

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE—INDIAN HOSTILITIES IN NEW MEXICO.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR, AD INTERIM,

TRANSMITTING

*Additional estimate for suppression of Indian hostilities in New Mexico.*

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JANUARY 17, 1861.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, *January 16, 1861.*

SIR: I have the honor to enclose to you a communication from the quartermaster general, submitting an estimate, amounting to \$709,435, to cover expenses incurred in consequence of Indian hostilities during the current fiscal year; and I respectfully recommend that an appropriation may be made to meet the amount.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. HOLT,  
*Secretary of War, ad interim.*

Hon. WILLIAM PENNINGTON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Washington, D. C., January 15, 1861.*

SIR: I respectfully submit herewith an estimate of funds required to cover expenditures made by the Quartermaster's department in consequence of Indian hostilities during the current fiscal year.

The suppression of these Indian hostilities was not provided for in the appropriation for this year. As they could not be foreseen, such heavy charges upon it will leave a sum quite inadequate to defray

the ordinary expenses of the Quartermaster's department during the year. I therefore respectfully suggest that this estimate be submitted, with your approval, to Congress.

This estimate has not been submitted sooner because all the accounts of the expenditures in question, which were necessary, have been received only recently. As the so-called Navajoe war is not concluded, so much of the estimate as relates to it is conjectural.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. E. JOHNSTON,  
*Quartermaster General.*

Hon. J. HOLT,  
*Secretary of War, ad interim.*

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*Additional estimate of funds required by the Quartermaster's department to cover expenditures already made and debts incurred in consequence of Indian hostilities in New Mexico, the military department of California, and by the Kiowa and Comanche tribes, which, not being anticipated, were not embraced in the annual estimates prepared in this office.*

Incidental expenses..... \$57,084

*Remarks.*—This item embraces payments made to companies of guides and spies called into service in New Mexico during the expedition against the Navajoe Indians in the winter of 1858-'59, and which were suspended in the settlement of the accounts of disbursing officers, there being no appropriation to cover them.

Transportation of troops and supplies..... 473,464

*Remarks.*—\$252,700 of this amount has been paid for the transportation of supplies to Forts Larned and Wise, posts established during the last year in consequence of the hostile disposition evinced by the Kiowa and Comanche Indians in the western part of the Territory of Kansas; \$121,000 is required to reimburse the department for payments already made and for debts incurred on account of Indian hostilities in Carson Valley in the spring and summer of 1860; the residue is a conjectural estimate of the expenditures that have been made and are still being made in the campaign against the Navajoe Indians in New Mexico.

Barracks and quarters ..... 178,887

*Remarks.*—Owing to the Indian hostilities in Carson Valley it became necessary, in the judgment of the commanding officer of the department of California, to establish a post in that section of country; and as it was important to give shelter this winter to the troops ordered there

and to the public stores, the buildings for those purposes were constructed rapidly and at a heavy expense to the United States, caused mainly by the difficulty of obtaining mechanical labor and of procuring building materials. The sum for which an estimate is now made is required to pay the expenses already incurred at that point.

Total..... \$709,435

J. E. JOHNSTON,  
*Quartermaster General.*

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