

JOHN W. WALLACE, COMMISSIONER, ETC.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A copy of a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, forwarded by the Secretary of the Interior, in relation to the salary due John W. Wallace, Commissioner, etc.

DECEMBER 10, 1890.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
December 10, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, forwarded by the Secretary of the Interior, in relation to an appropriation necessary to meet per diem salary due John W. Wallace, Commissioner, etc., and to cover incidental expenses of his work in Cherokee Nation, \$2,500.

Respectfully yours,

W. WINDOM,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, December 8, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith a communication, of this date, from Mr. John W. Wallace, containing a statement of the additional appropriation necessary to meet the balance of salary now due him for services rendered under his commission as a special commissioner to take evidence and report relative to the individual rights of freedmen, Delaware, and Shawnee claimants to share in the appropriation made by the act of Congress, approved October 19, 1888 (25 Stats. 609), and also to meet the necessary expenses incident to this work.

The act of March 2, 1889 (25 Stats., 994), appropriated \$5,000 for the prosecution of this work.

Of this sum Mr. Wallace submits a statement of the shortage of funds necessary to cover his per diem salary, of \$2,100.07, less the sum of \$489.25 received by him on December 6, 1890, leaving an aggregate shortage of per diem salary due him of \$1,610.82. As necessary incidental expenses incurred in the prosecution of the work the additional sum of \$363.10. To disburse the appropriation made by the said act of October 19, 1888, the further additional sum of \$500, making a total of \$2,473.92.

I therefore have the honor to submit herewith a draught of an item for insertion in the proper appropriation bill providing for an appropriation of \$2,500 to cover the amount claimed to be due Mr. Wallace, and also to meet the expenses of the disbursement of the fund appropriated by the act of October 19, 1888, above referred to, and it is respectfully suggested that this matter be laid before Congress with an urgent request for early and favorable action.

Very respectfully,

T. J. MORGAN,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

[Indorsement.]

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR,
December 9, 1890.

Respectfully forwarded to the honorable Secretary of the Treasury, and urgently request the favorable and early action of Congress thereon.

GEO. CHANDLER,
Acting Secretary.

ITEM.

To enable the Secretary of the Interior to compensate John W. Wallace for balance claimed to be due him for services rendered and expenses incurred under his appointment as special commissioner, appointed under the act of Congress approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, to take testimony and report relative to the rights of freedmen Delaware and Shawnee claimants to share in the appropriation made by the act of Congress approved October nineteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and also for expenses incurred and to be incurred in making the payment authorized by the said act of October nineteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, two thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, December 8, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith, in accordance with the suggestion of the Department, an estimate of the funds necessary to cover the amount of unpaid salary due me under my commission to take evidence and report relative to the claims of freedmen Delaware and Shawnee citizens of the Cherokee Nation to a share in certain appropriations made by Congress for the benefit of said nation, and also to cover other specified incidental expenses connected herewith. I have itemized this estimate as follows:

Expenses of disbursement.....	\$1,000.00	
Balance due commissioner July 1, 1890.....	1,040.07	
Per diem of commissioner from July 1 to October 14, 1890, 106		
days.....	1,060.00	
		<u>\$3,100.07</u>

Due on account services:		
C. S. Shelton, clerk.....	\$18.00	
S. S. Clover, clerk.....	50.00	
T. Dougherty, interpreter.....	82.50	
W. Breedlove, clerk.....	152.00	
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	302.50	
Traveling expenses, Fort Smith to Washington.....	37.00	\$302.50
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		37.00
Incidental expenses paid by commissioner March 6, omitted from account:		
J. W. Stapler, 1 trunk.....	7.00	
March 6, omitted from account Brown & Co., stationery..	5.00	
April 10, expressage on report.....	.25	
May 1, Samuel Edmonds on replevin, Cherokee rolls.....	2.50	
May 3, expressage trunk of evidence.....	6.50	
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	21.25	21.25
To amount due W. C. Patton & Co., unsettled bill.....	2.35	2.35
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		3,463.17
Deducting amount received December 6, 1890.....	489.25	
Deducting amount of appropriation now remaining in Treasury	500.00	
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	989.25	989.25
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Leaves total of appropriation now required.....		2,473.92

Allow me to submit an earnest request that this matter be laid before Congress at once with proper recommendation.

I have advanced my personal funds in connection with this work and I earnestly desire to have the matter adjusted with the least possible delay.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. WALLACE.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

