

UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS FOR NAVAJO INDIANS.

L E T T E R

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

A draught of a bill granting authority to use the unexpended balance from appropriations heretofore made for the subsistence of Navajo Indians to meet deficiencies in the appropriations for the present fiscal year for the benefit of said tribe.

FEBRUARY 19, 1873.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 14, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 12th instant, submitting a draught of a bill "granting authority to use the unexpended balance from appropriations heretofore made for the subsistence of Navajo Indians to meet deficiencies in the appropriation for the present fiscal year for the benefit of said tribe."

The necessity for taking some measures to meet deficiencies in the appropriations for the Indian service is apparent, and I recommend that the inclosed bill be favorably considered by Congress.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

HON. JAMES G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., February 12, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to report that of the amounts appropriated by the act of July 15, 1870, as amended by the act of March 3, 1871,

(Stat., vol. 16, p. 569,) and by the act of May 18, 1872, (Stat., vol. 17, p. 132,) for subsisting the Navajo Indians, there are now on hand unexpended balances amounting to \$54,989.02, which, by the wording of said acts, ceased to be available on the 30th June, 1871, and 30th June, 1872, respectively.

In order to enable the office to meet deficiencies in the appropriation for the present fiscal year for the care and support of said Indians, it is necessary that authority be obtained from Congress to use the balance above referred to, or so much thereof as may be required for the purpose indicated.

With this object in view, I have prepared, and herewith inclose, a draught for a bill embodying the required legislation, and respectfully ask that the same be laid before Congress for the favorable consideration and action of that body.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

AN ACT granting authority to use the unexpended balance from appropriations heretofore made for the subsistence of Navajo Indians to meet deficiencies in the appropriation for the present fiscal year for the benefit of said tribe.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to use, for the care and support of the Navajo Indians in New Mexico, during the year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, the unexpended balance of appropriations heretofore made for the subsistence of said Indians by the acts of July fifteen, eighteen hundred and seventy, and May eighteen, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, amounting in the aggregate to fifty-four thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine dollars and two cents.