1890.

Respectfully forwarded to the honorable Secretary of the Treasury. The recommendation of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs is approved, and the favorable action of Congress is requested.

JOHN W. NOBLE,
Secretary.