

CONTRACTS, PURCHASES, AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE
INDIAN SERVICE.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

RELATIVE TO

The extent and nature of the contracts, purchases, and expenditures for the Indian service made since July 1, 1873.

FEBRUARY 10, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

To the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Representatives of January 7, requesting "a statement of the extent and nature of the contracts, purchases, and expenditures for the Indian service made since July 1, 1873, setting forth which, if any, of them were made or entered into without conference with the board of Indian commissioners appointed by the President, and the extent and description of contracts and vouchers objected to by said board, stating to what extent payments have been made thereon against their remonstrance."

U. S. GRANT.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, February 9, 1874.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 5, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by reference from you, of a resolution of the House of Representatives, in the following words, viz:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to cause to be furnished to this House, at as early a day as practicable, a statement of the extent and nature of the contracts, purchases, and expenditures for the Indian service made since July 1, 1873, setting forth which, if any, of them were made or entered into without conference with the board of Indian commissioners appointed by the President; and the extent and description of contracts and vouchers objected to by said board, stating to what extent payments have been made thereon against their remonstrance.

In response to said resolution, I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a Communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated 26th ultimo, accompanied by schedules containing the information requested, as follows:

1st. A statement showing the extent and nature of contracts entered into for the Indian service since July 1st, 1873, showing which were made without conference with the board of Indian commissioners appointed by the President.

2d. Statement of the expenditures of the Indian service since July 1, 1873, showing what vouchers were not approved by the board of Indian commissioners, and to what extent payments have been made thereon.

In this connection I desire to submit some observations in relation to the workings of the present system of auditing accounts by a committee of the board of Indian commissioners.

The board of Indian commissioners were appointed by you under authority of an act of Congress approved April 10, 1869, (Statutes, vol. 16, p. 40.) The board was authorized by said act to "exercise joint control with the Secretary of the Interior over the disbursement of the appropriations made by this act, or any part thereof that the President may designate."

By an act of Congress approved July 15, 1870, (Statutes, vol. 16, p. 360,) it was made "the duty of said commissioners to supervise all expenditures of money appropriated for the benefit of Indians in the United States, and to inspect all goods purchased for said Indians in connection with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, whose duty it shall be to consult said commissioners in making purchases of such goods."

The act of Congress approved March 3, 1871, (Statutes, vol. 16, p. 568,) provides: "that hereafter no payments shall be made by any officer of the United States to contractors for goods or supplies of any sort furnished to the Indians, or for the transportation thereon, or for any buildings or machinery erected or placed on their reservations under or by virtue of any contract entered into with the Interior Department, or any branch thereof, on the receipts or certificates of the Indian agents or superintendents of such supplies, goods, transportation, buildings, or machinery beyond fifty per cent. of the amount due, until the accounts and vouchers shall have been submitted to the executive committee of the board of commissioners appointed by the President of the United States, and organized under the provisions of the fourth section of the act of April tenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and the third section of the act approved April [July] fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, for examination, revisal, and approval; and it shall be the duty of said board of commissioners, without unnecessary delay, to forward said accounts and vouchers so submitted to them to the Secretary of the Interior, with the reasons for their approval or disapproval of the same, in whole or in part, attached thereto; and said Secretary shall have power to sustain, set aside, or modify the action of said board, and cause payment to be made or withheld as he may determine."

Under the provisions of the act of Congress of May 29, 1872, (Statutes, vol. 17, p. 186,) with powers and duties already provided, it is therein provided: "That any member of the board of Indian commissioners is hereby empowered to investigate all contracts, expenditures, and accounts in connection with the Indian service, and shall have access to all books and papers relating thereto in any Government office; but the examination of vouchers and accounts by the executive committee of said board shall not be a prerequisite of payment."

By the act approved February 14, 1873, (Statutes, vol. 17, p. 461,) the board was continued with the same powers and duties.

It will be observed that by the act of May 29, 1872, the examination of accounts and vouchers by the board of commissioners was not to be longer deemed *a prerequisite of payment*. In view of the legislation in that behalf which had been previously enacted, and was still unrepealed, and the peculiarity of the language of the act of 1872, I deemed it best, for prudential reasons for the time being, to continue the practice of sending all accounts to the board for examination prior to the final action of the Department thereon.

The examination of accounts by the board is made by an executive committee, consisting of three members, one of whom resides in New York, one in Philadelphia, and one in Boston, and, under existing regulations, accounts are required to be transmitted to one or more of those cities for the convenience of the members of said committee. It has been customary, however, to obtain the signature of but one member of the executive committee, who signs for the committee.

It is well known that, under the ordinary rules of auditing and passing upon accounts in all other branches of the governmental business, the system of checks in the auditing of accounts and vouchers by the several officers through whose hands they pass, and whose approval is necessary to their allowance and payment, great delay necessarily occurs in the payment of the most meritorious claims, oftentimes to the serious injury of honorable and worthy claimants. The additional delay in the business of the Indian Office consequent on the transmission of these accounts to the members of the executive committee, materially increases the existing and unavoidable delays above referred to. At the time of the recent financial stringency throughout the country there were many accounts suspended by the executive committee, involving a large amount of money, the continued withholding of which must have soon proved disastrous to individual claimants, besides adding to the monetary distress in certain localities.

A careful examination of the reasons assigned by said committee for the disallowance of said claims showed them to be for the most part technical, or based upon information in possession of the committee, and not known to the Indian Office. Some of the claims thus disapproved were returned to the committee with additional information concerning them, which seemed sufficient to modify, if not entirely change, the attitude of the committee in regard to them. In all cases, however, it has been the rule of the Department to refer all accounts that have been disallowed by the executive committee to the Indian Office, with the reasons of the committee, if any were reported, for withholding its approval, and to request of the commissioner of Indian affairs a report thereon. On receipt of such report from the commissioner, the claims and papers have been referred to the Assistant Attorney-General, assigned to duty in the Interior Department, for his opinion as to the validity of the claims, and as to the duty of the Secretary of the Interior, which opinion has governed my action in the final disposition of the claims.

The duty of examining these accounts is vexatious, embarrassing, and difficult, owing to their multiplicity and variety, and the magnitude of the sums involved. In pressing emergencies, which frequently arise, delays, either in the procurement of, or payment for supplies, may prove disastrous to the service, as well as to the honest and conscientious contractors, and it seems to be imperatively demanded that some modifications of existing regulations should be made.

The committee, I am informed, is sometimes approached by outside parties, and thus placed in possession of statements in relation to the character of vouchers of which the Indian Office and the Department have no knowledge when called upon to act.

For instance, the following indorsement was made by the executive committee on account No. 1853, G. M. Dodge, \$19,264.96 :

Examined and approved, in consideration of the letter of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the Hon. Secretary of the Interior, dated January 22, 1874. As the Commissioner's letter states that "the cattle in question were in accordance with the requirements of the contract," I take this *official* statement as the basis of my action on this account, though *information from other sources* does not confirm the Commissioner's assertion.

NATHAN BISHOP,
Executive Committee.

This indorsement was answered by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, under date of 4th instant, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., February 4, 1874.

SIR : Referring to the indorsement of Hon. Nathan Bishop, executive committee, board of Indian commissioners, on the account of G. M. Dodge, for cattle delivered at the Cheyenne River agency, amounting to \$19,264.96, wherein he states that the account is approved, "in consideration of the letter of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the Hon. Secretary of the Interior, dated January 22, 1874. As the Commissioner's letter states that 'the cattle in question were in accordance with the requirements of the contract,' I take this official statement as the basis of my action, in this account, though information from other sources does not confirm the Commissioner's assertion," I desire to state, for the information of the Department, as to the evidence upon which the office-letter referred to by Mr. Bishop was based, that there have been presented to this office original invoices for 11,789 head of cattle that were wintered north, together with an affidavit to the effect that, of the cattle referred to in said invoices, a sufficient number were delivered on the Missouri River for the six months' supply of northern cattle called for by the contracts, and that the cattle for freezing were embraced in such delivery. These invoices and the affidavits accompanying them were considered sufficient evidence by this office to show that the cattle delivered at the Cheyenne River agency as per said account were wintered North, and consequently that the contract in that particular had been carried out. But if the board of Indian commissioners has information from other sources that will tend to show that this affidavit is not in accordance with facts, such information may be of value to this office.

Mr. Bishop has this day been requested to furnish whatever reliable information may be in his possession on the subject.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWD. P. SMITH,
Commissioner.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

Thus it not infrequently occurs that the Indian Office is called upon to act upon a claim, concerning which information is in the hands of the executive committee, but unknown to the Indian Office or to the Department. This condition of things should not exist. It is not likely to subserve the ends of justice, and is not calculated to produce harmonious conclusions.

I also transmit, herewith, a list of accounts, not approved by the executive committee and now before me for final action. These accounts will be examined in accordance with the policy above indicated, and the opinion of the Assistant Attorney-General will no doubt govern my action, as it has done heretofore.

The responsibility of finally acting upon these accounts being placed upon me by law, cannot be transferred or avoided. I shall, therefore, continue in the future as in the past, to exercise the most rigid scrutiny into their character, and shall act in accordance with my judgment and

sense of duty in all cases, until Congress sees fit to provide some other method for their adjudication.

It will be exceedingly gratifying to me if Congress will make the action of the executive committee in regard to said claims final, and relieve this Department from any responsibility in the matter. If Congress is unwilling to make this alteration, however, I have the honor to recommend that authority be conferred upon the Secretary of the Interior to direct the board to conduct its examination of accounts in the Indian Office, where it may have all the facts known to the office, and the office will have all the facts known to the board. This course will certainly tend to produce greater unanimity of conclusion among the various parties who are required to examine and pass upon such claims.

Should Congress fail to modify the existing regulations as above indicated, I shall feel myself justified in requesting the board to conduct their examination of accounts in the Indian Office.

In all cases where the Assistant Attorney-General has considered the question of approving an account not approved by the executive committee, he has furnished the Department with a written opinion giving his conclusions, a copy of which has uniformly been filed with the papers in the case and forwarded with the account to the accounting officers of the Treasury, for their information before auditing the same.

Copies of those opinions are transmitted herewith.

The resolution is herewith returned.

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

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT.

Statement showing the extent and nature of contracts entered into for the Indian service since July 1, 1873, showing in addition which, if any of them, were made without conference with the board of Indian commissioners appointed by the President.

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Names of contractors.	Date.	Names of officers making contract.	Articles and prices.	Amount.	Approved or disapproved by board of Indian commissioners.	Remarks.
Lawrence & Edgar	1873. July 8	H. F. Livingstone, Indian agent, Crow Creek agency.	For cutting 350 cords of wood from Indian reservation at Crow Creek agency, Dakota Territory, for War Department, for which they pay Indian Office 50 cents per cord.	\$175 00	Approved	
James K. Moore	July 14	James Irwin, Indian agent.	For furnishing 400,000 pounds of flour for Shoshone and Bannack Indian agency, Wyoming, at \$2.60 per 100 pounds.	10,800 00	....do	
John B. Dillon	July 12	Edmund Palmer, Indian agent, Grand River agency.	For cutting and delivering at the Grand River agency, Dakota Territory, 150 tons hay, at \$16.40 per ton.	2,460 00	....do	
Hooker & Co	July 19	H. R. Clum, Acting Commissioner Indian Affairs.	For furnishing for the Indian agencies in California, axes, hammers, files, hand-saws, &c., (estimated amount.)	4,000 00	....do	
D. McLennan, manager for Pacific Woolen Mills.	July 19	.....do	Blankets for Indians in California and Oregon, amounting to—	24,000 00	....do	
Murphy, Grant & Co.	July 19	.....do	Dry-goods for the different Indian agencies in California and Oregon, about—	7,400 00	....do	
Lindenburg & Burke	July 17	.....do	For wool hats and linen coats for Indians in California and Oregon, about—	1,357 00	....do	
Hopkee	July 19	.....do	Shoes for Indians in California and Oregon.	1,300 00	....do	
Fordham & Jennings	July 19	.....do	Coffee, tea, rice, sugar, salt, sirnp, pepper, and soap, for Indians in California, about—	1,778 00	....do	
Do	July 19	.....do	Tobáceo for Indians in California	397 00	....do	
Willie Spiegelberg	July 23	L. E. Dudley, superintendent Indian affairs.	Beef, at 52 cents per pound, and shorts, at 34 cents per pound, for the Ute and Apache Indians of the Cimarron agency, New Mexico.	.....	....do	For such quantity as may be required during fiscal year.
A. H. Wilder	July 19	E. P. Smith, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.	864 cows and 225 yoke of oxen for the Grand River, Crow Creek, Cheyenne River, and Santee Sioux Indian agencies, at the rate of \$40 per head for cows, and \$150 per yoke for oxen.	68,290 00	Not approved..	This contract was unintentionally sent to Treasury Department for record, without having been sent to the board of Indian commissioners for their approval. Accounts under this contract objected to by board, but approved and ordered paid by Secretary of the

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E. W. Bennett & Co	July 12	John S. Littlefield, Indian agent.	For the transportation of Indian goods and supplies from Rawlins, Wyoming, to White River agency, at \$6.00 per 100 pounds.	7, 932 72	do	Interior, in accordance with opinion of the Assistant Attorney-General, dated December 4, 1873.
G. M. Dodge.....	July 1	E. P. Smith, Commissioner Indian Affairs.	Beef-cattle for the Yankton, Santee Sioux, and Cheyenne River agencies, at \$2.764 per 100 pounds gross.	175, 418 75	do	
Walker Brothers	July 28	James Irwin, Indian agent.	For 200,000 pounds flour for the Shoshone and Bannack agency, Wyoming Ter., at \$2.65 per 100 pounds.	5, 300 00	do	
Charles Rich.....	July 28	H. R. Clum, Acting Commissioner.	Flour, at \$2.20 to \$3.25 per sack; beef, at \$4.91 per 100 pounds; bacon, at 13 cents per pound; sugar, at 13½ cents per pound; coffee, at 25½ cents per pound; soap, at 7½ cents per pound; salt, at 5 cents per pound, for the mixed Shoshones, Bannacks, and Sheepeaters, and for the Flathead agency, Montana Territory.	.....	do	Quantity of different articles not specified, contractor agreeing to furnish such as might be needed at the points named during the fiscal year.
Auerbach, Finch & Scheff- for.	Aug. 11	M. N. Adams, Indian agent	For dry-goods and notions for the Sisseton and Wahpeton Indians, Dakota.	.....	do	No particular quantity named; contract in force for fiscal year.
Nicols & Dean	Aug. 8	..... do	Articles of hardware for the Sisseton and Wahpeton Sioux Indians of the Sisseton agency.	.....	do	Quantity of articles not specified, only such as may be required by the agent during present fiscal year.
Rich, Wilson & Bogert..	Aug. 16	E. P. Smith, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.	For transporting Indian goods from Fort Benton to the Crow agency, at \$1.02 per 100 pounds per 100 miles.	.....	do	Accounts not yet received.
Beaupre & Kelly.....	Aug. 8	M. N. Adams, Indian agent.	Being for groceries for the Indians of the Sisseton and Wahpeton Sioux agency.	.....	do	Contract in force until July 1, 1874, without any quantity of each article to be furnished.
Herman Elfield	Aug. 20	L. E. Dudley, superinten- dent Indian affairs.	30 tons hay for the New Mexico super- intendency and Pueblo Indian agency, at \$28.50 per ton.	855 00	do	
Charles E. Mayo & Co ..	Aug. 9	M. N. Adams, Indian agent.	Hardware, tools, agricultural imple- ments, &c., for the Sisseton and Wah- peton agency, Dakota Territory.	.....	do	The explanation to second one above (Beaupre & Kelly) will apply here, and also to the three next below this, and the amounts embraced cannot, therefore, be given until the close of the fiscal year.
Strong, Hackett & Chapin	Aug. 9	..... do	Agricultural implements for the Sisseton agency.	.....	do	
John B. Wasson	Aug. 11	..... do	Beef-cattle, at \$4.20 per 100 pounds; milk cows, at \$40 per head; Durham bulls, at \$40 per head; Work oxen, at \$115 per yoke.	.....	do	
Lathrop & Brothers.....	July 28	..... do	Flour for the Sisseton agency, at \$3 per sack of 98 pounds.	.....	do	The amounts already paid under these contracts will be shown in the statement of the expenditures of the Indian Bureau since July 1, 1873.

Statement showing the extent and nature of contracts entered into for the Indian service since July 1, 1873, &c.—Continued.

Names of contractors.	Date.	Names of officers making contract.	Articles and prices.	Amount.	Approved or disapproved by board of Indian commissioners.	Remarks.
Brady & Co.....	1873. July 14	C. A. Bateman, Indian agent.	For constructing flume on the Pyramid Lake Indian reservation in Nevada, \$1,700 in coin.	\$1,700 00	Approved.....	
M. Raphael	July 30	do	For bacon, at 18½ cents per pound; beans, at \$0.90 per 100 pounds; coffee, at \$26.75 per 100 pounds; flour, self-rising, at \$7.40 per 100 pounds; sugar, at \$15.90 per 100 pounds; salt, at \$0.75 per 100 pounds; soap, at \$12.75 per 100 pounds; barley, at \$4.05 per 100 pounds, for the Indians of the White River and Pyramid Lake reservation. Buildings at the New Grand River agency, Dakota Territory.	.....	do	Quantity of each article not specified, contractor binding himself to deliver during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, at prices given.
J. P. Dillon	July 31	Edmund Palmer, Indian agent.	100 tons hay for the Red Cloud agency, at \$ per ton.	14,900 00	...do	
Todd Randall.....	Aug. 19	J. J. Saville, Indian agent.	.....	.....	do	
Canlee Bro. & Co	Aug. 27	Thomas M. Chase, Indian agent.	For 1,000,000 feet, board measure, more or less, of logs belonging to the Menomonee tribe of Indians, for which the contractors are to pay \$10.50 per 1,000 feet.	10,500 00	...do	
R. McMillan & Co	Aug. 27	do	For the following logs, the property of the Menomonee tribe of Indians, for which the contractors pay to the Government the following prices: about 1,000,000 feet pine logs, at \$10.50 per 1,000 feet; 75,000 feet Norway pine logs, at \$10.50 per 1,000 feet; 125,000 feet culs, at \$5 per 1,000 feet.	11,912 50	...do	
A. Myers	July 28	John B. Monteith, Indian agent.	Milling machinery for repairs of mill at the Lapwai Indian agency, Idaho.	1,647 00	...do	
H. K. Prior	Aug. 19	Charles Adams, Indian agent.	For 150 tons hay for the Los Pinos agency, Colorado Ter., at \$10 per ton.	1,500 00	...do	
P. F. Mc Quillan & Co ..	Aug. 11	M. N. Adams, Indian agent.	For following articles to be furnished for the Sisseton Indian agency, Dakota Territory: mess pork, at \$18.45 per barrel; tallow candles, at 11 cents per pound; star candles, at 21 cents per pound.	.....	...do	Quantity not specified, only such as may be required during the present fiscal year.
D. J. McCann.....	Oct. 20	E. P. Smith, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.	For transporting Indian goods and supplies from Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, to the new Red Cloud agency,	29,781 98	Not approved by the Board of Indian Commis-	This contract was approved by the Acting Secretary of the Interior, Hon. B. R. Cowen, on the 25th

			an estimated distance of 212 miles, at the rate of \$1.75 per 100 pounds per 100 miles. Amount paid on this contract up to January 1, 1874—		sioners, but approved by the Acting Secretary of the Interior.	October, 1873, after satisfactory explanations made by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the contractor; and the accounts for transportation under the contract have been allowed in accordance with the advice of Assistant Attorney General W. H. Smith, in his letters of October 30, 1873, <i>et seq.</i> (See paper marked D.) Contract provides for such quantities as may be required up to June 30, 1874.
Isaac Gotthelf	Oct. 1	Charles Adams, Indian agent.	For the following articles for the Indians of the Los Pinos Indian agency, Colorado Territory, viz.: Oats, at 3½ cents per pound; pease, at 4½ cents per pound; potatoes, at 4½ cents per pound; parsnips, at 11½ cents per pound; turnips, at 2½ cents per pound; beets, at 4½ cents per pound; carrots, at 4½ cents per pound.	..... do		
Jules Ecoffey	Aug. 18	J. J. Saville, Indian agent.	For cutting and delivering, at the Red Cloud agency, Dakota Ter., 200,000 feet logs, at \$14.95 per thousand feet.	2,990 00	..... do	
Otto Mears	Oct. 4	Jas. B. Thompson special Indian agent.	For transportation of Indian goods and supplies, from Pueblo, Colorado, to the Los Pinos Indian agency, at \$3.50 per 100 pounds.	434 24	..... do	
Charles Probst	Oct. 27	L. E. Dudley, superintendent Indian affairs.	For beef-cattle, net on the hoof, required at the Abiquiu agency, New Mexico Ter., at 5 cents per pound.	..... do		For such quantity as may be required during present fiscal year.
M. K. Parsons	Sept. 15	J. J. Critchlow, Indian agent.	For beef-cattle for the Uintah Valley agency, at the rate of 9 5-10 cents per pound, net.	..... do		Quantity not specified; only such as may be required during the fiscal year.
E. G. Maclay & Co	Aug. 27	E. P. Smith, Comissioner Indian Affairs.	For transporting Indian annuity goods and supplies from Fort Benton and Corinne, Utah, to different agencies in Montana, at \$2 per 100 pounds per 100 miles.	..... do		The amount involved in this contract cannot now be given, the bills for same not having been received.
J. M. McCall & Co	Oct. 20	L. S. Dyer, Indian agent.	For 10,000 pounds flour, for the Klamath agency, Oregon, at 4 7-10 cents per pound.	470 00	..... do	
Joseph Robnett	Oct. 20	..... do	For 60,000 pounds of flour; for the Shoshones, Bannocks, and other Indians in Southeastern Oregon, at \$4.70 per 100 pounds.	2,820 00	..... do	
John McCulloch	Nov. 18	Sam. B. Parrish, in charge of Malheur Reservation.	For 80,000 pounds of flour, for the Indians on the Malheur reservation, at \$7.73 per 100 pounds.	6,184 00	..... do	
James H. Callahan	Nov. 25	L. S. Dyer, Indian agent.	For 70,000 pounds of beef, for the Shoshones, Bannocks, and other Indians in Southeastern Oregon, at 4 cents per pound.	2,800 00	..... do	

Additional statement of expenditures for the Indian service from July, 1873, to present date, showing accounts not approved by the executive committee, board of Indian commissioners.

Name of claimant.	Object of expenditure.	Amount.	Remarks.
A. H. Wilder	Hay and coal, Fort Berthold agency	\$10,623 25	Not approved by executive committee board of Indian commissioners.
Do.....	Unloading, hauling, and storing Indian goods, Sioux City	800 00	Do.
G. M. Dodge	Corn and oats, Whetstone agency	2,193 44	Do.
A. H. Wilder	Fulfilling treaty with Poncas	1,161 00	Do.
G. M. Dodge	Corn for Red Cloud agency	3,693 42	Do.
J. T. Baldwin	Flour for Crow agency	12,456 25	Do.
J. W. Slavens	Beef for Grand River agency	41,989 04	Do.
A. H. Wilder	Beef for Red Cloud and Whetstone agencies	71,029 30	Do.
J. E. Booge	Pork for Indian service, (Sioux)	3,111 80	Do.
P. H. Kelly	Wheat for Yankton agency	1,878 94	Approved in part by executive committee board of Indian commissioners.
Do.....	.....do.....	940 43	Do.
J. W. Powell	Expenses, &c., as special commissioner	3,318 90	Do.
E. G. Maclay	Flour, Milk River ageney	5,997 85	Do.
Total		159,198 62	

Statement of the expenditures for the Indian service since July 1, 1873, showing, in addition, what vouchers were disallowed by the board of Indian commissioners, and to what extent payments have been made thereon.

Names of claimants.	Object of expenditure.	Amount.	Date of issue of requisition in pay- ment, &c.	Remarks.
A. Bissell	2,000 pounds of flour, furnished Indian department June 5, 1873.....	\$990 00	July 1, 1873	
George W. Bruce	Hoes, &c., for year ending June 30, 1874	1,698 65	July 1, 1873	
John Dobson	Yarn and indigo for year ending June 30, 1874.....	8,155 00	July 1, 1873	
G. M. Dodge	71,000 pounds of flour, furnished Indian department May 12, 1873.....	2,640 00	July 1, 1873	
J. Y. Edgar	45,000 pounds of beef, furnished Indian department March 6, 1873.....	405 00	July 1, 1873	
E. H. Garbutt	Saleratus, furnished Indian department for year 1874.....	743 15	July 1, 1873	
J. H. Hulton	Hosiery, furnished Indian department for year 1874.....	3,189 00	July 1, 1873	
J. C. Johnson & Co.	Hardware, furnished Indian department for year 1874.....	1,701 14	July 1, 1873	
St. A. D. Balcombe	Printing proposals for supplies, &c., for year 1874.....	35 00	July 1, 1873	
Armour, Plankinton & Co.	3,000,000 pounds bacon, for Red Cloud agency for year end g June 30, 1874	31,500 00	July 1, 1873	
C. C. Sperry	33,802 pounds of beef, furnished Indian department May 31, 1873.....	1,095 18	July 1, 1873	
Dohan & Taitt	Tobacco, furnished for year ending June 30, 1874.....	7,491 03	July 1, 1873	
Wait, Creighton & Morrison	For inspecting coffee.....	35 82	July 5, 1873	
James Aikman & Co.	Kettles and tin-ware, for year ending June 30, 1874.....	4,749 48	July 5, 1873	
T. H. Case	Hunting-knives and iron spoons, for year eading June 30, 1874.....	342 65	July 5, 1873	
S. W. Cattell	Flannel shirts, for year ending June 30, 1874.....	2,746 48	July 5, 1873	
G. M. Dodge	Beef-cattle, furnished May 10 and May 22, 1873.....	15,846 25	July 5, 1873	
J. Frank & Co.	Calico shirts, furnished for year ending June 30, 1874.....	590 75	July 5, 1873	
A. B. Fuller	Houses for Winnebagoes, under contract August 29, 1872.....	7,348 00	July 5, 1873	
Cahn, Wampold & Co.	Shirts for year ending June 30, 1874.....	4,626 85	July 5, 1873	
Griswold, Whitman & Welch	Satinet for year ending June 30, 1874.....	14,407 77	July 5, 1873	
S. B. Chittenden & Co.	Dry-goods for year ending June 30, 1874.....	10,009 50	July 5, 1873	
Hoyt, Busick & Co.	Hardware and needles for year ending June 30, 1874.....	4,392 34	July 5, 1873	
Hoyt, Sprague & Co.	Shawls for year ending June 30, 1874.....	2,310 00	July 5, 1873	
E. S. Kern	Inspecting tobacco.....	30 00	July 5, 1873	
E. Holmes	Publishing in Saint Louis Democrat proposals for goods and supplies.	633 35	July 5, 1873	
William B. Yonce	Tuition, &c., of J. B. Jackson, a Cherokee Indian, from February 1 to June 18, 1873.	109 00	July 5, 1873	
H. B. Clafin & Co	Dry-goods.....	36,732 24	July 5, 1873	
T. D. Day & Co	Awls, knives, &c.....	1,066 46	July 5, 1873	
B. White, jr.	500 bushels of wheat.....	582 50	July 5, 1873	
T. S. Young & Co	Cloth, (jeans)	1,904 00	July 5, 1873	
J. A. McLaughlin & Co	Publishing in Jersey City Times sale of Omaha lands.....	635 52	July 5, 1873	
Charles A. Hunt	Placed to his credit as United States commissioner, for removal of Winnebagoes and Pottawatomies.	5,000 00	July 5, 1873	
E. W. Martin, for Lalance & Grosjean Manufacturing Company.	For hardware, &c.....	4,103 95	July 8, 1873	
S. & M. Davidson	Shirts, (red flannel)	24,161 94	July 8, 1873	
Wells, Fargo & Co.	Being amount advanced on checks drawn by H. G. Stewart, late Indian agent, in 1871.	228 65	July 8, 1873	
G. M. Dodge	Beef-cattle, delivered at the Cheyenne agency June 7, 1873.....	14,478 75	July 9, 1873	
R. M. Pratt	Placed to his credit as special Indian agent for Red Lake Chippewas.	300 00	July 10, 1873	

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Names of claimants.	Object of expenditure.	Amount.	Date of issue of requisition in pay- ment, &c.	Remarks.
G. Brewer & Co.....	For duck for Indian service.....	\$5,578 09	July 10, 1873	
G. M. Dodge	Beef-cattle for Santee and Red Cloud agencies, May and June, 1873.....	36,564 50	July 10, 1873	
Graham & Hains	Ax-handles	200 00	July 10, 1873	
J. W. Schermerhorn & Co.....	School-books for Blackfeet Indians.....	55 31	July 10, 1873	
E. W. Martin, for Lalance & Gros- jean Manufacturing Company.....	For fry-pans	99 05	July 10, 1873	
Benedict, Hall & Co.....	For boots and shoes.....	1,932 50	July 12, 1873	
J. H. Bulger	For combs, &c.....	356 40	July 12, 1873	
T. C. Case	For iron spoons	273 04	July 12, 1873	
J. H. Charles	For transportation of supplies in May, 1873.....	913 88	July 12, 1873	
E. Corliss & Co	Horses for Cheyenne River agency.....	300 00	July 12, 1873	
H. B. Cladlin & Co.....	Plaid linseys.....	737 46	July 12, 1873	
F. W. Ehlmam & Co.....	Medicines for Utah Indians.....	79 55	July 12, 1873	
Buckley, Welling & Co	Sheeting, wool shawls, thread, &c.....	17,476 92	July 12, 1873	
B. White	Placed to his credit as superintendent of Indian affairs for payment of expenses connected with sale of Omaha lands.....	1,288 87	July 14, 1873	
E. A. Howard, Indian agent.....	Placed to his credit as Indian agent on account of expenses Indian service at Whetstone agency.....	6,698 16	July 14, 1873	
C. P. Birkett, Indian agent.....	Placed to his credit on account of expenses of Ponca agency.....	491 20	July 14, 1873	
Henry Briner, Indian agent.....	Placed to his credit on account of expenses Seminole agency.....	14,250 00	July 14, 1873	
Do.....	For incidental expenses of agent	715 00	July 14, 1873	
J. B. Johnson	Tuition, &c., of Minnie Tappan, Phil. Sheridan, and Charles Robin- son, (Indian children,).....	268 79	July 14, 1873	
E. R. Roberts, Indian agent	Placed to his credit as Indian agent to defray expenses of the Creek agency.....	850 00	July 14, 1873	
D. M. Willis	Services rendered as inspector of goods	300 00	July 15, 1873	
F. McVeagh & Co.....	Tobacco	30,145 50	July 15, 1873	
D. A. Steele.....	Services and expenses incurred in examining buildings at Crow agency.....	632 00	July 15, 1873	
J. H. Bulger	Handkerchiefs.....	415 00	July 15, 1873	
S. M. Davidson & Co	Flannel shirts.....	416 37	July 15, 1873	
Jeffers, Beecher & Jeffers.....	For panoramic school-apparatus, &c	29 25	July 15, 1873	
St. A. D. Balcombe	For advertising in the Omaha Republican.....	315 00	July 15, 1873	
T. C. Power & Co	For mowing-machines, picks, &c	293 35	July 15, 1873	
Capt. James Gillis	For amount paid by him for transporting medicines from Sioux City to Fort Berthold agency.....	14 10	July 15, 1873	
G. W. Ingalls	Amount placed to his credit as Indian agent and special commis- sioner.....	3,000 00	July 17, 1873	
G. Breiver & Co.....	Duck furnished for Indian service.....	17,386 02	July 18, 1873	
G. M. Dodge	Flour and beef delivered in May and June, 1873.....	4,586 62	July 18, 1873	
Durfee & Peck	Bacon for Red Cloud agency May 8, 1873	463 63	July 18, 1873	
Landers, Frary & Clark	Butcher-knives	3,169 72	July 18, 1873	
J. V. Farwell	A mount paid by him for inspection and cartage of Indian goods	18 00	July 18, 1873	

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E. G. McClay & Co.....	Oats furnished April 21, 1873.....	260 00	July 18, 1873
Anson Dart.....	Five thousand bottles "sanitary specific".	5,000 00	July 18, 1873
B. White	Placed to his credit as superintendent Indian affairs for expenses of agencies within the Northern Superintendency.	29,500 00	July 21, 1873
Do.....	Placed to his credit as superintendent of Indian affairs		
L. Hoag.....	do.....	2,502 50	July 21, 1873
Do.....	Placed to his credit as superintendent of Indian affairs for expenses of Wichita agency	2,396 00	July 21, 1873
Do.....	For expenses of Kansas agency	14,230 00	July 21, 1873
J. B. Monteith, Indian agent	Placed to his credit as Indian agent to defray expenses of Nez Percé agency, Idaho.	1,400 00	July 21, 1873
H. W. Reed	Same for Fort Hall agency, Idaho.....	18,657 88	July 21, 1873
E. A. Howard	Same for Whetstone agency		
C. A. Bateman	Same for Walker River agency	12,582 00	July 21, 1873
John L. Littlefield	Same for White River agency, Colorado	7,525 00	July 21, 1873
H. F. Livingston	Same for Crow Creek agency	5,000 00	July 21, 1873
E. Palmer	Same for Grand River agency	3,120 00	July 21, 1873
Buckley, Welling & Co	Sheeting for Indian service	2,625 00	July 21, 1873
S. W. Cattell	Flannel shirts for Indian service	5,500 00	July 22, 1873
Goodwin, Behr & Co	Soap for Indian service	14,671 21	July 22, 1873
Hoyt, Sprague & Co	Dry-goods (prints) for Indian service	1,924 60	July 22, 1873
Do.....	Flannel for Indian service	6,434 10	July 22, 1873
C. H. Ammidan	Blankets for Indian service	16,366 62	July 22, 1873
J. T. Baldwin	Coffee, bacon, sugar, salt, &c.	11,791 60	July 22, 1873
J. La Barae	Professional services rendered to Apaches	19,286 90	July 22, 1873
Buckley, Welling & Co	Thread, beads, shawls, &c.	19,093 85	July 23, 1873
E. T. Kidd	For advertising, in Cincinnati Gazette, sale of Omaha Indian lands	175 00	July 23, 1873
J. G. Davis	Services as inspector of Indian goods	5,660 37	July 23, 1873
School & Blakeley	Advertising, in Evening Star of Philadelphia, sale of Omaha Indian lands.	2,820 00	July 23, 1873
John V. Farwell	Expenses incurred in inspecting and shipping Indian goods	420 00	July 23, 1873
J. B. Johnson	Tuition, &c., of O. C. Jones, Choctaw Indian, from September, 1872, to June 18, 1873.	949 37	July 23, 1873
Hoyt, Busick & Co	Nails for Navajo Indians	68 17	July 23, 1873
Logan, Gregg & Co	Skinning-knives	114 76	July 23, 1873
Noyes Bros. & Cutler	Drugs for Sisseton agency	75 40	July 23, 1873
Wannamaker & Brown	Clothing for Sisseton agency	206 50	July 23, 1873
Wolff & Wells	Oats, beans, &c., for Sisseton agency	22 75	July 23, 1873
John Watt	Inspector of tobacco	4,743 00	July 23, 1873
C. F. Batha	Advertising in Dakota City Mail of sale of Omaha lands	62 43	July 23, 1873
L. B. Colby	Advertising in Chicago Weekly Post of sale of Omaha lands	100 00	July 23, 1873
H. C. Bowen	Advertising in Independent of sale of Omaha lands	458 50	July 24, 1873
E. N. Smith	Advertising in West Point Republican of sale of Omaha lands	934 50	July 24, 1873
Hibbard & Spencer	Hardware for Fort Berthold agency	3,920 00	July 24, 1873
B. P. McDonald	Beef-cattle furnished the Wichita agency, March 20, 1873	490 00	July 24, 1873
Beaupre & Kelly	Supplies for Sisseton agency	370 12	July 24, 1873
Mrs. S. Green	Tuition, &c., of Helen and Heloise Lincoln, 2d quarter, 1873	1,072 17	July 24, 1873
George W. Howe	Beef for Ponca agency, June 11, 1873	1,096 52	July 25, 1873
E. A. Otis	Two horses for Cheyenne agency, April 29, 1873	62 50	July 25, 1873
A. Ravalli	Medical services and medicine for Flathead Indians	546 39	July 25, 1873
W. F. Burr	Found due on settlement of his accounts as special commissioner for Winnebagoes	250 00	July 25, 1873
		100 00	July 25, 1873
		250 95	July 25, 1873

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Names of claimants.	Object of expenditure.	Amount.	Date of issue of requisition in payment, &c.	Remarks.
Durfee & Peck.....	Transporting Indian supplies.....	\$137 83	July 25, 1873	
St. A. D. Balcombe	Advertising in Omaha Republican of sale of Omaha lands.....	558 00	July 25, 1873	
Mr. and Mrs. Seth B. Mobley	Advertising in Platte Valley Independent of sale of Omaha lands.....	264 00	July 25, 1873	
G. M. Dodge	Beef-cattle delivered at the Grand River agency, June 17, 1873.....	4,316 19	July 26, 1873	
William E. Davis	Advertising in Cincinnati Times and Chronicle sale of lands in Nebraska.....	674 63	July 26, 1873	
Rich & Ryan.....	Advertising in Dubuque Times sale of lands in Nebraska.....	448 00	July 26, 1873	
J. E. Booge.....	Seventy-five thousand pounds of bacon for Red Cloud agency.....	7,875 00	July 26, 1873	
E. G. MacClay & Co.....	Flour, sugar, and coffee furnished May 16, 1873	8,817 89	July 26, 1873	
Nicols & Dean	Hardware for Sisseton agency, April, 1873.....	71 87	July 26, 1873	
A. Wright	Tuition, &c., of James Auger, Sioux Indian boy, 2d quarter, 1873.....	36 00	July 26, 1873	
L. Butler & Co.....	Lumber for Grand River agency.....	150 00	July 26, 1873	
J. J. Edgar	Forty-four thousand pounds of flour for Ponca agency, June 30, 1873.....	1,650 00	July 26, 1873	
C. W. Palmer	Beef-cattle for Ponca agency, June 28, 1873.....	731 73	July 26, 1873	
Forrepaugh & Tarbox.....	Shoes for Devil's Lake agency	281 30	July 26, 1873	
B. White, Jr.....	Wheat for Winnebagoes.....	466 00	July 26, 1873	
J. V. Donaldson	Tuition, &c. of Maggie Howard, 1871-72-73.....	150 00	July 26, 1873	
H. Pfaukuck	Clothing for Devil's Lake agency	124 75	July 26, 1873	
J. H. Fairchild	Placed to his credit as Indian agent for the expenses of the Siletz agency, Oregon.....	11,750 00	July 28, 1873	
J. B. Thompson	Placed to his credit as Indian agent for expenses of Denver special agency.....	440 05	July 28, 1873	
E. Hoag.....	Placed to his credit as superintendent of Indian affairs, for the benefit of the Neosho Indian agency.....	31,550 00	July 28, 1873	
B. White.....	Placed to his credit as superintendent of Indian affairs, for the benefit of the Pawnee agency.....	6,995 00	July 28, 1873	
H. R. Bond	Trustee of Mohegan Indians, being the amount disbursed on their account.....	123 25	July 28, 1873	
G. Falls	Blank-books for Devil's Lake agency, Dakota Territory.....	16 75	July 28, 1873	
N. B. Harwood	Clothing, cutlery, &c., for Devil's Lake agency, Dakota Territory	1,076 34	July 28, 1873	
Comley & Smith	Advertising in Ohio State Journal sale of Omaha lands.....	420 00	July 28, 1873	
George A. Scott	Cartage of Indian goods.....	94 50	July 28, 1873	
John Dotson	Blankets for Indian service.....	42,502 25	July 29, 1873	
L. E. Dudley	Placed to his credit as superintendent of Indian affairs for the agencies in the New Mexico superintendency.....	36,720 00	July 29, 1873	
B. White.....	Placed to his credit as superintendent of Indian affairs for Winnebago agency.....	6,967 81	July 29, 1873	
C. C. Sperry	Beef for Winnebago agency during June, 1873	983 11	Aug. 1, 1873	
S. T. Smith	Account Denver Pacific Railway Company for transporting supplies in June, 1873.....	2,250 00	Aug. 1, 1873	
J. J. Knox.....	Amount of his account for services as special agent for examining and reporting regarding Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan, from May 13 to June 24, 1873.....	502 00	Aug. 1, 1873	

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C. C. Wallin & Co	Saddlery and leather goods furnished Special Commissioners Powell and Ingalls.	214 50	Aug. 2, 1873
George S. Bowen	Blankets for the Indian service.....	11,141 00	Aug. 2, 1873
W. R. Irwin	Amount found due on settlement of his account as special commissioner to make partition of reservation of Me-shin-go-me-sia, a Miami Indian.	244 74	Aug. 3, 1873
A. Parson	Placed to his credit as Indian agent for expenses of Choctaw and Chickasaw agency.	19,571 44	Aug. 3, 1873
D. Sherman	Placed to his credit as Indian agent for expenses of New York agency.	1,140 00	Aug. 3, 1873
J. Irwin	Placed to his credit as Indian agent for expenses of Shoshone and Bannack agency.	6,623 61	Aug. 3, 1873
E. Hoag	Placed to his credit as Indian agent for expenses of Kickapoo agency.	8,425 95	Aug. 3, 1873
B. White	Placed to his credit as Indian agent for expenses of Great Nemaha and Otoe agencies.	3,099 98	Aug. 4, 1873
J. Brandine	Services as assistant teacher at Flathead agency to December 31, 1872	300 00	Aug. 6, 1873
Dr. C. H. Nichols	For clothing furnished Michell, a Menomonee Indian, in 2d qr. 1873.	20 85	Aug. 6, 1873
L. Blum	Dry-goods for Devil's Lake agency.....	224 09	Aug. 6, 1873
R. Gordon	Hats for Devil's Lake agency.....	179 75	Aug. 6, 1873
G. W. Ingalls	Placed to his credit as Indian agent and special commissioner to treat with Indians of Utah, Nevada, and Arizona.	16,000 00	Aug. 6, 1873
E. Palmer	Placed to his credit as Indian agent for the purpose of erecting buildings at the New Grand River agency.	12,900 00	Aug. 6, 1873
J. B. Monteith	Placed to his credit as Indian agent for expenses of Nez Percé agency, Idaho.	1,440 00	Aug. 6, 1873
R. Joseph	Placed to credit as disbursing clerk Interior Department, in coin, to sell for currency.	15,779 82	Aug. 7, 1873
R. Joseph	do	11,781 35	Aug. 7, 1873
Walker Brothers	For sundry articles furnished Special Commissioner Ingalls	919 40	Aug. 7, 1873
B. White	Placed to his credit as superintendent, &c., for expenses of Winnebago agency.	269 37	Aug. 9, 1873
B. White	Placed to his credit as superintendent, &c., for expenses of Santee Sioux agency.	9,794 10	Aug. 11, 1873
E. Hoag	Placed to his credit as superintendent, &c., for expenses of Kiowa agency.	5,765 00	Aug. 11, 1873
C. Adams	Placed to his credit as superintendent, &c., for expenses of Los Pinos agency.	7,557 50	Aug. 11, 1873
M. N. Adams	Placed to his credit as superintendent, &c., for expenses of Sisseton agency.	4,817 00	Aug. 11, 1873
J. L. Mahan	Placed to his credit as superintendent, &c., for expenses of La Pointe agency.	22,358 00	Aug. 11, 1873
R. M. Pratt	Placed to his credit as superintendent, &c., for expenses of Red Lake special agency.	16,500 00	Aug. 11, 1873
J. B. Jones	Placed to his credit as superintendent, &c., for expenses of Cherokee agency.	11,521 51	Aug. 11, 1873
B. G. Arnold & Co	Coffee.....	272 46	Aug. 12, 1873
J. E. Booge	Bacon.....	4,276 77	Aug. 12, 1873
J. H. Charles	Transporting Indian supplies in June, 1873	2,435 38	Aug. 12, 1873
G. B. Jones	Salt	1,060 50	Aug. 12, 1873
W. R. Irwin	Being an additional amount due him as special commissioner	293 74	Aug. 12, 1873
L. S. Hayden	Being amount of his account for expenses in New York and Philadelphia in receiving and shipping Indian goods.	209 71	Aug. 13, 1873

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Names of claimants.	Object of expenditure.	Amount.	Date of issue of requisition in payment, &c.	Remarks.
Auerback, Finch & Scheffer	Dry-goods, &c., for Devil's Lake agency	\$1,013 01	Aug. 13, 1873	
Fred, Driscoll	Advertising in daily and tri-weekly Press	117 00	Aug. 13, 1873	
G. Falls	Advertising in Saint Paul Daily Pioneer	42 75	Aug. 13, 1873	
Jonas Votan	Amount of his account as special commissioner for services and expenses in making partition of reservation of Mc-shin-go-mc-sia, in May, June, and July, 1873.	837 35	Aug. 14, 1873	
Sidney Keith	do	561 00	Aug. 14, 1873	
F. C. Bulkley	Beef	3,340 45	Aug. 14, 1873	
T. G. Crowgill	Flour	150 00	Aug. 14, 1873	
T. B. Campbell & Brother	Clothing, &c., for Devil's Lake agency	1,536 50	Aug. 14, 1873	
William H. Temple	do	167 50	Aug. 14, 1873	
J. M. Ridemour	Advertising in Indianapolis Journal	735 00	Aug. 14, 1873	
D. W. Marsh	Sugar, coffee, bacon, &c., for Fort Berthold agency	3,233 18	Aug. 14, 1873	
J. K. Moore	Flour for Shoshone and Bannock agency	600 00	Aug. 14, 1873	
William A. Richards	Survey of Pawnee reservation in Nebraska	569 25	Aug. 14, 1873	
William Walsh	Tents and poles	61 75	Aug. 14, 1873	
D. Thompson	Inspecting Indian goods	180 00	Aug. 14, 1873	
J. D. Welsh	Transporting sugar on Union line	2,508 68	Aug. 16, 1873	
P. H. Kelly	Flour furnished July 3d and 10th, 1873	20,320 00	Aug. 16, 1873	
J. S. Pillsbury & Co	Tools, implements, &c.	4,624 80	Aug. 16, 1873	
William Lee	Dry-goods for Devil's Lake agency	1,038 34	Aug. 16, 1873	
O. T. Morrill	Surveying in Indian Territory, September, 1873	3,172 02	Aug. 16, 1873	
Nelson Story	Beef-cattle furnished April and June, 1873	6,277 25	Aug. 16, 1873	
W. J. Haddock	Services of special agent to investigate charges against Agent Burgess	5e5 00	Aug. 16, 1873	
P. H. Kelley	Flour	3,206 75	Aug. 16, 1873	
John Dobson	Correction in account for blankets	29 50	Aug. 16, 1873	
J. V. Farwell	Expenses in proceeding from Chicago to San Francisco and return, on Indian business	457 97	Aug. 16, 1873	
E. C. Knight & Co.	Sugar	305 90	Aug. 16, 1873	
T. N. Chase	Expenses of Green Bay agency	7,639 20	Aug. 18, 1873	
William H. Forbes	Expenses of Devil's Lake agency	2,485 00	Aug. 18, 1873	
J. J. Critchlow	Expenses of Umtah agency	8,475 00	Aug. 18, 1873	
J. B. Monteith	Expenses of Nez Percé agency	3,294 00	Aug. 18, 1873	
E. R. Roberts	Expenses of Creek agency	750 00	Aug. 18, 1873	
B. White	Expenses of Omaha agency	21,162 50	Aug. 18, 1873	
E. Hong	Expenses of Upper Arkansas agency	14,728 70	Aug. 18, 1873	
E. C. Komble	Placed to his credit as Indian inspector for Pacific inspection-district	2,000 00	Aug. 18, 1873	
William Richard & Co.	Flour furnished June, 1873	4,025 00	Aug. 18, 1873	
J. E. Booge	Bacon	4,183 30	Aug. 18, 1873	
Allen, Coryell & Co.	'Tea for Devil's Lake agency	1,129 92	Aug. 18, 1873	
J. Davenport	Stationery, &c.	57 00	Aug. 18, 1873	

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J. B. Conway.....	Transporting Indians.....	55 00	Aug. 18, 1873
F. P. Abbert.....	Services as inspector of flour.....	150 00	Aug. 18, 1873
Hill, Griggs & Co.....	Coal, &c., for Devil's Lake agency.....	15 53	Aug. 18, 1873
William Vandever.....	Salary as Indian inspector for July, 1873.....	252 72	Aug. 18, 1873
A. H. Wilder.....	Transporting Indian supplies.....	968 58	Aug. 18, 1873
A. H. Wilder.....	....do.....	5,743 13	Aug. 18, 1873
H. E. Ex. 123	Advertising in Cincinnati Times and Chronicle.....	3,373 12	Aug. 19, 1873
William E. Davis.....	Garden-seeds.....	20 60	Aug. 19, 1873
Cannon Brothers.....	Work-oxen, yokes, and chains.....	630 00	Aug. 19, 1873
Ross Dugan.....	Harness.....	88 00	Aug. 19, 1873
Charles Markham.....	Medical supplies.....	193 60	Aug. 19, 1873
H. C. Sill.....	Beef-cattle.....	58,608 92	Aug. 20, 1873
A. H. Wilder.....	Bacon.....	12,781 45	Aug. 20, 1873
J. E. Booge.....	Flour and beef.....	14,219 18	Aug. 20, 1873
G. M. Dodge.....	Telegraph messages sent and received in March and April, 1873.....	72 61	Aug. 20, 1873
E. P. McMannus.....	Placed to his credit as Indian agent for expenses at Pima and Maricopa agency.....	7,760 00	Aug. 22, 1873
J. H. Stout.....	Placed to his credit as Indian agent for expenses at Papago agency.....	4,000 00	Aug. 22, 1873
R. A. Wilbur.....	Placed to his credit as Indian agent for expenses at Moquis Pueblo agency.....	2,690 00	Aug. 23, 1873
William S. Defrees.....	Placed to his credit as Indian agent for expenses at Chippewa agency.....	62,766 42	Aug. 23, 1873
E. Douglass.....	Placed to his credit as Indian agent for expenses at Mackinac agency.....	9,832 50	Aug. 23, 1873
George I. Betts.....	Supplies to Sisseton agency.....	1,094 49	Aug. 23, 1873
Beaupre & Kelly.....	Engine and saw-mill for Grand River agency.....	2,400 00	Aug. 23, 1873
P. H. Gates.....	Agricultural implements for Crow Creek agency.....	1,026 95	Aug. 23, 1873
H. L. Pilkington.....	Expenses of Yancton agency.....	15,515 85	Aug. 25, 1873
L. G. Gasmann.....	Expenses of Cheyenne River agency.....	7,237 36	Aug. 25, 1873
H. W. Bingham.....	Expenses of Camp Apache agency.....	4,498 00	Aug. 25, 1873
I. E. Roberts.....	Expenses of Chiricahua agency.....	4,400 00	Aug. 25, 1873
T. J. Jeffords.....	Payment to Kickapoo citizens.....	4,132 33	Aug. 25, 1873
E. Hoag.....	Expenses of appraisal of Miami Indian-lands.....	1,100 00	Aug. 25, 1873
E. Hoag.....	Stores for Grand River agency.....	832 70	Aug. 25, 1873
Bridge, Beach & Co.....	Corn, 18,338 pounds.....	710 60	Aug. 25, 1873
A. Staab.....	Flour for Sisseton agency.....	1,188 00	Aug. 25, 1873
Adams, Larsen & Sperry.....	Services and expenses as inspector of Indian supplies.....	302 30	Aug. 25, 1873
T. S. Clarkson.....	Survey of Pawnee Indian-lands.....	2,380 43	Aug. 25, 1873
A. V. and William A. Richards.....	Placed to his credit as superintendent of Indian affairs for expenses Indian service within the central superintendency.....	14,076 04	Aug. 27, 1873
E. Hoag.....	....do.....	14,564 78	Aug. 27, 1873
J. E. Booge.....	Bacon.....	7,967 29	Aug. 27, 1873
E. Fenlon.....	Flour.....	12,665 90	Aug. 27, 1873
James Frunee.....	Supplies for Indian service.....	1,273 00	Aug. 27, 1873
John Roos.....	Tuition, &c., of Osage Indian children.....	515 84	Aug. 27, 1873
George B. White.....	Services as special commissioner to appraise New York lands.....	360 00	Aug. 27, 1873
A. C. Vail.....	Flour, coffee, sugar, and corn.....	6,752 47	Aug. 27, 1873
A. A. Cornoyer.....	Expenses of Umatilla agency.....	12,350 00	Aug. 28, 1873
P. B. Sinnott.....	Expenses of Grande Ronde agency.....	8,737 50	Aug. 28, 1873
I. H. Fairchild.....	Expenses of Siletz agency.....	1,500 00	Aug. 28, 1873
C. A. Hunt.....	Amount placed to his credit as special Indian commissioner to remove Winnebago Indians.....	5,000 00	Aug. 28, 1873
L. S. Dyar.....	For expenses of Klamath agency.....	16,100 00	Aug. 29, 1873
John Smith.....	For expenses of Warm Spring agency.....	9,800 00	Aug. 29, 1873

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Names of claimants.	Object of expenditure.	Amount.	Date of issue of requisition in payment, &c.	Remarks.
E. K. Dodge.....	For expenses of Hoopa Valley agency, Cal.	\$8,500 00	Aug. 29, 1873	
J. L. Burchard.....	For expenses of Round Valley agency, Cal.	8,250 00	Aug. 29, 1873	
Charles Maitby.....	For expenses of Tule River agency, Cal.	7,250 00	Aug. 29, 1873	
D. W. Ingersoll.....	For services inspecting blankets	100 00	Aug. 30, 1873	
T. C. Power & Co.....	For reaper and mower attachment for Flathead agency, Montana	320 00	Aug. 30, 1873	
G. A. Scott.....	For cartage of Indian goods at Philadelphia, Pa.	33 25	Aug. 30, 1873	
O. T. Morrill.....	Surveys in Indian Territory	6,441 79	Aug. 30, 1873	
L. Fletcher.....	Farm wagons and harness	3,360 00	Aug. 30, 1873	
C. E. Mayo & Co.....	Agricultural implements	148 75	Aug. 30, 1873	
C. W. Palmer.....	Beef	787 50	Aug. 30, 1873	
George H. Thoma.....	Medical services for Shoshone Indians in December, 1872, and January, 1873.	52 00	Aug. 30, 1873	
B. White, Jr.....	Wheat	466 00	Aug. 30, 1873	
Thomas Foster.....	Placed to his credit as special Indian agent to enable him to collect data for Indian history.	700 00	Aug. 30, 1873	
S. Armijo.....	Corn for Navajo Indians	1,144 36	Sept. 2, 1873	
William Barbour.....	Medical services rendered for Indians in vicinity of Fort Buford	150 00	Sept. 2, 1873	
J. H. Charles.....	Flour	1,925 00	Sept. 2, 1873	
S. H. Kaufman.....	Advertising in Evening Star, Washington	661 68	Sept. 2, 1873	
C. J. Fisher.....	Flour	832 50	Sept. 2, 1873	
G. W. Howe.....	Beef	291 63	Sept. 2, 1873	
J. S. Pillsbury & Co.....	Saws, nails, &c.	1,225 02	Sept. 2, 1873	
W. J. Buchan.....	Amount of his account for services as special commissioner to appraise New York Indian lands in Kansas.	278 70	Sept. 2, 1873	
G. F. Filley.....	For cook-stoves	842 65	Sept. 2, 1873	
William B. Hooker & Co.....	For one Pitt's hand-separator, &c.	1,604 30	Sept. 2, 1873	
H. Glafcke.....	Advertising in Cheyenne Leader proposals for transportation of Indian supplies	37 00	Sept. 2, 1873	
Charles Papper.....	Flour, beef, &c.	90 91	Sept. 2, 1873	
A. R. Elder.....	Amount due on the settlement of his account as Indian agent	1,183 45	Sept. 3, 1873	
Jules Ecoffey & Co.....	Clothing, &c.	202 25	Sept. 3, 1873	
E. G. McClay & Co.....	Flour, bacon, coffee, and sugar furnished June 25, 1873	17,861 84	Sept. 3, 1873	
John Dohson.....	Blankets	1,750 50	Sept. 5, 1873	
L. Fletcher.....	Farm-wagons	1,800 00	Sept. 5, 1873	
J. W. French.....	Stone warehouse at Cheyenne, Wyo.	175 00	Sept. 5, 1873	
P. H. Kelly.....	Flour	4,699 00	Sept. 5, 1873	
D. Thompson.....	Services inspecting blankets	18 50	Sept. 5, 1873	
A. H. Wilder.....	Beef furnished in April, May, and June, 1873	187 84	Sept. 5, 1873	
B. White, Jr.....	Wheat for Winnebagoes	233 00	Sept. 5, 1873	
J. W. Blake.....	Blankets	20,329 50	Sept. 5, 1873	
J. T. Baldwin.....	Flour, sugar, bacon, coffee, &c.	16,755 46	Sept. 5, 1873	
J. H. Charles.....	Transporting Indian supplies	903 17	Sept. 5, 1873	
R. M. Newport.....	do	721 56	Sept. 5, 1873	

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J. N. L. Slavens	Beef	3,992 63	Sept. 5, 1873
William Craig	Amount found due on settlement of his accounts as late Indian agent.	575 00	Sept. 6, 1873
E. Hoag	For expenses Central superintendency.	150 22	Sept. 8, 1873
J. B. Thompson	For expenses Denver special agency, Colorado Territory	1,462 00	Sept. 8, 1873
James Wright	For expenses Crow agency	25,900 00	Sept. 8, 1873
L. S. Dyer	For expenses Klamath agency	8,750 00	Sept. 8, 1873
R. H. Wilbur	For expenses Papago agency	2,500 00	Sept. 8, 1873
G. J. Betts	For expenses Mactipac agency	1,000 00	Sept. 8, 1873
R. Joseph	Placed to his credit as disbursing clerk Interior Department to defray expenses Indian service.	4,466 35	Sept. 8, 1873
J. J. Saville	For expenses of Red Cloud agency	7,960 00	Sept. 10, 1873
J. B. Jones	For expenses of Cherokee agency	900 00	Sept. 10, 1873
C. A. Bateman	For expenses of Walker River agency	373 62	Sept. 10, 1873
H. F. Livingston	For expenses Crow Creek agency	11,036 98	Sept. 11, 1873
W. J. Andrews	For use of teams in making crops at Lemhi agency.	200 00	Sept. 11, 1873
G. M. Dodge	Beef	17,262 72	Sept. 11, 1873
E. Fenlon	Flour	2,950 00	Sept. 11, 1873
L. G. Murphy & Co.	Buildings at Southern Apache agency, in New Mexico.	8,080 00	Sept. 11, 1873
S. B. Coulson	Transporting Indian supplies	307 52	Sept. 11, 1873
F. C. Bulkley	Beef	10,978 02	Sept. 11, 1873
J. C. Blanding	Surveying Indian reservations.	2,325 00	Sept. 11, 1873
P. H. Kelly	Flour	1,571 62	Sept. 11, 1873
T. G. Merrill	Surveying Indian reservations.	1,994 92	Sept. 11, 1873
A. Staab & Co.	Sugar and coffee	5,334 79	Sept. 11, 1873
William Vandever	Salary as inspector for August, 1873.	250 00	Sept. 11, 1873
R. M. Newport	Transporting Indian supplies	20,651 84	Sept. 13, 1873
J. W. Doran	do	484 98	Sept. 13, 1873
J. E. Tappan	For expenses of Fort Berthold agency	10,356 80	Sept. 13, 1873
M. N. Adams	For expenses of Sisseton agency	400 00	Sept. 13, 1873
W. B. Hillings & Co.	Flour	2,022 57	Sept. 15, 1873
Z. Staab & Co.	do	27,937 50	Sept. 15, 1873
A. H. Wilder	Transporting Indian supplies	5,797 80	Sept. 15, 1873
J. Williams	Expenses of Camp Verde agency	8,163 32	Sept. 15, 1873
L. G. Murphy & Co.	Subsistence for Apaches in New Mexico	7,310 48	Sept. 15, 1873
H. W. Bingham	For expenses of Cheyenne agency	1,227 89	Sept. 16, 1873
D. Sherman	For expenses of New York agency	1,260 00	Sept. 16, 1873
B. White	For expenses of Otoe agency	3,699 41	Sept. 17, 1873
J. H. Stout	For expenses of Pima and Maricopa agency	5,000 00	Sept. 17, 1873
Capt. J. P. Schindler	For sale of ordnance stores to Indian Bureau	585 00	Sept. 18, 1873
A. R. Howbert	For expenses of Sac and Fox agency	1,129 00	Sept. 18, 1873
B. White	For expenses of Santeet Sioux agency	1,694 60	Sept. 18, 1873
S. Armijo	For corn	6,975 09	Sept. 18, 1873
E. Hoag	For expenses of Kansas agency	4,590 89	Sept. 19, 1873
G. M. Dodge	For beef	9,805 00	Sept. 19, 1873
J. W. L. Slavens	do	22,198 72	Sept. 19, 1873
A. H. Wilder	For transporting Indian supplies, and for wagons furnished for Crow agency	31,569 29	Sept. 20, 1873
P. H. Kelly	Flour	96,965 34	Sept. 20, 1873
E. Fenlon	do	4,218 24	Sept. 20, 1873
Strong, Hackett & Chapin	Planters' hoes	34 50	Sept. 20, 1873
T. G. Cowgill	Horses, wagons, and harness for Whetstone agency	650 00	Sept. 20, 1873
J. D. Bevier	Services as inspector for July and August	505 43	Sept. 20, 1873

Statement of the expenditures for the Indian service since July 1, 1873, &c.—Continued.

Names of claimants.	Object of expenditure.	Amount.	Date of issue of requisition in pay- ment, &c.	Remarks.
Walker Brothers.	Flour.	\$170 00	Sept. 20, 1873	
F. C. Buckley.	Beef-cattle.	5,490 77	Sept. 20, 1873	
T. C. Power & Co.	Wagon, harness, and plows.	2,042 85	Sept. 20, 1873	
G. M. Dodge.	Beef-cattle.	16,722 29	Sept. 22, 1873	
J. W. L. Slavens.	do.	15,786 50	Sept. 22, 1873	
A. R. Elder.	Amount found due on settlement of his accounts as late Indian agent.	692 34	Sept. 22, 1873	
Charles Maltby.	Expenses of Tule River agency, California.	1,460 00	Sept. 22, 1873	
L. E. Dudley.	Expenses of New Mexico superintendency.	172 56	Sept. 22, 1873	
E. Hoag.	Expenses of Pottowatomie agency.	1,575 00	Sept. 22, 1873	
J. E. Booge.	Bacon.	7,429 77	Sept. 23, 1873	
E. W. Hoffman.	Ammunition, &c.	1,175 64	Sept. 23, 1873	
N. Story.	Blankets, hard bread, and tobacco.	1,185 89	Sept. 24, 1873	
John Fenningham.	Labor performed at Chippewa agency in 1870.	428 42	Sept. 25, 1873	
C. W. Hoffman.	Iron and steel.	407 50	Sept. 25, 1873	
Z. Staab & Co.	Salt.	100 00	Sept. 25, 1873	
Capt. J. W. Bush.	For property sold to Indian Bureau.	300 00	Sept. 25, 1873	
Maj. J. P. Roy.	For ammunition sold to Indian Bureau.	390 60	Sept. 25, 1873	
J. E. Booge.	For bacon.	938 70	Sept. 25, 1873	
F. R. Myers.	For transporting Indians.	40 00	Sept. 25, 1873	
M. Ryder.	For ammunition.	146 35	Sept. 25, 1873	
J. M. Buchanan.	For telegraphing in May and June, 1873.	115 63	Sept. 26, 1873	
G. R. Stuntz.	For surveys Indian reservation.	529 47	Sept. 26, 1873	
David Neale.	For bacon and sacks.	529 10	Sept. 26, 1873	
George G. Robinson & Co.	For windows, glazed and painted.	150 00	Sept. 26, 1873	
B. A. Hussey.	For transporting Indian supplies.	9,140 04	Sept. 26, 1873	
R. H. Milroy.	For expenses Washington superintendency.	61,700 00	Sept. 29, 1873	
E. Hoag.	For expenses Central Superintendency.	43,000 00	Sept. 30, 1873	
T. N. Chase.	For expenses Green Bay agency.	6,741 28	Sept. 30, 1873	
G. M. Dodge.	For flour.	4,784 16	Sept. 30, 1873	
J. E. Booge.	For bacon.	16,702 35	Sept. 30, 1873	
G. M. Dodge.	For beef-cattle.	2,505 09	Sept. 30, 1873	
J. H. Charles.	Beef, bacon, and flour.	2,521 45	Oct. 1, 1873	
N. Story.	Supplies for Crow agency.	9,715 66	Oct. 1, 1873	
A. W. Lathrop & Brother.	Flour for Sisseton agency.	1,380 00	Oct. 1, 1873	
G. A. Crowell.	Placed to his credit as special commissioner to make payment to Miamis, of Indiana, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873.	9,879 25	Oct. 1, 1873	
L. Fletcher & Co.	Harness for Ponca agency.	330 00	Oct. 1, 1873	
W. H. Hooking.	For rent of store-room and office at Salt Lake City, Utah.	195 00	Oct. 1, 1873	
John H. Charles.	Flour.	770 00	Oct. 1, 1873	
J. G. Edgar.	do.	770 00	Oct. 1, 1873	
Andrew Miller.	Beef.	382 50	Oct. 1, 1873	
J. L. Sharp.	Services as special commissioner to appraise Kansas Indian lands.	1,200 00	Oct. 2, 1873	

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G. M. Dodge	Flour	960 00	Oct. 2, 1873
W. F. Ensign	For expenses Blackfeet agency	9,450 00	Oct. 3, 1873
C. Delano	Placed to his credit as trustee for various Indian tribes, for the purpose of investing the same in stocks and bonds.	178,251 45	Oct. 4, 1873
F. C. Buckley	Beef-cattle	4,217 88	Oct. 4, 1873
W. R. Millegan	Erecting log-houses on the White Mountain Apache reservation	1,625 00	Oct. 4, 1873
S. T. Smith	Transporting Indian goods	731 32	Oct. 4, 1873
P. H. Kelly	Flour	9,842 50	Oct. 4, 1873
A. H. Wilder	Transporting Indian supplies	67 08	Oct. 4, 1873
C. Adams	For expenses Los Pinos agency	3,000 00	Oct. 7, 1873
D. Sherman	For expenses New York agency	16,867 34	Oct. 7, 1873
William W. Alderson	For expenses Milk River agency	13,000 00	Oct. 7, 1873
L. B. Sperry	For expenses Fort Berthold agency	7,975 00	Oct. 7, 1873
E. Hoag	For expenses Quapaw agency	15,571 73	Oct. 9, 1873
L. Whitney	For telegrams received and sent during March and second quarter, 1873.	404 19	Oct. 9, 1873
Nicols & Dean	Iron, steel, &c	628 32	Oct. 9, 1873
Auerbach, Finch & Scheffer	Dry-goods, &c	1,191 79	Oct. 10, 1873
Strong, Hackett & Chapin	Hardware, stoves, &c	641 55	Oct. 10, 1873
J. W. Doran	Transporting Indian supplies	102 50	Oct. 10, 1873
Noyes Brothers & Cutler	Paints, oils, &c	55 92	Oct. 10, 1873
James Davenport	Stationery, &c	157 50	Oct. 10, 1873
Parchen & Painter	Medical supplies	149 90	Oct. 10, 1873
Sidney Keith	Balance of his account as special commissioner to appraise Miami lands	92 36	Oct. 11, 1873
J. H. Charles	Corn	3,700 00	Oct. 11, 1873
R. Joseph	Placed to his credit as disbursing clerk of Interior Department to defray expenses of Indian department.	5,000 00	Oct. 11, 1873
B. White	For expenses of Winnebago agency	7,541 58	Oct. 13, 1873
C. P. Birkett	For expenses of Ponca agency	2,500 00	Oct. 13, 1873
J. B. Monteith	For expenses of Nez Percé agency	1,598 65	Oct. 13, 1873
William S. Defrees	For expenses of Moquis Pueblo agency	1,500 00	Oct. 13, 1873
J. G. Gasmann	For expenses of Yankton agency	28 00	Oct. 13, 1873
R. Joseph	Placed to his credit as disbursing clerk of Interior Department for expenses of Indian Bureau.	1,836 65	Oct. 13, 1873
F. D. Allen	Services rendered as inspector	53 40	Oct. 14, 1873
C. E. Mayo & Co	Hardware, &c	724 61	Oct. 14, 1873
C. Proal	Harness, &c	274 77	Oct. 14, 1873
Armour, Plankinton & Co	Bacon furnished for the Kiowa, Upper Arkansas, and Wichita agencies.	11,846 12	Oct. 14, 1873
George W. Howe	Supplies for Ponca agency	473 00	Oct. 15, 1873
A. Staab	For seed-corn	577 10	Oct. 15, 1873
Nelson Story	For bacon	767 00	Oct. 15, 1873
J. G. Edgar	For bacon, sugar, and coffee	789 07	Oct. 15, 1873
G. R. Hosmer	For services as special commissioner to investigate murder of Indians in Wyoming.	319 85	Oct. 15, 1873
J. B. Johnson	Tuition of D. C. Jones, a Choctaw	38 50	Oct. 15, 1873
J. C. O'Connor	Services as inspector from July 1 to September 30, 1873	750 00	Oct. 15, 1873
Speigelberg Brothers	Flour, coffee, and sugar	3,943 40	Oct. 15, 1873
Darling & Lauffer	Surveys in Indian Territory	6,067 52	Oct. 15, 1873
Hon. C. Delano	Placed to his credit as trustee for various Indian tribes.	61,063 40	Oct. 16, 1873
A. R. Elder	Final amount due on settlement of his account as Indian agent	1,338 81	Oct. 16, 1873
William B. Hooper & Co	Coffee, sugar, soap, and salt	5,715 66	Oct. 16, 1873

Statement of the expenditures for the Indian service since July 1, 1873, &c.—Continued.

Names of claimants.	Object of expenditure.	Amount.	Date of issue of requisition in pay- ment, &c.	Remarks.
G. M. Dodge	Beef-cattle	\$17,095 45	Oct. 17, 1873	Suspension recommended by the Board. Account allowed in full by the Assistant Attorney-General, (Acting Secretary Interior,) October 11, 1873. See accompanying paper, A.
J. Bandine	Services as teacher for first quarter 1873	75 00	Oct. 18, 1873	
S. L. Sheldon	Wagons, mowers, and horse-rakes	1,635 00	Oct. 18, 1873	
Banett & Darling	Survey of Indian reservations	2,444 24	Oct. 18, 1873	
T. S. Clarkson	Services and expenses as inspector of Indian supplies for Aug., 1873	197 40	Oct. 20, 1873	
Walker Brothers	Flour	1,060 00	Oct. 20, 1873	
William Vandever	Salary as Indian inspector for September, 1873	247 28	Oct. 20, 1873	
B. White	Expenses of Omaha agency	450 00	Oct. 20, 1873	
F. D. Pease	Placed to his credit as special Indian agent to defray expenses Indian delegation visiting Washington, D. C.	6,500 00	Oct. 21, 1873	
E. Hoag	For expenses Central superintendency	26,423 13	Oct. 21, 1873	
E. R. Roberts	For expenses Creek agency	58,139 20	Oct. 21, 1873	
B. White	For expenses Pawnee agency	250 00	Oct. 21, 1873	
C. T. Harmon	Services on Hoopa Valley reservation, California	62 60	Oct. 21, 1873	
J. B. Johnson	Tuition, &c., for Charles Robinson for third quarter, 1873	89 98	Oct. 22, 1873	
R. Marvin & Son	Crockery-ware, &c	193 90	Oct. 22, 1873	
R. & J. Morton	Drayage and wharfage on supplies	35 00	Oct. 22, 1873	
D. J. McCann	Transporting Indian supplies	2,731 64	Oct. 22, 1873	
I. L. Mahan	Expenses La Pointe agency	2,250 00	Oct. 22, 1873	
J. M. Barney	Beef-cattle	20,264 55	Oct. 22, 1873	
William B. Hooper & Co	Flour, beans, &c.	5,400 00	Oct. 22, 1873	
Charles Adams	Expenses Los Pinos agency, Colorado	13,769 44	{ Oct. 23, 1873 Oct. 24, 1873	
J. A. Tonner	Expenses Colorado River agency	10,125 00	Oct. 24, 1873	
R. Joseph	Placed to his credit as disbursing-clerk Interior Department, to meet expenses Indian Bureau.	2,013 00	Oct. 25, 1873	
H. D. Prior	Hay furnished Los Pinos agency	1,500 00	Oct. 25, 1873	
D. H. Dunn	Beef-cattle furnished Los Pinos agency	6,662 81	Oct. 25, 1873	
F. C. Buckley	Beef-cattle	51,294 43	Oct. 25, 1873	
Otto Mears	Flour	6,840 00	Oct. 27, 1873	
E. Hoag	Expenses Central superintendencey	500 00	Oct. 27, 1873	
Darling & Lauffer	Surveys in Indian territory	10,002 32	Oct. 28, 1873	
E. Fenlon	Flour	4,425 00	Oct. 28, 1873	
G. W. Ingalls	Expenses Pi-Ute agency	2,000 00	Oct. 28, 1873	
J. M. Barney	Beef-cattle	35,221 00	Oct. 28, 1873	
B. M. Jacobs	Flour	2,171 31	Oct. 29, 1873	
Hutton & Metcalf	Beef-cattle and work-oxen	2,950 00	Oct. 29, 1873	
J. M. Barney	Beef-cattle	10,021 55	Oct. 29, 1873	

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A. H. Wilder.....	do.....	80,685 56	Oct. 30, 1873	Allowance of \$33,999.45, balance to be paid at future time. Allowed in full by Secretary of Interior, in accordance with opinion of Assistant Attorney-General dated October 28, 1873. See accompanying paper, marked B.
E. Hoag.....	For payments to 1,518 Pottawatomie citizens.....	217,568 21	Oct. 30, 1873	
Do.....	For payments to 86 Pottawatomie citizens.....	36,038 02	Oct. 30, 1873	
Do.....	For expenses Pottawatomie agency	14,185 04	Oct. 30, 1873	
F. D. Pease.....	For expenses Crow agency	800 00	Oct. 30, 1873	
G. M. Dodge.....	For beef-cattle	12,878 93	Oct. 30, 1873	
P. H. Earheart.....	For services as clerk in office superintendent Indian affairs in Oregon.....	150 00	Oct. 31, 1873	
E. N. Gillingham.....	Services as assistant clerk in office supt. Indian affairs in Oregon.....	100 00	Oct. 31, 1873	
P. Garreaux.....	For one horse lost in Indian service in March, 1873.....	150 00	Oct. 31, 1873	
John Smith.....	One mule lost in Indian service at Fort Berthold agency, in March, '73.....	175 00	Oct. 31, 1873	
C. C. Brown.....	Publishing advertisement in the Mankato Record.....	40 75	Oct. 31, 1873	
E. C. Kemble.....	For expenses and services as Indian inspector.....	1,000 00	Oct. 31, 1873	
Durfee & Pock.....	Bacon.....	9,673 68	Oct. 31, 1873	
A. H. Wilder.....	Transporting Indian goods.....	2,463 36	Oct. 31, 1873	
P. H. Kelly.....	Flour.....	10,429 87	Oct. 31, 1873	
John H. Charles.....	Repairing cook-stoves.....	9 00	Nov. 1, 1873	
McLeod & Jack.....	Grindstone and fixtures.....	28 80	Nov. 1, 1873	
S. D. Orr.....	Services as physician, from November 1, 1872, to March 18, 1873.....	379 65	Nov. 1, 1873	
L. Q. Shirley.....	Ten horses for Red Cloud agency.....	700 00	Nov. 1, 1873	
D. P. Thompson.....	Survey of Indian reservation	2,116 03	Nov. 1, 1873	Suspension recommended by the Board. Account allowed in full by the Assistant Attorney-General, (Acting Secretary of the Interior,) October 11, 1873. See accompanying paper marked C.
P. H. Conger.....	do.....	1,866 87	Nov. 1, 1873	
J. B. David.....	do.....	2,725 07	Nov. 1, 1873	
Shaw & Taylor.....	do.....	1,367 97	Nov. 1, 1873	
Clevenger & Rusk.....	do.....	2,013 00	Nov. 1, 1873	
R. Joseph.....	Placed to his credit as disbursing clerk Interior Department, for expenses Indian service.....	1,000 00	Nov. 1, 1873	
D. J. McCann.....	Transporting Indian goods.....	11,658 93	Nov. 1, 1873	Allowed by board for \$9,377.43. Allowed in full by Secretary of Interior, in accordance with opinion of Assistant Attorney-General dated October 30, 1873. (See paper marked D.)
J. W. L. Slavens.....	Beef-cattle	6,388 20	Nov. 3, 1873	
A. H. Wilder.....	do.....	66,860 93	Nov. 3, 1873	Suspension recommended by board. Allowed in full by the Assistant Attorney-General (Acting Secretary of the Interior,) October 11, 1873. (See paper marked E.)
J. B. Johnson.....	Board of Cheyenne Indian girl.....	19 93	Nov. 4, 1873	Suspension recommended by board, and that the amount be paid in five installments. Allowed in full by Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with the opinion of the Assistant Attorney-General dated October 28, 1873. (See paper marked B.)

Statement of the expenditures for the Indian service since July 1, 1873, &c.—Continued.

Names of claimants.	Object of expenditure.	Amount.	Date of issue of requisition in payment, &c.	Remarks.
E. Douglass	Expenses Chippewa agency	\$1,000 00	Nov. 4, 1873	
E. Hoag	Expenses Sac and Fox agency in Kansas	19,912 67	Nov. 4, 1873	
A. R. Howbert	Expenses Sac and Fox agency in Iowa	5,587 33	Nov. 4, 1873	
J. J. Critchlow	Expenses Uintah agency	5,175 00	Nov. 4, 1873	
R. Joseph	Placed to his credit as disbursing clerk Interior Department for expenses Indian Bureau.	2,000 00	Nov. 4, 1873	
T. B. Campbell & Co	Clothing	974 50	Nov. 5, 1873	
P. H. Kelly	Flour	5,476 87	Nov. 5, 1873	
J. H. Ming & Co	Stationery, &c	45 70	Nov. 5, 1873	
F. L. Palladino	Services as teacher	300 00	Nov. 5, 1873	
G. M. Dodge	Beef-cattle, furnished June 26, 1873	4,243 44	Nov. 5, 1873	
J. B. Glover	Being the amount due the State of Indiana for an overpayment of interest.	16,812 26	Nov. 6, 1873	
R. Joseph	Placed to his credit as disbursing-clerk Interior Department for expenses Indian Bureau.	1,256 34	Nov. 6, 1873	
C. F. Larrabe	Amount found due on settlement of his accounts as special Indian agent.	1,193 51	Nov. 7, 1873	
J. E. Booge	Bacon	17,975 37	Nov. 7, 1873	
G. M. Dodge	Flour	3,600 00	Nov. 7, 1873	
B. White	Expenses Great Nemaha agency	4,713 00	Nov. 7, 1873	
Daniel Shanahan	Pay as agent for third quarter, 1873	375 90	Nov. 8, 1873	
J. F. Coad	Transporting Indian supplies	1,896 58	Nov. 8, 1873	
B. White	Expenses Santee Sioux agency	8,807 83	Nov. 8, 1873	
P. H. Kelly	Flour	2,041 52	Nov. 8, 1873	
A. H. Wilder	Transporting Indian supplies	2,167 12	Nov. 8, 1873	
W. K. Ketchum	Services of the board of missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church	1,800 00	Nov. 10, 1873	
Sarah Green	Board of Indian girls	62 50	Nov. 10, 1873	
P. A. Largey	Flour	2,901 78	Nov. 10, 1873	
P. F. McQuillan & Co	Mess-pork	2,120 00	Nov. 10, 1873	
J. H. Schurmeir	One wagon for Sisseton agency	150 00	Nov. 10, 1873	
Sister Paul Mike	Services as teacher, fourth quarter, 1872, Flathead agency	150 00	Nov. 10, 1873	
Clifford & Maxfields	Supplies for Devil's Lake agency	12,542 80	Nov. 11, 1873	
L. E. Dudley	Expenses New Mexico superintendency	28,650 00	Nov. 11, 1873	
S. T. Smith	Transporting Indian supplies	5 17	Nov. 12, 1873	
L. Fletcher	Wagons and harness	4,970 00	Nov. 12, 1873	
Lathrop & Brother	Flour	2,943 00	Nov. 12, 1873	
R. Joseph	Placed to his credit as disbursing clerk Interior Department for expenses Indian service.	13 50	Nov. 12, 1873	
T. N. Chase	For expenses Green Bay agency	6,005 00	Nov. 12, 1873	

Suspension recommended by board.
Account allowed in full by Assistant Attorney-General and Acting Secretary of Interior, October 11, 1873.
(See paper marked A.)

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Thomas Foster.....	Placed to his credit as special Indian agent for expenses of preparing Indian history.	300 00	Nov. 12, 1873
P. H. Kelly.....	Flour.....	12,312 93	Nov. 12, 1873
A. H. Wilder.....	Transporting Indian goods.....	32,136 06	Nov. 12, 1873
J. E. Booge.....	Bacon.....	6,375 39	Nov. 12, 1873
G. M. Dodge.....	Flour.....	1,910 40	Nov. 12, 1873
A. H. Wilder.....	Advanced charges on Indian goods.....	3,856 34	Nov. 12, 1873
H. R. Bond.....	Amount of account for disbursements of account of Mohegans.....	123 25	Nov. 13, 1873
A. L. Larpentier, Swan, Peter Lindholm & Co.	Scales for Devil's Lake agency.....	72 00	Nov. 13, 1873
P. R. L. Hardenburgh.....	For digging well and for quarrying and hauling stone.....	204 00	Nov. 13, 1873
R. Marvin & Son.....	Leather for Devil's Lake agency.....	117 64	Nov. 13, 1873
M. M. Kirkman.....	Lamps, crockery, &c.....	287 00	Nov. 13, 1873
Forepaugh & Tarbox.....	Transporting Indian goods.....	48 51	Nov. 13, 1873
Everbach, Finch & Sheffer.....	Shoe-packs for Devil's Lake agency.....	292 25	Nov. 13, 1873
William Lee.....	Dry-goods for Devil's Lake agency.....	1,494 80	Nov. 13, 1873
E. Nagle.....	do.....	961 43	Nov. 13, 1873
Nelson Story.....	Beef-cattle and sugar.....	1,226 96	Nov. 13, 1873
George H. Ely & Co.....	Horses for Crow agency.....	7,500 00	Nov. 13, 1873
Mayo & Clark.....	Mittens for Devil's Lake agency.....	78 50	Nov. 13, 1873
Schmidt & Keifer.....	Hardware for Devil's Lake agency.....	470 40	Nov. 13, 1873
E. F. Goodwin.....	Harness for Devil's Lake agency.....	77 23	Nov. 13, 1873
James K. Moore.....	Amount of his account as special commissioner.....	260 10	Nov. 13, 1873
Walker Brothers.....	Beef-cattle.....	948 16	Nov. 13, 1873
James D. Welsh.....	Flour.....	1,060 00	Nov. 13, 1873
J. D. Mills.....	Transporting Indian goods.....	822 57	Nov. 13, 1873
C. P. Birkett.....	For expenses Indian delegation visiting Washington, D. C.....	8,000 00	Nov. 13, 1873
D. Sherman.....	Expenses Ponca agency.....	17,343 96	Nov. 13, 1873
M. N. Adams.....	Expenses New York agency.....	1,555 00	Nov. 13, 1873
A. H. Wilder.....	Expenses Sisseton agency.....	2,102 40	Nov. 13, 1873
G. M. Dodge.....	Tents and tarpaulins.....	660 00	Nov. 13, 1873
A. Farwell.....	Beef-cattle.....	2,453 10	Nov. 13, 1873
Gorden Ferguson.....	For hire of horses and wagons at Crow agency.....	175 00	Nov. 14, 1873
Quimby & Hallowell.....	Hats and caps.....	198 00	Nov. 14, 1873
W. B. Harwood.....	Wagons for Devil's Lake agency.....	450 00	Nov. 14, 1873
P. A. Largery.....	Dry-goods for Devil's Lake agency.....	1,741 00	Nov. 14, 1873
J. H. Pratt.....	Flour.....	1,340 00	Nov. 14, 1873
S. L. Sheldon.....	Oats.....	3,168 00	Nov. 14, 1873
S. Armijo.....	Wagon for Sisseton agency.....	3,825 00	Nov. 14, 1873
L. Pueblo.....	Corn.....	6,966 00	Nov. 14, 1873
William H. Temple.....	Services as interpreter.....	156 00	Nov. 14, 1873
J. B. Wasson.....	Clothing.....	70 00	Nov. 14, 1873
H. Houseman.....	Work-oxen, beef-cattle, &c.....	7,626 20	Nov. 14, 1873
P. Sutherland & Co.....	Shovels, &c.....	118 35	Nov. 14, 1873
D. J. Welch.....	Subsistence for Devil's Lake agency.....	3,140 37	Nov. 14, 1873
G. M. Dodge.....	Supplies.....	1,665 00	Nov. 14, 1873
J. J. Seville.....	Beef-cattle.....	13,692 98	Nov. 14, 1873
G. W. Ingalls.....	Expenses Red Cloud agency.....	9,453 62	Nov. 14, 1873
R. Joseph.....	Expenses Pi-Ute agency.....	1,000 00	Nov. 14, 1873
E. Fenlon.....	Placed to his credit as disbursing-clerk Indian Department for expenses Indian service.....	1,967 33	Nov. 14, 1873
	Flour.....	5,184 60	Nov. 15, 1873

Statement of the expenditures for the Indian service since July 1, 1873, &c.—Continued.

Names of claimants.	Object of expenditure.	Amount.	Date of issue of requisition in pay- ment, &c.	Remarks.
C. W. Hoffman	Supplies for Crows	\$960 00	Nov. 15, 1873	
Steers Brothers	Chains, &c., for Devil's Lake agency	561 35	Nov. 15, 1873	
J. B. Wilcox	Account for planing and matching machine	975 00	Nov. 15, 1873	
W. J. Buchan	Services as special commissioner	831 20	Nov. 15, 1873	
Samuel Pavell	Transportation of Crow Indians	253 80	Nov. 15, 1873	
D. Cinnameno & Co.	Leather, bridles, &c.	143 70	Nov. 15, 1873	
W. Dickinson	Stationery	9 00	Nov. 15, 1873	
Fisk Brothers	Blank vouchers	18 00	Nov. 15, 1873	
Dr. C. H. Nichols	Amount suspended in former settlement	130 00	Nov. 15, 1873	
H. Haas	Horse-shoes, &c.	155 61	Nov. 15, 1873	
A. W. Lathrop & Brother	Flour	2, 079 00	Nov. 15, 1873	
McLeod & Jack	Material, &c.	590 00	Nov. 15, 1873	
J. H. Ming & Co.	Stationery, &c.	39 25	Nov. 15, 1873	
D. Sinclair & Co	Printing	75 00	Nov. 15, 1873	
Nelson Story	Beef-cattle	1, 500 52	Nov. 15, 1873	
A. C. Williams	Services as special commissioner to appraise Miami lands	592 00	Nov. 15, 1873	
J. K. Moore	Beef-cattle	827 36	Nov. 15, 1873	
L. Fletcher	Rifles	350 00	Nov. 15, 1873	
Do	Wagons and harness	3, 985 00	Nov. 15, 1873	
B. P. McDonald	Beef, bacon, and flour, in May and June, 1873	7, 867 98	Nov. 15, 1873	
A. H. Wilder	Transporting Indian supplies	632 67	Nov. 15, 1873	
B. White	Expenses Otoe agency	1, 000 00	Nov. 15, 1873	
A. H. Wilder	Wagons, &c.	2, 925 00	Nov. 17, 1873	
J. M. Barney	Beef-cattle	19, 674 50	Nov. 17, 1873	
T. C. Paver & Brother	Lumber, stoves, and lamps	578 72	Nov. 17, 1873	
J. D. Welsh	Transporting Indian supplies	3, 476 84	Nov. 17, 1873	
W. H. Forbes	Expenses Devil's Lake agency	7, 325 00	Nov. 17, 1873	
E. Palmer	Expenses Grand River agency	5, 875 00	Nov. 17, 1873	
H. W. Bingham	Expenses Cheyenne agency	10, 381 89	Nov. 17, 1873	
H. W. Reed	Expenses Fort Hall agency	12, 109 58	Nov. 17, 1873	
C. A. Bateman	Expenses Walker River agency	4, 000 00	Nov. 17, 1873	
James Irwin	Expenses Shoshone and Bannack agency	6, 612 52	Nov. 17, 1873	
A. Parsons	Expenses Choctaw and Chickasaw agency	1, 045 00	Nov. 17, 1873	
H. Breiner	Expenses Seminole agency	786 50	Nov. 17, 1873	
William G. Le Due	Carts and lumber	846 43	Nov. 17, 1873	
Z. Staub & Co	Flour	5, 287 50	Nov. 17, 1873	
John Dobson	Blankets	93 24	Nov. 17, 1873	
S. F. Estes	Hire of mule team	120 00	Nov. 17, 1873	
Johnson & Koch	Soap	126 00	Nov. 17, 1873	
J. C. Rainsford	Services in Montana	62 50	Nov. 17, 1873	
G. M. Dodge	Flour	2, 016 00	Nov. 17, 1873	
George E. M. McCook	Amount found due on settlement of his account	262 05	Nov. 18, 1873	
A. H. Wilder	Transporting Indian goods, and advanced charges on same	10, 071 07	Nov. 19, 1873	

B. White	Expenses Northern Superintendency	2,828 50	Nov. 19, 1873
William H. Forbes	Expenses Devil's Lake agency	1,100 00	Nov. 19, 1873
R. Joseph	Placed to his credit as disbursing clerk of Indian department, for expenses Indian service.	7,815 50	Nov. 19, 1873
J. H. Charles	Yawl-boat	325 00	Nov. 19, 1873
E. Nagle	Empty whisky-barrels	116 12	Nov. 19, 1873
Strong, Hackett & Chapin	Hardware	1,321 58	Nov. 19, 1873
B. White, jr	Beef and flour	321 28	Nov. 19, 1873
W. V. B. Wardwell	Beef	621 25	Nov. 19, 1873
John Saf	Beef	599 86	Nov. 20, 1873
A. Staab	Sugar and coffee	6,752 10	Nov. 20, 1873
S. Armijo	Corn	124 98	Nov. 20, 1873
William Burrill	Beef	338 67	Nov. 20, 1873
E. W. Bennett & Co.	For driving beef-cattle	332 00	Nov. 20, 1873
W. Buck	Lumber	500 00	Nov. 20, 1873
E. Nagle	Oats	324 34	Nov. 20, 1873
D. P. Thompson	Surveys of Indian reservations	2,155 48	Nov. 20, 1873
Milton, Tootle & Co.	Salt	81 25	Nov. 20, 1873
Poole & Hunt	Hubbard mower	161 17	Nov. 20, 1873
Tully, Ochoa & Co	Supplies and beef-cattle	17,439 75	Nov. 20, 1873
M. D. Bidwell	Tallow	8 00	Nov. 20, 1873
James Davenport	Books and stationery	49 90	Nov. 20, 1873
F. Driscoll	Blank forms	26 00	Nov. 20, 1873
T. Gardner	Drugs and medicines	135 73	Nov. 20, 1873
J. Hughes & Co.	Supplies	537 50	Nov. 20, 1873
H. S. Hunter	Kettles	140 55	Nov. 20, 1873
J. C. Stagie	Use of one four-horse wagon	912 00	Nov. 20, 1873
H. L. Pilkington	Plows	318 60	Nov. 20, 1873
Afraid-of-the-Eagle, (Indian)	Services	5 00	Nov. 20, 1873
Noisy-Horse, (Indian)	do	5 00	Nov. 20, 1873
T. Kensler, (Indian)	do	22 50	Nov. 20, 1873
Soldier, (Indian)	do	5 00	Nov. 20, 1873
A. Brizard	Supplies	467 68	Nov. 20, 1873
William S. Combs	School-seats	282 00	Nov. 20, 1873
John Dobson	Blankets	474 60	Nov. 20, 1873
Wannamaker & Brown	Clothing	993 65	Nov. 20, 1873
D. W. Marsh	Supplies	2,421 06	Nov. 20, 1873
B. White	Expenses Omaha agency	2,650 00	Nov. 20, 1873
E. Hoag	Expenses Sac and Fox and Pottawatomie agency	2,175 00	Nov. 20, 1873
J. B. Jones	Expenses Cherokee agency	900 00	Nov. 20, 1873
E. Palmer	Expenses Grand River agency	2,000 00	Nov. 20, 1873
J. E. Booge	Pork	33,848 18	Nov. 20, 1873
P. H. Kelly	Corn	30,767 58	Nov. 20, 1873
J. H. Burleigh	One stallion and one bull	650 00	Nov. 21, 1873
John Cooper Manufacturing Co.	Saw and grist mill and wheat and corn mill	5,116 07	Nov. 21, 1873
A. H. Wilder	Transporting Indian supplies	2,117 69	Nov. 21, 1873
J. L. Littlefield	Expenses White River agency	2,712 50	Nov. 21, 1873
E. Hoag	Expenses Kansas agency	8,077 00	Nov. 21, 1873

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Same, all the way through. (See accompanying paper, marked F.)

Statement of the expenditures for the Indian service since July 1, 1873, &c.—Continued.

Names of claimants.	Object of expenditure.	Amount.	Date of issue of requisition in payment, &c.	Remarks.
J. M. Bacon	Hardware, stoves, &c	896 50	Nov. 21, 1873	
Mahlon Wilkinson	Balance due as late Indian agent	327 70	Nov. 22, 1873	
E. Hoag	Expenses Kiowa agency	6,825 00	Nov. 22, 1873	
H. F. Livingston	Expenses Crow Creek agency	7,755 00	Nov. 22, 1873	
H. Breiner	Expenses Seminole agency	2,500 00	Nov. 22, 1873	
James Wright	Expenses Crow agency	1,000 00	Nov. 24, 1873	
R. K. Whitley	Survey Indian reservation	2,307 91	Nov. 25, 1873	
M. N. Adams	Expenses Sisseton agency	7,217 40	Nov. 25, 1873	
J. B. Thompson	Expenses Denver special agency	817 00	Nov. 25, 1873	
E. Hoag	Expenses Central Superintendency	6,000 00	Nov. 25, 1873	
Treasurer United States	Deposited to credit United States	222 06	Nov. 26, 1873	
William H. Fenton	Expenses Fort Belknap special agency	4,996 00	Nov. 29, 1873	
D. McCranor	Supplies	849 25	Nov. 29, 1873	
J. W. L. Slavens	Beef	4,400 76	Nov. 29, 1873	
E. Whittlesey	Services and mileage as special commissioner	1,222 60	Nov. 29, 1873	
T. S. Clarkson	Services as inspector	230 35	Nov. 29, 1873	
T. G. Cowgill	Wheat	2,700 00	Nov. 29, 1873	
J. G. Edgar	Supplies	1,143 73	Nov. 29, 1873	
C. M. Loring	Harness	1,364 00	Nov. 29, 1873	
John Ragan	Services as laborer	180 00	Nov. 29, 1873	
J. S. Pillsbury & Co.	Stove-pipe, &c	66 56	Nov. 29, 1873	
Walter Brothers	Flour	2,120 00	Nov. 29, 1873	
L. Dagosline	Hire of oxen	89 00	Nov. 29, 1873	
John H. Edwards	Services, &c., as special commissioner	96 20	Nov. 29, 1873	
Sister Paul Mike	Services as assistant teacher	150 00	Nov. 29, 1873	
Sister Remi	Services as teacher	300 00	Nov. 29, 1873	
P. F. McQuillan & Co.	Mess-pork	1,107 00	Nov. 29, 1873	
H. Westerman	Beef	1,225 00	Nov. 29, 1873	
J. T. Gibson	Expenses of Neosho agency	20,000 00	Nov. 29, 1873	
George W. Naile	Telegraphing	5 10	Nov. 29, 1873	
Beaupre & Kelley	Supplies, &c.	1,588 09	Nov. 29, 1873	
William Vandever	Services as inspector	252 72	Nov. 29, 1873	
I. M. Washburn	Amount found due on settlement of his account	371 72	Nov. 29, 1873	
A. H. Wilder	Transporting Indian supplies	1,219 39	Nov. 29, 1873	
H. Linville	Expenses of Malheur agency	10,000 00	Nov. 29, 1873	
J. D. Miles	Expenses of Upper Arkansas agency	2,500 00	Nov. 29, 1873	
Hon. C. Delano	Placed to his credit as trustee	33,623 78	Nov. 29, 1873	
E. Hoag	Expenses of Wichita agency	9,550 00	Dec. 1, 1873	
B. White	Expenses of Winnebago agency	6,831 00	Dec. 1, 1873	
B. White	Expenses of Otoe agency	4,874 70	Dec. 1, 1873	
B. White	Expenses of Pawnee agency	8,645 00	Dec. 1, 1873	
William H. Fenton	Expenses of Fort Belknap special agency	485 00	Dec. 1, 1873	

G. M. Dodge.

P. H. Kelly.....
 A. H. Wilder.....
 George W. Fishbeck.....
 M. Brennan.....
 T. Cameron.....
 William Hutcherson.....
 John Swinden.....
 Thomas P. Reed.....
 Thomas K. Cree.....
 William G. Le Duc.....
 Mrs. Emma Van Hook.....
 E. Hoag.....
 G. M. Dodge.....
 G. W. L. Slavens.....
 S. R. Hosmer.....
 Joseph Bandini.....
 A. Wright.....
 James Warren.....
 E. Loveland.....
 Hon. J. P. C. Shanks.....
 D. J. McCann.....

Corn.....

Flour.....
 Transporting Indian supplies.....
 Advertising sale of Indian lands.....
 For property destroyed in 1853.....
 do.....
 do.....
 Services as subsistence agent.....
 Settlement of his accounts.....
 Doors, &c.....
 Board of Cherokee Indian girl.....
 Expenses of Central Superintendency.....
 Beef.....
 Beef-cattle.....
 Amount found due as special commissioner.....
 Services as assistant teacher.....
 Board of Indian boy.....
 Services as miller.....
 Beef.....
 Found due on settlement of his account.....
 Transporting Indian supplies.....

7,551 79 Dec. 1, 1873
 4,549 77 Dec. 1, 1873
 1,710 00 Dec. 1, 1873
 4,200 00 Dec. 1, 1873
 11 39 Dec. 2, 1873
 10 60 Dec. 2, 1873
 309 33 Dec. 2, 1873
 165 16 Dec. 2, 1873
 275 00 Dec. 2, 1873
 1,480 88 Dec. 2, 1873
 851 32 Dec. 2, 1873
 454 16 Dec. 2, 1873
 7,547 00 Dec. 2, 1873
 18,479 10 Dec. 3, 1873
 28,153 59 Dec. 3, 1873
 140 00 Dec. 3, 1873
 150 00 Dec. 3, 1873
 36 00 Dec. 3, 1873
 162 50 Dec. 3, 1873
 2,940 00 Dec. 3, 1873
 425 85 Dec. 3, 1873
 7,472 57 Dec. 3, 1873

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G. W. Ingalls.....
 Kansas Pacific Railroad Company.....
 J. H. Stout.....
 J. C. O'Connor.....
 L. & H. Henning.....
 L. E. Jones.....
 Frank St. Clair.....
 B. White, jr.....
 L. Fletcher.....
 F. B. Decker.....
 Harke & McFarland.....
 C. P. Higgins.....
 Stone & Kingsbury.....
 L. G. Bennett.....
 John Dobson.....
 T. P. Madden.....
 Marvin & Allis.....
 Rev. John Roos.....

Expenses of Indian service in Utah and Nevada.....
 Amount carried to their credit on the books of the Treasury.....
 Expenses of Pima and Maricopa agency.....
 Services as inspector.....
 Flour, corn, &c.....
 Flour.....
 One stallion and six mares.....
 Beef and flour.....
 Wagons, harness, and rifles.....
 Saw-logs.....
 Medical supplies.....
 Beef.....
 Papers.....
 Beef.....
 Blankets.....
 Rent of Tule River Farm, California.....
 Forage, &c.....
 Board, tuition, &c., of Indian children.....

11,650 00 Dec. 6, 1873
 2,150 56 Dec. 8, 1873
 1,000 00 Dec. 8, 1873
 1,212 17 Dec. 8, 1873
 5,982 55 Dec. 9, 1873
 770 00 Dec. 9, 1873
 1,450 00 Dec. 9, 1873
 237 85 Dec. 9, 1873
 4,487 50 Dec. 9, 1873
 675 00 Dec. 9, 1873
 131 20 Dec. 9, 1873
 540 00 Dec. 9, 1873
 4 25 Dec. 9, 1873
 2,808 75 Dec. 9, 1873
 189 00 Dec. 9, 1873
 480 00 Dec. 9, 1873
 21 00 Dec. 9, 1873
 256 71 Dec. 9, 1873

Suspension recommended by board; account allowed in full by Secretary of the Interior in accordance with opinion of Assistant Attorney-General, dated December 3, 1873. (See paper marked G.)

Statement of the expenditures for the Indian service since July 1, 1873, &c.—Continued.

Names of claimants.	Object of expenditure.	Amount.	Date of issue of requisition in pay- ment, &c.	Remarks.
A. H. Wilder	Oxen, cows, bulls, stallions, horses, saddles, and bridles.....	\$77,910 06	Dec. 9, 1873	Not approved by board; allowed in full by Secretary of the Interior in accordance with opinion of Assistant Attorney-General, dated December 4, 1873. (See paper marked H.)
R. Joseph.....	Placed to his credit as disbursing-clerk Indian Department, for expenses Indian Office.....	1,719 97	Dec. 10, 1873	
E. Fenton.....	Flour.....	10,833 16	Dec. 10, 1873	
T. S. Clarkson.....	Services and expenses as Indian inspector.....	226 95	Dec. 11, 1873	
R. Ten Broek.....	Transportation of Indian goods.....	1,707 63	Dec. 11, 1873	
G. M. Dodge	Beef-cattle	9,701 49	Dec. 11, 1873	
Lathrop Brothers.....	Flour.....	1,611 06	Dec. 12, 1873	
F. McCrelly & Co.....	Advertising for Indian Bureau.....	271 00	Dec. 12, 1873	
Schuyler, Hartley & Graham.....	Rifles, ammunition, &c	1,297 70	Dec. 12, 1873	
D. J. McCann	Transportation Indian goods.....	6,366 62	Dec. 12, 1873	
F. C. Buckley	Beef.....	1,863 32	Dec. 12, 1873	
James M. Barney	do	13,890 00	Dec. 12, 1873	
J. G. Dooley	Services as head farmer.....	330 00	Dec. 13, 1873	
J. D. Welsh	Transporting Indian supplies.....	607 25	Dec. 13, 1873	
R. Joseph	Placed to his credit as disbursing-clerk Indian Department, for expenses Indian Office.....	16,752 66	Dec. 15, 1873	
B. White	Expenses Northern Superintendency	72 00	Dec. 15, 1873	
C. P. Birkett	Expenses Ponca agency.....	3,000 00	Dec. 15, 1873	
H. W. Reed	Expenses Fort Hall agency	1,809 00	Dec. 15, 1873	
William Vandever	Services and expenses as inspector.....	896 96	Dec. 16, 1873	
D. P. Thompson	Surveying Indian reservation.....	165 06	Dec. 16, 1873	
Buckley, Welling & Co	Merchandise	500 21	Dec. 17, 1873	
G. M. Dodge	Flour	2,740 80	Dec. 17, 1873	
John B. Dillon	Hay	2,460 00	Dec. 17, 1873	
James Degan	Beef	68 90	Dec. 17, 1873	
H. E. Alvord	Expenses as special commissioner	238 23	Dec. 17, 1873	
M. St. Cyr, (guardian)	Share of Winnebago fund	130 30	Dec. 17, 1873	
Auerbach, Finch & Sheffer	Dry-goods	948 51	Dec. 17, 1873	
Charles T. Etchell	Ox-carts	745 90	Dec. 17, 1873	
J. D. Bevier	Expenses as Indian inspector	1,632 45	Dec. 17, 1873	

CONTRACTS, ETC., FOR THE INDIAN SERVICE.

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William B. Hooper & Co.	Blankets	2,424	63	Dec. 17, 1873
J. M. Barney.	Beef	22,137	55	Dec. 17, 1873
J. C. Jones.	Potatoes, &c.	18	75	Dec. 18, 1873
F. B. Miller.	Vise, files, &c.	28	29	Dec. 18, 1873
R. Joseph.	Placed to his credit as disbursing-clerk Indian Department, for expenses Indian Bureau.	384	10	Dec. 18, 1873
J. H. Lacey.	Inspecting flour	1,416	30	Dec. 19, 1873
Barrett & Smith.	Surveying Indian reservations	9,825	27	Dec. 20, 1873
William B. Hooper & Co.	Supplies	5,125	00	Dec. 20, 1873
T. B. Rickey.	Official postage	41	95	Dec. 22, 1873
J. M. Kennedy.	Amount of check drawn by late Agent Clifford	20	00	Dec. 22, 1873
L. A. Gheen.	Due on settlement of his account	1,348	09	Dec. 22, 1873
J. France.	Flour	357	46	Dec. 22, 1873
S. Hirsch.	Blankets	1,892	50	Dec. 22, 1873
James Bean.	Supplies	286	25	Dec. 22, 1873
E. Hoag.	Expenses Kiowa agency	2,559	00	Dec. 23, 1873
Hood, Vonbright & Co.	Dry-goods	585	51	Dec. 23, 1873
Monroe, Smoltz & Co.	Shoes	128	60	Dec. 23, 1873
Wannamaker & Brown.	Clothing	422	00	Dec. 23, 1873
Milton, Tootle & Co.	Harness, &c.	318	00	Dec. 23, 1873
John H. Charles.	Ammunition and other supplies	3,092	27	Dec. 24, 1873
J. Brown.	Services in 1869	62	00	Dec. 24, 1873
G. M. Dodge.	Transporting flour	4,430	38	Dec. 24, 1873
G. Johnson.	Services in 1869.	62	00	Dec. 24, 1873
Nanzhee.	do	62	00	Dec. 24, 1873
J. Smith.	do	62	00	Dec. 24, 1873
R. Van Valkenburgh.	Provisions, &c.	75	00	Dec. 24, 1873
John Hughes & Co.	Spoons, plates, &c.	2,260	00	Dec. 24, 1873
R. Marwin & Sons.	Bedsteads, &c.	10	96	Dec. 24, 1873
Steer Brothers.	Oats and beans	95	50	Dec. 24, 1873
Wolff & Wells.	Blankets	141	09	Dec. 24, 1873
Solomon Hirsch.	Expenses Winnebago special agency.	1,950	00	Dec. 24, 1873
C. A. Hunt.	Services in 1869.	5,000	00	Dec. 24, 1873
H. Ballinger.	Transporting Indian supplies	68	00	Dec. 26, 1873
L. Speigelberg.	Hardware.	2,223	90	Dec. 26, 1873
Strong, Hackett & Chapin.	Blankets	171	77	Dec. 26, 1873
Gibson & Tyler.	Services in 1873.	435	20	Dec. 26, 1873
H. O'Neill.	Services as commissioner	240	00	Dec. 26, 1873
M. N. Chapman.	Clothing, &c.	216	66	Dec. 26, 1873
Vanderplank & Co.	Flour	439	75	Dec. 26, 1873
Lathrop & Brother.	Expenses Choctaw agency.	1,060	00	Dec. 26, 1873
A. Parsons.	Expenses Pima and Maricopa agency.	1,600	00	Dec. 27, 1873
J. H. Stout.	Expenses Pueblo agency.	3,044	00	Dec. 29, 1873
L. E. Dudley.	Expenses Sac and Fox agency.	500	00	Dec. 29, 1873
E. Hoag.	Amount of his account	1,982	09	Dec. 29, 1873
T. K. Cree.	Stationery	628	61	Dec. 29, 1873
Fisk Brothers.	Transporting Indian supplies.	29	50	Jan. 1, 1874
J. K. Moore.		1,833	55	Jan. 1, 1874

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Statement of the expenditures for the Indian service since July 1, 1873, &c.—Continued.

Names of claimants.	Object of expenditure.	Amount.	Date of issue of requisition in pay- ment, &c.	Remarks.
Walker Bros.	Flour.....	\$530 00	Jan. 1, 1874	
T. McF. Patton	Rent of office.....	280 00	Jan. 1, 1874	
Jules Ecoffey	Articles furnished Red Cloud.....	232 00	Jan. 1, 1874	
B. White	Expenses sale of land.....	937 15	Jan. 1, 1874	
J. D. Welsh	Transporting Indian shpplies.....	6 79	Jan. 1, 1874	
A. H. Wilder	do.....	72 50	Jan. 1, 1874	
C. Popper	Yoke of oxen.....	160 00	Jan. 1, 1874	
A. M. Rosborough	Expenses as commissioner.....	240 00	Jan. 1, 1874	
D. J. McCann	Transporting Indian goods, &c.....	4,283 86	Jan. 1, 1874	
E. P. Goodwin	Funds due as commissioner.....	174 25	Jan. 3, 1874	
Hill, Griggs & Co.	Coal and barrels.....	14 96	Jan. 3, 1874	
Saville, Warner & Co	Board of Crow Indian delegation.....	339 90	Jan. 3, 1874	
E. W. Bennet & Co.	Transporting Indian goods.....	7,932 72	Jan. 3, 1874	
S. T. Smith	do.....	380 98	Jan. 3, 1874	
W. B. Hooper & Co	Blankets.....	6,513 60	Jan. 5, 1874	
Clifford & Maxfield	Oats.....	288 23	Jan. 6, 1874	
John Dobson	Blankets.....	210 00	Jan. 6, 1874	
E. Welch	Hats.....	66 00	Jan. 6, 1874	
H. H. Powers	Board of Indian delegation.....	1,025 90	Jan. 7, 1874	
E. G. McClay & Co.	Supplies under contract.....	4,975 46	Jan. 7, 1874	
J. D. Welsh	Transporting Indian supplies.....	244 93	Jan. 7, 1874	
Dodd, Brown & Co.	Blankets.....	605 67	Jan. 7, 1874	
E. A. Howard	Expenses Whetstone agency.....	9,660 00	Jan. 7, 1874	
G. M. Dodge	Beef.....	10,266 80	Jan. 7, 1874	
King & Gillette	Office rent.....	70 00	Jan. 7, 1874	
T. S. Clarkson	Services and expenses as inspector.....	174 30	Jan. 8, 1874	
H. Dohle & Co	Shoes.....	260 75	Jan. 8, 1874	
E. C. Kemble	Expenses as Indian inspector.....	1,000 00	Jan. 10, 1874	
E. H. Roberts	Expenses Creek agency.....	1,050 00	Jan. 10, 1874	
C. D. Hurd	Expenses as Indian detective.....	106 00	Jan. 10, 1874	
William B. Hooper & Co	Goods, &c.....	1,193 21	Jan. 10, 1874	
Barrett & Smith	Surveying Indian reservations.....	23,281 99	Jan. 10, 1874	
Charles Adams	Expenses Los Pinos agency.....	11,488 78	Jan. 12, 1874	
C. A. Bateman	Expenses Walker River agency.....	4,975 47	Jan. 12, 1874	
Suspension recommended by board; account allowed in full by Secretary of Interior in accordance with the opinion of Assistant Attorney-General, dated December 31, 1873. (See paper marked G ¹ .)				
Not approved by board; allowed in full by the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with opinion of Assistant Attorney-General, dated January 3, 1873. (See paper marked B ¹ .)				

CONTRACTS, ETC., FOR THE INDIAN SERVICE.

William W. Alderson	Expenses Milk River agency	8, 598 65	Jan. 12, 1874
J. J. Critchlow	Expenses Uintah Valley agency	3, 246 75	Jan. 12, 1874
H. Linville	Expenses Malheur special agency	22, 041 66	Jan. 12, 1874
Sister M. Loretto	Board of Indian girl	150 00	Jan. 12, 1874
M. Charles	Amount of account at Green Bay agency	500 00	Jan. 13, 1874
A. Karkopot	do	600 00	Jan. 13, 1874
H. Samuel Miller	do	840 00	Jan. 13, 1874
Benjamin Pye (3d)	do	150 00	Jan. 13, 1874
Abram Pye	do	100 00	Jan. 13, 1874
Paul Pye	do	250 00	Jan. 13, 1874
Z. T. Peters	do	600 00	Jan. 13, 1874
A. E. Quinney	do	200 00	Jan. 13, 1874
J. Slingerland	do	900 00	Jan. 13, 1874
J. Thompson	do	100 00	Jan. 13, 1874
E. T. Williams	do	50 00	Jan. 13, 1874
John Yocom	do	100 00	Jan. 13, 1874
J. B. Jones	Expenses Cherokee agency	40, 916 01	Jan. 14, 1874
F. S. Hall	Amount of his disbursements	490 91	Jan. 14, 1874
J. M. Barney	Subsistence	761 27	Jan. 17, 1874
William Vandever	Services as inspector	252 72	Jan. 17, 1874
A. H. Wilder	Amount of his account heretofore suspended	109 06	Jan. 17, 1874
Nelson, Story & Co	Supplies for Crow Indians	3, 120 23	Jan. 17, 1874
G. M. Dodge	Flour	2, 880 00	Jan. 17, 1874
C. H. Lord	Services	132 00	Jan. 17, 1874
P. A. Largey	Flour	4, 149 71	Jan. 17, 1874
Suger Brothers	Furniture, &c	654 80	Jan. 17, 1874
R. H. Langwill	Medicine	5 25	Jan. 17, 1874
A. M. Seabo	Services	158 48	Jan. 17, 1874
J. G. Gassmann	Expenses Yankton agency	7, 923 00	Jan. 17, 1874
T. S. Clarkson	Expenses and services as inspector	262 45	Jan. 17, 1874
J. D. Bevere	do	399 12	Jan. 19, 1874
C. Aaron	Amount of account at Green Bay agency	30 00	Jan. 19, 1874
T. S. Branch	do	10 00	Jan. 19, 1874
D. Charles	do	100 00	Jan. 19, 1874
J. L. Chicks	do	200 00	Jan. 19, 1874
J. Davids	do	50 00	Jan. 19, 1874
S. Davids	do	100 00	Jan. 19, 1874
H. E. Howe	do	21 00	Jan. 19, 1874
T. Jordan and wife	do	600 00	Jan. 19, 1874
M. Miller	do	100 00	Jan. 19, 1874
M. L. Martin	do	1, 000 00	Jan. 19, 1874
Z. Miller	do	25 00	Jan. 19, 1874
S. S. Metexen	do	25 00	Jan. 19, 1874
Z. T. Peters	do	50 00	Jan. 19, 1874
E. Pier	do	3, 000 00	Jan. 19, 1874
Upham & Russell	do	1, 007 00	Jan. 19, 1874
J. Slingerland	do	150 00	Jan. 19, 1874
S. Alcaraz	Services as laborer	12 00	Jan. 19, 1874
Beaupre & Kelly	Oil	45 76	Jan. 19, 1874
R. L Bryant	Services	25 00	Jan. 19, 1874
L. Coruz	do	17 00	Jan. 19, 1874
Harris & Crosby	Shoeing horses, &c	9 75	Jan. 19, 1874

CONTRACTS, ETC., FOR THE INDIAN SERVICE.

Statement of the expenditures for the Indian service since July 1, 1873, &c.—Continued.

Names of claimants:	Object of expenditure.	Amount.	Date of issue of requisition in payment, &c.	Remarks.
J. Wright.....	Expenses Crow agency.....	\$24,750 00	Jan. 19, 1874	
L. E. Dudley.....	Expenses New Mexico superintendency.....	25,750 00	Jan. 19, 1874	
Hon. C. Delano.....	Placed to his credit as trustee for Indians.....	4,428 11	Jan. 20, 1874	
C. W. Hoffman.....	Supplies in May, 1873.....	538 75	Jan. 20, 1874	
J. Maibee.....	Services.....	11 00	Jan. 20, 1874	
José Ma Villa.....	do.....	45 00	Jan. 20, 1874	
Strong, Hackett & Chapin.....	Hardware.....	71 66	Jan. 20, 1874	
A. H. Wilder.....	Transporting Indian goods.....	2,755 22	Jan. 20, 1874	
C. H. Nichols.....	Board, &c., of Indian girl.....	84 18	Jan. 20, 1874	
L. Harden.....	Beef.....	90 72	Jan. 20, 1874	
A. W. Kelly.....	Transporting Indian supplies.....	120 53	Jan. 20, 1874	
M. F. Kennedy & Bro.....	Material, tools, &c.....	123 80	Jan. 20, 1874	
Nelson Story.....	Beef.....	3,497 93	Jan. 20, 1874	
B. White, jr.....	Beef and flour.....	272 69	Jan. 20, 1874	
G. M. Dodge.....	Beef.....	10,668 38	Jan. 20, 1874	
George W. Howe.....	Beef furnished June, 1873.....	398 64	Jan. 20, 1874	
W. B. Hooper & Co.....	Medical supplies, &c.....	3,114 77	Jan. 20, 1874	
D. P. Thompson.....	Surveying Indian reservations.....	2,989 76	Jan. 20, 1874	
H. D. Robinson.....	Telegrams sent and received.....	13 00	Jan. 22, 1874	
W. B. Hugus.....	Bacon, coffee, and sugar.....	890 00	Jan. 22, 1874	
J. Keigan and William Schurpee.....	Beef.....	770 26	Jan. 22, 1874	
Tootle & Maul.....	Flannel shirts, &c.....	61 03	Jan. 22, 1874	
E. J. Baker & Co.....	Supplies, &c.....	1,087 00	Jan. 22, 1874	
J. D. Welsh.....	Transporting Indian goods.....	53 68	Jan. 22, 1874	
W. W. Black.....	Services.....	39 13	Jan. 22, 1874	
George W. Basom.....	do.....	39 13	Jan. 22, 1874	
M. Ryder.....	Powder, shot, &c.....	137 50	Jan. 22, 1874	
J. W. Daniels.....	Services as Indian inspector.....	1,500 00	Jan. 23, 1874	
G. W. Ingalls.....	Expenses Pi-Ute Agency.....	5,225 00	Jan. 23, 1874	

RECAPITULATION.

Sheet No. 1.....	\$263,399 17	Sheet No. 10.....	\$325,603 68
2.....	314,608 46	11.....	204,502 29
3.....	195,261 48	12.....	206,381 16
4.....	237,167 85	13.....	309,750 89
5.....	386,317 93	14.....	133,534 66
6.....	212,301 41	15.....	203,092 75
7.....	433,882 52	16.....	106,785 97
8.....	342,386 41	Total.....	4,635 602 00
9.....	740,625 37		

A.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, October 11, 1873.

SIR: The accompanying accounts of G. M. Dodge, for \$17,095.45 and \$4,243.44, respectively, have been returned to the Department with the following indorsement, viz:

"Examined and suspended for the reasons stated in letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated September 20, 1873, and in letter to the honorable Secretary of the Interior, dated September 26, 1873."

This indorsement was doubtless intended to be signed by a member of the executive committee of the board of Indian commissioners, and I have treated it as though it was, in fact, signed, although the signature is omitted.

The accounts are rendered for beef-cattle delivered to the Red Cloud and Green River Indian agencies, and were approved and allowed by the Indian Office on the 19th of July last.

After due consideration of the facts, I fail to perceive that the accounts in question can be properly included in the class of vouchers presented for supplies furnished to the Whetstone agency.

It is not shown that the cattle for which Agents Daniels and Palmer received were not all delivered by the contractor in good faith, or that they were not, in fact, called for by the agent.

In this critical financial period, when business men certainly need their money, I do not think it right to refuse payment of what appears to be an honest demand, simply because a wrong has probably been done at some other agency.

I think that the accounts should be paid, and, under the authority conferred upon the Secretary of the Interior by the first section of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1871, the action of the executive committee suspending said accounts is set aside, and they are hereby allowed.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. H. SMITH,
Acting Secretary.

B.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, October 28, 1873.

SIR: I have examined the account of A. H. Wilder, No. 1431, for \$80,685.56, for beef-cattle delivered at the Red Cloud and Whetstone Indian agencies. The board of Indian commissioners allowed \$33,999.45 of the same, and suspended the remainder, and expressed the opinion that such balance would be payable "in installments, October 15, November 1, 15, and 30, provided that the last installment be not paid until the agent's certificate shows on the 30th November that none of these cattle have been lost by death, stampede, theft, or otherwise."

The board also expressed the opinion that the receiving of the cattle under the contract and at the times stated in the account was an unlawful act, and declined to be a party to "any such transaction."

It seems to be conceded that all the cattle were, in fact, delivered as stated in the account. The only objection urged is that they were delivered in advance of the times called for by the contract.

The proposals, which made a part of the contract, called for 5,000,000 pounds for each of the agencies at Red Cloud and Whetstone, to be delivered in equal proportions on the 1st and 15th of each month of the fiscal year. The Commissioner, however, reserved "the right to increase or diminish the quantity of any of the articles which the bidder or bidders propose to furnish."

The contract stipulated that such increase or decrease should not exceed 25 per cent.

The deliveries that were made exceeded the 25 per cent. somewhat. They were made in accordance with a custom that has prevailed at Indian agencies, especially in the summer months, of delivering and receiving more than the exact quota. This custom is alleged to be beneficial to the Government, inasmuch as pasture is then generally abundant, and the cattle thrive and increase in weight at comparatively no expense. Whether this be so or no, I am unable to say. The question of time in contracts is not, in general, of the essence of the contract. It may be, and very often is, waived by the parties, and when waived the contract cannot properly be said to have been violated. In the case now under consideration I do not think there has been any

violation of the contract, or that the conduct of the contractor has been such as to justify withholding his compensation from him.

In view of the former practice, if it is thought best to stand on the letter of the contract, and require delivery strictly in accordance with contract stipulations, I would recommend that the contractors and agents be notified that such will be the rule, and that they will be required in future to govern themselves accordingly.

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

W. H. SMITH,
Assistant Attorney-General.

Hon. B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

B 1.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D. C., January 3, 1874.

SIR: I have examined the account of G. M. Dodge, No. 1741, for the sum of \$10,266.80, and for beef-cattle delivered at the Yankton Indian agency.

I am of opinion that the same should be allowed, and for my reasons therefor refer to my letter of the 28th of October last, relating to account No. 1431 of A. H. Wilder.

Very respectfully,

W. H. SMITH,
Assistant Attorney-General.

Hon. B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary Interior.

C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., October 11, 1873.

SIR: I return herewith the account of J. Q. Shirley for \$700, being the amount due him for ten horses, purchased by Agent Savile for immediate use at Red Cloud agency.

The voucher in this case is indorsed by the executive committee, "Examined and suspended, because this purchase of horses was unnecessary, while the cattle were delivered according to contract."

The horses referred to appear to have been purchased by the Indian agent, by order of Indian inspector J. W. Daniels, to whom instructions had been given for their purchase, and as their sale by Mr. Shirley was made in good faith, and they were required for "immediate use," and as some discretion must be allowed to the agent, I am of opinion that he should be paid for them.

The action of the executive committee is, therefore, set aside, and the account hereby approved.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. H. SMITH,
Acting Secretary.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

D.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D. C., October 30, 1873.

SIR: I have examined the account of D. J. McCann, No. 1559, for \$11,658.93, for transporting supplies and goods for the Indian Bureau from Cheyenne to the new Red Cloud agency. It seems to be made out in due form, and is strictly in accordance with the terms of a contract entered into by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the said McCann, on the 20th instant, and approved by the Acting Secretary of the Interior on the 25th instant.

The Board of Indian Commissioners have approved of \$9,377.43 only of said account.

They object to the balance for reasons which induced them to disapprove of the said contract when submitted to them for approval, or otherwise before it had been acted

upon by the Secretary of the Interior. It was entirely proper for them to submit their reasons for disapproval to the Secretary of the Interior for his consideration when he should act upon the matter; but the Secretary of the Interior is by law authorized to overrule the objections of the board, and having done so, and approved the contract, it seems to me that the only questions that could properly arise thereafter are those relating to a compliance with the contract, and not those which relate to the expediency or propriety of having entered into it.

I find that the account presented is justly due to McCann according to his contract, and I advise that the objections of the board be overruled, and that his entire claim be allowed.

Very respectfully,

W. H. SMITH,
Assistant Attorney-General.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

October 29, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to be in receipt, by reference from your Department, of a communication from Hon. Nathan Bishop, dated the 27th instant, returning an account in favor of D. J. McCann, amounting to \$11,658.93, the same being for transportation of Indian goods and supplies, from Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, to the new Red Cloud agency, approving said account for \$9,377.43, and giving his reasons for disallowing the balance.

The matter having been referred to this office for a report and statement of the facts in the case, I have respectfully to state, referring to office report of the 25th instant, that the account in question is correct and just, and strictly in accordance with the contract made by this office with Mr. McCann on the 20th instant, and approved by your Department on the 25th of the present month.

The papers in the case are herewith returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. P. SMITH,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., October 25, 1873.

SIR: I have received your communication of to-day, returning to this Department with explanations the contract entered into with Mr. D. J. McCann, of Nebraska, by the Indian Office for the transportation of freight to the Red Cloud agency, under date of 20th instant; also accompanying papers, which were referred to you for report on the 20th and 24th instants, in relation to the same subject.

For the reasons stated by you in your communication above referred to, I have approved and return, herewith, the contract of Mr. McCann.

The letter of Mr. McCann, which was inclosed with the papers, is also herewith returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., October 25, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt, through Department reference, of a communication of Hon. Nathan Bishop, of Board of Indian Commissioners, returning the contract made by this Office with D. J. McCann, of Nebraska, for transportation of freight to Red Cloud agency, disapproving of the same; and, in reply, have the honor to say that this new contract is rendered necessary by the removal of the agency from the point to which the previous contract carries the freight, and also because the additional distance to be traveled over is a more difficult road for freighting, and, therefore, cannot be carried at an increase of compensation proportional only to the increased distance.

Mr. Bishop objects to this contract that it increases the rates over the distance already contracted for, and to obviate this objection he suggests that the contract be at the increased rate only from the old agency to the new.

This objection seems to be founded on the supposition that it is practicable to load a train from Cheyenne to the old agency and there have the goods received for and re-loaded upon another train in such quantities as can be carried over the difficult roads.

But the facts are that there is no storage and no person to receipt for goods at the old agency, so that there can be no change of freight on the train from the time it leaves Cheyenne until it is delivered at the present agency.

This necessitates, according to Mr. McCann's statement, a lighter loading for the train over the whole distance, and therefore fairly increases the compensation for the whole distance per 100 pounds.

The present agency of Red Cloud is near the old Spotted Tail agency. We have, therefore, a basis of computation upon which a judgment may be formed as to reasonable rates for this freighting. Owing to their sandy character, the road-beds become worse by use. The actual cost of the contractor freighting over these roads will be greater this year than at any previous time; but, by the proposed contract, the cost is less than that which freight has ever been carried for the Government over this road.

The delay in this transportation up to this time has been occasioned by uncertainty as to the location, for which neither the contractor nor this Office is in any way responsible, the Indians having prevented its removal for several months by force.

The season is now far advanced. Winter freights will be 50 per cent. higher than summer, and will be attended with uncertainty as to delivery.

For this reason I respectfully request that Mr. McCann's contract may be approved.

Letter of Hon. Nathan Bishop is herewith returned, and a copy of the letter of the contractor setting forth the facts in the case is furnished.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWD. P. SMITH,
Commissioner.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

D.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 13, 1873.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to state that on May 28, 1873, I entered into a contract with the honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the transportation of Indian annuity goods and supplies from Cheyenne to the Red Cloud Indian agency, a distance of 132 miles, at \$1.20 per 100 pounds for one hundred miles, said contract extending from July 1, 1873, to July 1, 1874. On the 27th day of July, 1873, the Red Cloud agency was removed from the location on the Platte River to a point 80 miles farther north on the White River. The route from the old agency to the new lies over a barren divide, dry and sandy. The distance actually traveled is over 100 miles, trains having to vary from a direct line to avoid heavy sand and obtain water for animals. The road is heavy, and teams carrying 7,000 pounds to the old agency carry but 5,500 to 6,000 pounds to the new. Sub-contractors demand 25 per cent. advance for transportation the increased distance.

During the years 1871 and 1872 the Department paid me \$1.75 per 100 pounds for 100 miles over this route when carrying supplies to the Whetstone Indian agency, I therefore respectfully request that I be allowed the same rate per 100 pounds per 100 miles under my existing contract, for the reasons herein set forth.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. J. MCCANN.

Hon. H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

E.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., October 11, 1873.

SIR: The account of J. W. Slavens, in the sum of \$6,388.20 for beef-cattle delivered to the Crow Creek Indian agency, D. T., has been returned to the Department with the following indorsement thereon: "Examined and suspended on the ground that the cattle were not delivered according to contract."

The executive committee of the Board of Indian Commissioners decline to approve this voucher on the ground that the quantity of beef is in excess of that stipulated in the contracts to be delivered at one time.

Mr. Slavens's contract requires him to deliver cattle on the 1st and middle of each

month. The Government reserved the right to increase or diminish the quantity stated in the advertisement.

As the quantity delivered was not very much in excess of what would be required per month to fill the contract, taking the quantity stated in the advertisement as what would be needed, and as there is no pretence that the cattle were not called for by the agent, or actually delivered by the contractor, and as there is nothing to show any bad faith on the part of the contractor, I am of opinion that the suspension should be removed and the account paid.

The action of the executive committee is therefore set aside, and the account approved.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. H. SMITH,
Acting Secretary.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

F

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., November 15, 1873.

SIR: I have examined the account of P. H. Kelly, (voucher No. 1459) for \$18,800, being for corn furnished September 29, 1873, to the Indian agent at the Milk River Indian agency in Montana.

The corn was delivered, as the voucher indicates, and under the following circumstances:

Kelly had, at a former date, made a contract with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, by which he was to deliver a certain amount of flour at said agency. The Commissioner, upon the representations of Mr. Cree, secretary of the board of Indian commissioners, and others, and upon personal knowledge on the subject, became convinced that it would be for the interest of the Indians to receive corn in lieu of some portion of the flour contracted for. He thereupon requested Mr. Kelly to deliver corn instead of a portion of the flour which he had agreed to deliver.

The price for the corn was the lowest market price in the Sioux City market, with the freight to agency added.

This arrangement was made late in the season, and with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The Commissioner, having determined that the good of the service required the substitution of corn for flour, as above set forth, was of opinion that the "public exigency" was such as to require the purchase of the corn without advertisement, (12 Stat., 220, sec. 10.) His reasons were—

1st. That the rate of transportation on the Upper Mississippi was rapidly increasing.

2d. That immediate shipment should be made, or the corn would not reach the agency before the close of navigation; and,

3d. That the contractor was purchasing and shipping flour to satisfy his contract, and that it became necessary to give him immediate notice, or it would be too late to procure corn instead of flour.

In this view, I understand, the Secretary of the Interior concurred.

Mr. Kelly's account has been approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, but disapproved by the board of Indian commissioners.

The board disapprove of it because the change from flour to corn was made without the formality, accompanying the original contract, of submitting the same to the board for its approval, and without advertisement.

Conceding that ordinary contracts should be submitted to the board for their approval, or otherwise, I am of opinion that "when immediate or performance is required by the public exigency," contracts may be made without such submission and without advertisement, and that the officers authorized to make such contracts are the judges of the question whether such "public exigency" exist, and that their decision thereon is conclusive, provided they act in good faith.

The foregoing views are applicable to the following accounts, to wit: P. H. Kelly, No. 1447, for \$4,025; ditto, No. 1543, for \$6,037.46; ditto, No. 1518, for \$1,905.12, and James E. Booge, No. 1503, for \$33,854.37, all of which, together with the one first herein named, I recommend for approval.

Very respectfully,

W. H. SMITH,
Assistant Attorney-General.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., November 8, 1873.

SIR: Referring to office report of the 3d instant, relative to certain accounts in favor of P. H. Kelly for corn furnished by him for the Indian service, I have the honor to state further, for the information of the Department, that having determined that the good of the service demanded that the corn should be furnished in lieu of some of the flour contracted for, the exigencies of the case were considered sufficient to require the purchase to be made in open market for the following reasons, viz:

1st. The rate of transportation on the Upper Missouri was increasing monthly, and the quantity needed for Fort Peck had to be shipped without delay that it might reach its destination before the close of navigation.

2d. The flour contractors were purchasing and shipping flour under their contracts, and the change, if made at all, had to be made at once, in order that the corn might be received and issued as a part ration with the flour.

In conclusion, I would say that making the purchase from such contractors was not a favor to them; on the contrary, their consent to furnish corn in lieu of flour was a favor to this office, and procured upon its solicitation.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWD. P. SMITH,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
November 3, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to be in receipt, by reference from the Department, of a communication from the Hon. Nathan Bishop, acting chairman of the executive committee of the board of Indian commissioners, dated the 18th ultimo, returning, disapproved, for reasons stated, accounts in favor of P. H. Kelly—\$4,025 and \$18,800 : in all, \$22,825—the same being for corn furnished, under authority of this office, for the Indian service at the Cheyenne and Milk River agencies.

The facts regarding the purchase of the corn in question are these: Mr. Cree, secretary of the board of Indian commissioners, advised me that he knew from personal observation that the Indians belonging to the Red Cloud agency desired corn with their subsistence stores, in lieu of some of the flour usually furnished them; that he had known them to trade flour for corn at a sacrifice, and he was satisfied it was the same at other agencies. The Office thereupon directed the flour-contractors to reduce the quantity of flour stipulated in their contract to be delivered at the respective Sioux agencies, and at the Milk River agency, and also submitted the question to the agents at those agencies as to whether corn would be preferred and in lieu of some of the flour contracted to be delivered for the Indians in their charge. Some of these agents advised the Office that the change would be desirable, and others informed me personally, when at their agencies last summer, to the same effect. It is true that some of them reported to the office that corn was not required. This was owing, however, to the fact that at that time there were no mills at their agencies for manufacturing the corn into meal. Being satisfied that the best interests of the Indians, and of the service, demanded that some corn should be furnished to certain agencies, I made arrangements with the flour-contractors to furnish the same in lieu of a portion of the flour contracted to be delivered by them. The price to be allowed for the corn so furnished was as low as corn could be delivered at the agencies, and was, in fact, the lowest market price at Sioux City, with freight from that point to the respective agencies added.

This Office does not consider that Mr. Kelly's contract has been changed, except as far as the quantity of flour to be delivered under it is concerned; and in this respect, I respectfully submit that the Office has the right to modify any contract for Indian supplies, should the interests of the service demand. The corn was not purchased under that or any other contract, but was, in fact, bought in open market at a fair price; and the only reason why the purchase was made from the flour-contractors, was because they were entitled to some consideration, on account of having the quantity of flour contracted to be delivered by them reduced sufficiently to enable the Department to pay for the corn purchased.

The papers in the case, inclosed with Department reference of the 21st ultimo, are herewith returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. P. SMITH,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

F 1.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington November 22, 1873.

SIR: I have examined the accompanying account of G. M. Dodge, No. 1636, referred to me on the 20th instant, for corn furnished for delivery at the Whetstone Indian agency, Dakota Territory, amounting to \$7,551.79, and am of opinion that said account should be approved, in accordance with the views expressed in my letter of the 15th instant in relation to the similar accounts of P. H. Kelly, a copy of which is herewith inclosed.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. H. SMITH,
Assistant Attorney-General.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

F 2.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, December 9, 1873.

SIR: I have examined the account of G. M. Dodge, No. 1709, for \$4,430.38, being for transporting corn delivered at the Whetstone agency, and am of opinion that the same should be allowed, and for reasons therefor refer to my letter of the 22d November last, relating to an account of the said Dodge, No. 1636.

Very respectfully,

W. H. SMITH,
Assistant Attorney-General.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

G.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, December 3, 1873.

SIR: I have examined the account of D. J. McCann, No. 1647, for \$7,472.57, for transporting supplies and goods for the Indian Bureau, from Cheyenne to the new Red Cloud agency, under his contract made with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on the 20th of October last, and approved by the Acting Secretary of the Interior on the 25th of the same month.

The board of Indian commissioners rejected the account because the distance charged for (212 miles) is greater than the actual distance, and it submitted the affidavits of several persons tending to show that the actual distance does not exceed 183 miles.

The distance never having been measured, it is more or less conjectural. The contracting parties, for the purpose doubtless of avoiding the uncertainty that would arise from leaving the subject open, have fixed the distance in the contract at 212 miles. This, in my opinion, is conclusive, and payment should be made upon that basis. I advise an allowance of the account, and in this connection refer to my letter of the 30th of October ultimo, relating to the account of said McCann, No. 1559, growing out of said contract.

Very respectfully,

W. H. SMITH,
Assistant Attorney-General.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., November 26, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to be in receipt, by reference from the Department, of a communication from Hon. Nathan Bishop, of the executive committee of the board of Indian commissioners, dated the 21st instant, returning suspended, for reasons stated, the account of D. J. McCann for transporting Indian goods and supplies from Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, to the new Red Cloud agency; under his contract of October 18, 1873, amounting to \$7,472.57. Mr. Bishop also incloses the affidavits of certain parties

relative to the distance between Cheyenne and said agency, tending to show that it is not so great as that fixed in Mr. McCann's contract.

The matter having been referred for the views of this Office, I would respectfully state that the distance from Cheyenne to the old Red Cloud agency has, since the establishment of that agency in 1871, been understood to be 132 miles, it having been so reported by the agent in charge when the agency was established, and all transportation since that time has been paid for on that basis. The distance from the old to the new agency was estimated by late agent Daniels to be 80 miles, but Mr. McCann claims that it is considerably more than that, owing to the fact that loaded teams are obliged to travel a more circuitous route than the one traveled by the late agent. These two distances, however, were taken as a basis for the entire distance, which was fixed in the contract at 212 miles, and this distance, in the opinion of this Office, is as near correct as can be determined without actual measurement.

It should be borne in mind, in considering this question, that the distances referred to are estimated only; that different persons would naturally have different views regarding them; that the actual distance between Cheyenne and the present Red Cloud agency may be more and it may be less than that designated in the contract; and that parties who submitted bids for transportation to the old agency did so with the understanding that the distance was 132 miles.

I inclose herewith a communication from Mr. McCann in regard to this matter, and respectfully invite attention to the fact therein stated relative to the price paid by late Commissioner Walker, who had traveled the entire distance, for transportation to the old Whetstone agency, which is near the location of the new Red Cloud agency, and also to the statement that the parties taking affidavits of other persons—freighters—who have made the distance greater than of those presented, and that all action in the matter has been *ex parte*, and designedly so.

The papers inclosed with Department reference of the 24th instant are herewith returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWARD P. SMITH,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

G 1.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, December 9, 1873.

SIR: I have examined the account of D. J. McCann, No. 1694, for \$6,366.62, being for transporting supplies from Cheyenne to the new Red Cloud agency. I advise allowance of said claim, and for reasons therefor refer to my letter of the 3d instant.

Very respectfully,

W. H. SMITH,
Assistant Attorney-General.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

G 2.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, December 31, 1873.

SIR: I have examined the account of D. J. McCann, No. 1749, for \$4,283.86, for transporting supplies from Cheyenne to the new Red Cloud agency. I advise allowance of said claim, and for reasons therefor refer to my letter of the 3d instant.

Very respectfully,

W. H. SMITH,
Assistant Attorney-General.

Hon. B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

H.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, December 4, 1873.

SIR: I have examined the account of A. H. Wilder, rejected by the board of Indian commissioners, and for the sum of \$77,910, and numbered 1629. This account is for

cows, oxen, &c., furnished to sundry agencies of the Sioux Indians. The explanation and answer to the objections of the board, by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, is satisfactory to my mind, and I advise an allowance of the claim.

Very respectfully,

W. H. SMITH,
Assistant Attorney-General.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., November 28, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by Department reference of November 24, of letter of November 22 from Geo. H. Stuart, chairman of executive committee of board of Indian commissioners, returning the account of A. H. Wilder for stock delivered to the different agencies in Dakota.

Mr. Stuart declines to allow this account, for eleven (11) reasons.

"First. That I do not consider the contract a legal one, having been made without consulting the board of Indian commissioners, while the law expressly requires that they be consulted in all purchases for Indians."

In reply I have to say that at the time of making the contract I did not understand the law to require consultation to such an extent as to render it *unlawful* on my part to make a purchase without such consultation, but supposed that whatever purchase I made without such consultation was at my own risk, for future justification before the board examining the accounts.

Since the creation of the board, purchases have been continually made by this Office without consultation, (such consultation, by the practice of the Office and the board, having been required only on the purchase of annuity goods and supplies,) and, so far as I know, this has been done without protest on the part of the board. Accounts are now, almost daily, being approved by the board to pay for articles in the purchase of which it has had no consultation, and, in many cases, could not have had without great damage to the service by delay.

Mr. Stuart's second reason for disallowing the account is as follows: "I do not see that any exigency of the public service required its purchase, either by private contract (without advertising and competition) or by purchase in the open market."

To this I have to say that the exigency was, to my mind, very clear. The Indians have had this promise of the Government before them for the last six years, and have been insisting that the failure to furnish them with cows and oxen was a violation of treaty-stipulations on the part of the Government. This was one of the first matters of importance presented to me in urgent letters from agents on my entering upon the duties of Commissioner, but I found no proper data in the Office on which to proceed to procure the stock. Further inquiry from agents was needed, and in some cases these inquiries, for want of positive answers, were made a second time. Further delay was occasioned by the doubt of the Department as to whether the treaty-fund for the purchase was not applicable. From these causes it was past midsummer (July 19) before this contract could be made. It was very desirable that the Indians should be stimulated to cut hay for these cattle by seeing them actually upon the ground, as no promise of the agent that they were coming would be sufficient after being disappointed so many seasons in their expectations. My purpose was to have these cattle delivered at once, but I found in the attempt that this was impracticable. They were to be gathered from farmers in Minnesota, one or two at a place, there being no large market for cattle in the State. They were also to be driven a long distance, making ten or twelve miles a day; and, though the contractor set about procuring the cattle immediately on receiving the order, and used all reasonable diligence, as I have reason to believe, he was not able to make the final delivery until October 11. Events show that, if I had taken time to consult the board and advertise before purchasing, the cattle could not have been taken across the Missouri River nor driven over the country this season.

Mr. Stuart's third objection is: "I do not think the intent of the law was to permit private contract or purchase in the open market of large sums, which in this case amounts to \$77,900."

In reply, I respectfully suggest that the question of exigency is not to be decided by the amount of expenditure. If there was not an exigency to justify a purchase to this amount without advertising, then a smaller expenditure would have been alike unlawful.

The fourth objection is, "That an exigency of the public service that would permit of so large a purchase must be an unquestionable one."

To this I reply that I believe the exigency, as stated above, was unquestionable.

Mr. Stuart objects, fifthly: "The treaty under which I am informed this purchase of

stock was made was that of 1867, and if the Indians and the public service have gotten along for so many years without this stock, I do not think the brief period necessary for advertising and receiving proposals would have been detrimental to the Indians or the Indian service." This objection has already been considered with the second. I will only add further, that to have consulted the board and advertised for proposals, and awarded the contract, according to office experience, would have taken at least two months, which would entirely have prevented the delivery of the cattle this season, as events have shown. The fact that the Indians have got along without the stock promised them by treaty, for six years, is no reason at all why they should not have them this year, according to the treaty, if it was practicable.

Mr. Stuart objects, sixthly: "I have been informed that one of the agents who received large quantity of stock at the contract price (but not certified as delivered on the contract) will not take any of the cows, oxen, or bulls to his agency before spring." To this I reply that the Whetstone agency is the one here referred to. The cattle for this agency were purchased on Agent Howard's special and urgent request to me by letter and personally; but at that time he was making arrangements to remove his agency from the barren tract of country in which it still continues to a grass country nearer the Missouri River. All arrangements for freight for the erection of a mill and other improvements were made on the expectation of removal; but when the time came, Spotted Tail peremptorily refused to remove, or to allow the agent to do so, and the good intentions for this agency were frustrated for the present by the action of the Indians. But this was a matter that could not have been foreseen, and for which no one is accountable but the Indians themselves. The cows are being herded for the winter, and their increase in the spring, if no harm comes to them, will more than repay the cost of keeping; the oxen will be on hand for spring-work, which could not have been the case except that they were purchased last summer.

Mr. Stuart, seventhly: "I am informed that a Government official who saw the stock said the price paid for stallions and bulls is far above their actual value." This objection is too indefinite to admit of a specific reply. I only add that I saw a portion of the stock, as also did the honorable Secretary of the Interior, and I have reason to think that said Government official is mistaken in his judgment. It should be further stated that, in the selection of stock of this kind, there will necessarily be considerable diversity of actual value, and that in a contract covering so many animals, there may be some delivered at one or more of the agencies that are not equal to the prices given on the average, while there will be others that are worth more.

Mr. Stuart's eighth objection is: "I question the propriety of receiving so large a quantity of stock so late in the season, involving the expense of wintering and danger of loss." To this I have to say that while the delivery of stock was much later than I anticipated, yet I am satisfied that it was made at the earliest date practicable after the order of purchase was given, and that if the contract had not been in this manner, it could not have been executed at all this year. The expense and danger of loss in wintering is not increased by the late delivery of cattle. That expense and danger belong only to the number and severity of the winter months.

Mr. Stuart's ninth objection is: "The order for the stock having been given some three or four months prior to its delivery, I think there was abundance of time for advertising and competition."

This objection seems to be answered by my statements on the eighth. If the delivery was found too late on a contract made without waiting to advertise, how could there be abundance of time to make the delivery after taking a month or six weeks for advertising?

Mr. Stuart objects tenthly: "None of the agents certified as to the kind and quality of the stock delivered, and there is no evidence before me that any of the requirements of the contract were complied with."

In reply I have to say that some of the agents do certify to the kind and quality of the stock delivered, and in all they certify to the number and condition of those delivered, and there is no reasonable doubt as to the honest fulfillment of the contract on the part of Mr. Wilder.

My answer to the eleventh objection, viz: "I find, in some cases, the agent receipts for saddles, bridles, blankets, &c.; in others, these articles are included in the price of the animal," is, that each stallion was delivered with a halter, bridle, and blanket, and, no charge being made for them, the agents have not receipted for them. For two agencies, viz: Ponca and Whetstone, additional bridles and blankets were delivered for the use of the agencies, and for them the agents have given receipts, and Mr. Wilder has made a reasonable charge.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDW. P. SMITH,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

I.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, December 10, 1873.

SIR: I have examined account No. 1685, of G. M. Dodge, for beef-cattle delivered at the Yankton Indian agency, and amounting to \$9,701.49.

The objection urged by the board of Indian commissioners is identical with that made to the account of A. H. Wilder, referred to in my letter of the 28th of October, to the Acting Secretary of the Interior. I call attention to that communication, and, for the reasons therein stated, advise that the claim now under consideration be allowed.

Very respectfully,

W. H. SMITH,
Assistant Attorney-General.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
December 9, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by reference from the Department, of a communication from the Hon. Nathan Bishop, of the executive committee board of Indian commissioners, dated the 2d instant, returning, for reasons stated, an account, No. 1685, in favor of G. M. Dodge, for beef-cattle delivered at the Yankton Indian agency, amounting to \$9,701.49.

The matter having been referred to this Office for a report, I respectfully return the account and accompanying papers, and invite attention to a former decision of the honorable Assistant Attorney-General, dated October 28, 1873, regarding similar accounts, and to recommend that the account be approved in full.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.