

INDIAN ORPHAN ACCOUNTS.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

TRANSMITTING

Estimate of appropriation for expenses of settlement of Indian orphan accounts.

DECEMBER 21, 1870.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., December 19, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a communication, dated the 5th instant, from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in regard to the accompanying estimate of appropriation of \$5,000 required to defray expenses in causing settlements to be made with incompetent or orphan Indians, under the act approved July 5, 1862, and respectfully request the favorable action of Congress upon the subject.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
W. T. OTTO,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. JAS. G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., December 5, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to state that by the sixth section of the act of July 5, 1862, (Statutes at Large, vol. 12, pp. 529 and 530,) it is provided "that the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to cause settlements to be made with all persons appointed by Indian councils to receive moneys due to incompetent or orphan Indians," &c., and in order to defray the expense of such persons who will necessarily have to be employed, to cause these settlements to be made, I have

caused an estimate of appropriation for that purpose to be prepared and herewith inclose the same, with the request that it be submitted to Congress for its action.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

Estimate of appropriation required to defray expenses in causing settlements to be made with incompetent or orphan Indians.

This amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary to enable the Secretary of the Interior to cause settlements to be made with all persons appointed by Indian councils to receive moneys due to incompetent or orphan Indians, per act of July 5, 1862, (Statutes at Large, vol. 12, pp. 529, 530)..... \$5,000