

PURCHASES MADE FOR INDIANS IN ARIZONA.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

ASKING

For an appropriation to pay for provisions purchased for the benefit of the Indians in Arizona.

FEBRUARY 10, 1865.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, D. C., February 9, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit, herewith, for the consideration of Congress, a copy of a communication dated the 11th ultimo, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and accompanying extract from a letter of Hon. C. D. Poston, of September 1, 1864, in relation to expenses incurred by him while he was superintendent of Indian affairs in Arizona, in supplying the Indians of that Territory with provisions upon which to subsist during the present winter.

I also transmit vouchers of Messrs. White & Noyes for \$12,100, and of William R. Murray for \$800, referred to by Mr Poston, as given by him for the purchases made, and have the honor to recommend that an appropriation of twelve thousand nine hundred dollars be made to enable this department to pay the indebtedness.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. P. USHER, *Secretary.*

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Office Indian Affairs, January 14, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to report herewith a letter of honorable Charles D. Poston, late superintendent of Indian affairs in Arizona, dated September 1, 1864, (but not received in this office until the 29th ultimo,) enclosing vouchers of White & Noyes, W. R. Murray, and Pauline Weaver.

The first voucher noticed, that of White & Noyes, is for \$55,000 pounds of flour, at 22 cents per pound, amounting to the sum of \$12,100.

The second is in favor of William Murray, for bacon, flour, &c., amounting to \$800.

The third appears to be in favor of Pauline Weaver, for services as a self-constituted agent among the Indians in Arizona.

All the above vouchers relate to the Indian service in Arizona, and as Mr. Poston not only explains the circumstances of his forming the indebtedness in the first and second cases, and occupies a position in the national legislature that will afford an opportunity for him to go more into detail, I would most respectfully suggest that the matter be referred to Congress, with the view that an appropriation may be made to meet the indebtedness, and, if thought proper, to pay Pauline Weaver for his services, should they be recognized as beneficial to the public interest.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. P. DOLE, *Commissioner.*

Hon. J. P. USHER,

Secretary of the Interior.

Extract from letter of Superintendent C. D. Poston to Commissioner of Indian Affairs, of September 1, 1864.

I beg leave to submit the enclosed voucher for payment by your office.

The account of White & Noyes is for flour obtained and used for the benefit of the Indians, to enable them to pass the present winter in comfort, and was the only means in the power of the superintendent to secure their peace and quietude.

The voucher in favor of William R. Murray is for provisions obtained from the citizens of Weaverville for the use of the Pima and Maricopa Indians when on a campaign under my charge against the hostile Apaches last winter.

The claims are all just due, and ought to be paid.

The United States to White & Noyes, Dr.

Sept. 2, 1864.—55,000 pounds flour, at 22 cents\$12,100 00

Delivered on orders of C. D. Poston, superintendent of Indian affairs for Arizona Territory.

I certify that the above account is correct and just, and that the articles have been accounted for on my property return for the quarter ending on the — of —, 186—.

_____,
Quartermaster.

Received at _____, the _____ of _____, 186—, of _____, quartermaster United States army, _____ dollars and _____ cents, in full of the above account.

WHITE & NOYES:

The United States to William Murray, Dr.

1864.

March 28.—To	100 pounds pinole of B. F. Howell	\$50 00
	100 pounds flour of J. H. Allen	50 00
	100 pounds flour of F. M. Hodges	50 00
	100 pounds flour of Thos. Forsee	50 00
	100 pounds flour of Vanderlich & Co.	50 00
	100 pounds flour of Don Carlos	50 00
	100 pounds flour of Clemente	50 00
	50 pounds sugar of Gabriel	50 00
	40 pounds coffee of Mariano	50 00
	100 pounds flour of J. Barrett	50 00
	Flour and bacon of J. R. Lassater	150 00
	Beef, sugar, and coffee of Wm. Peoples	150 00
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Received at Weaverville, Arizona, February 24, 1864, eight hundred dollars,
in full of the above account.

WILLIAM R. MURRAY.