

EDUCATION OF INDIANS OF CENTRAL SUPERINTENDENCY.

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LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

TRANSMITTING

*A letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in relation to an appropriation required to carry on the work of instructing and aiding the Indians of the central superintendency, in the arts of civilization and self-support.*

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MAY 20, 1870.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., May 21, 1870.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication, dated the 18th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with an estimate, therewith submitted, of funds required to carry on the work of instructing and aiding the Indians of the central superintendency "in the arts of civilization and self-support, in addition to the amount provided by treaty stipulations."

This estimate is based on the experience of the Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, members of which committee made personal visits to the several tribes in the central superintendency, during the past year, as stated in a letter of Messrs. Tatham and Rhoads, dated the 29th ultimo, a copy of which is inclosed.

I commend the subject to the favorable consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. COX,  
*Secretary.*

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C., May 18, 1870.*

SIR: Referring to office report of the 2d instant, inclosing copies of a communication from Benjamin Tatham and James E. Rhoads, members of the Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, and of an

estimate submitted therewith of funds required to carry on the work of instructing and aiding the Indians of the central superintendency, in the arts of civilization and self-support during the next fiscal year; and also to your reply thereto, dated the 6th instant, I would say that I am informed by members of said Associated Committee, that the Senate and House Committees on Indian Affairs and Appropriations desire said communication and estimate to be submitted to them.

In view of this fact, I herewith inclose the copies of said papers, which were returned with your communication of the 6th instant, and respectfully recommend that they be laid before Congress for its consideration and action.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,  
*Commissioner.*

Hon. J. D. Cox,  
*Secretary of the Interior.*

WASHINGTON, 4th Month, 29, 1870.

To E. S. PARKER, *Commissioner of Indian Affairs*:

The undersigned, on behalf of the Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, herewith submit an estimate of the amount of money required during the year 1870-'71, to carry on the work of instructing and aid the Indians of the central superintendency in the arts of civilization and self-support, in addition to the amount provided by treaty stipulations. This estimate is based on our experience of the past year and upon information obtained by a committee of two of our own number who have just returned from a personal visit to the several tribes, during which they attended the general council called by Superintendent Hoag, and a special council of others not represented therein.

Although we are of opinion that the amount of this estimate could be doubled with advantage to the government, we believe that the sum of sixty thousand dollars will enable the superintendent to make great progress in the work committed to him, and be the means of attracting the warlike Indians to the reservations by presenting to them greater inducements to rely upon the products of the soil than those of the chase.

On behalf of the committee,

BENJN TATHAM.  
JAMES E. RHOADS.

*Estimate of appropriations for central superintendency not embraced in treaty stipulations.*

For Kiowa and Comanche agency for 1870-'71:

Houses for chiefs.....	\$3, 000
Houses for farmers near the various farms.....	2, 250
Pay for extra farmers and for farming operations.....	7, 000
Additional for boarding-school building.....	2, 500
Support of boarding and day schools.....	2, 500
Threshing machine and other farming implements, and wagons for Indians	3, 000
Stable and granary.....	500
Grist-mill to be attached to saw-mill.....	2, 500
Incidental expenses, including presents to chiefs, protection for annuity goods, &c.....	3, 000

For Cheyenne and Arapahoe agency :

Support of boarding and day schools.....	\$2,500
Houses for chiefs.....	1,500
Farming operations and implements.....	3,000
Small houses for farmers at the farms.....	2,500
Stable and granary.....	1,000
Miscellaneous purposes, as presents to chiefs, &c.....	5,000
For absentee Shawnees who have no means whatever, and whose lands re- verted to the United States, and also are now to be settled on their new homes, 700 in number, school-house, house for teacher and farmer, agri- cultural implements and seeds, &c.....	5,000
For Ottawas who have no present means to support schools.....	1,000
For transportation of competent employes including teachers, farmers, &c.	3,000
For general beneficent and necessary contingent expenses in conducting the affairs of the entire superintendency embracing twenty-two thousand Indians.....	9,250

JAMES E. RHOADS,  
BENJN TATHAM,

*On behalf of the Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs.*