

SALARY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
AND TO CREATE AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

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FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

*A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, with a draft of a bill to increase the salary of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and to create the office of Assistant Commissioner.*

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JANUARY 25, 1882.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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EXECUTIVE MANSION,  
January 24, 1882.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I transmit herewith a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, with draft of a bill to increase the salary of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and to create the office of Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

The matter is commended to the attention of Congress.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, January 10, 1882.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a draft of a bill to increase the salary of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and create the office of Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Fully aware of the duties of the Commissioner, their responsible and arduous nature, I earnestly recommend that the measure presented may, if it meets with your approval, be commended to the favorable consideration of Congress.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
S. J. KIRKWOOD,

*Secretary.*

The PRESIDENT.

A BILL, to increase the salary of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and to create the office of Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Indian Affairs shall be entitled to a salary of five thousand dollars a year.*

SEC. 2. There shall be in the Department of the Interior an Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall be entitled to a salary of three thousand dollars a year.

SEC. 3. The Assistant Commissioner shall act as Commissioner in the event of a vacancy in the office of Commissioner of Indian Affairs or in his absence, and shall perform such other duties as the Commissioner may prescribe or the law require.