

INTERPRETER AT KLAMATH AGENCY, OREGON.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

A letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, asking for an interpreter for Snake Indians at Klamath agency, Oregon.

JANUARY 20, 1876.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 19, 1876.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication addressed to this Department, under date of 15th instant, by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, upon the subject of the necessity existing at the Klamath agency for an interpreter for the Wolpahpe Snake Indians, who are by treaty-stipulation entitled to such service. A copy of the letter of Agent Dyar upon the subject, noted in the letter of the Commissioner, is also herewith inclosed.

The matter is respectfully presented to Congress for its favorable consideration, in order that provision may be made in the appropriation bill providing for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department for the ensuing fiscal year, for the expense incident to the service indicated.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Z. CHANDLER,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 15, 1876.

SIR: I have the honor to present herewith copy of a letter from L. S. Dyar, United States Indian agent for the Klamath agency, Oregon, dated the 22d ultimo, in which he refers to the fact that the act making appropriations for the Indian service for the present fiscal year provides pay for only one interpreter at his agency, while heretofore provision has been made for two; stating that in consequence of this reduction the

Indians, as well as the agent, have suffered much inconvenience, and requests this Office to use its influence to secure the necessary appropriation for the two interpreters—one for the benefit of the Klamath and Modoc Indians, and the other for the Wolpahpe Snakes.

Agent Dyar's statement that two interpreters are needed for the Indians under his charge, is undoubtedly true. The treaty with the Wolpahpe Snake Indians (Stat., vol. 14, p. 683) stipulates that the United States shall furnish one for their benefit; and while the treaty with the Klamaths and Modocs does not contain a like stipulation, (Stats., vol. 16, p. 707,) provision has been made for pay of two up to the 1st July, 1874, and this Office continued to estimate for two until last year, when it asked Congress to provide pay for only one, because that body dropped one out of the Indian appropriation act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875.

In view of the representations of Agent Dyar, I deem it proper to respectfully request that the matter be submitted to Congress with the recommendation that provision be made for pay of two interpreters at said agency.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. Q. SMITH,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

KLAMATH AGENCY, OREGON,
December 22, 1875.

SIR: I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that by treaty the Indians of this agency are entitled to *two* interpreters—one for the Klamath and Modocs, and one for the Wol-pah-pe Snakes; and ever since the date of the treaty with the Snakes until the present fiscal year, provision has been made for the two.

The last appropriation act of Congress made provision for the pay of only one interpreter for this agency, and in consequence the Indians, as well as the agent, have suffered much inconvenience.

The interpreter for the Klamaths and Modocs is needed continually at Klamath agency proper, while one for the Wol-pah-pe Snakes is equally needed at Yainax station, which is forty miles from the agency, and at which place the Wol-pah-pe Snakes are located, and receive their annuities and supplies.

I very respectfully and most earnestly request that you use your influence in securing to these Indians for the next fiscal year the salaries for the two interpreters to which they are entitled by treaty, and which are so much needed.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

L. S. DYAR,
United States Indian Agent.

Hon. COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C.