

REMOVAL OF WEEMINUCHE INDIANS.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RELATIVE TO

The removal of the Weeminuche Indian agency to the Ute reservation.

JANUARY 13, 1875.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 12, 1875.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a report, dated the 9th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with the accompanying estimate of appropriation for \$20,000, said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be applied to the payment of the cost of removing the Los Pinos agency, in Colorado, from its present location, and for the erection of proper buildings and establishment of an agency for the Weeminuche, Muache, and Capote bands of Ute Indians, at some suitable point, to be hereafter selected, on the southern part of the Ute reservation, as provided in the agreement made by Felix R. Brunot, commissioner on the part of the United States, with certain Ute Indians in Colorado, and ratified by act of Congress approved April 29, 1874.

I respectfully recommend that the subject receive the favorable consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER *House of Representatives.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 9, 1875.

SIR: I have the honor to invite the attention of the Department to the fourth article of the agreement with the Tabeguache, Muache, Capote, Weeminuche, Yampa, Grand River, and Uintah bands of the Ute

Indians, ratified by act of April 29, 1874, (Pamp. Ed. Stats. at Large, p. 36,) as follows, viz :

The United States agrees, so soon as the President may deem it necessary or expedient, to erect proper buildings, and establish an agency for the Weeminuche, Muache, and Capote bands of Ute Indians at some suitable point, to be hereafter selected, on the southern part of the Ute reservation.

In accordance with the said agreement, and in view of the fact that the present location of the agency is outside of the reservation, and that the interests of these Indians and of the settlers require that the agency shall be removed at once upon the reservation, I respectfully recommend that the President be requested to direct the removal of the agency, and that the inclosed estimate of the cost of such removal, and the erection of the necessary buildings, be submitted to Congress for its early and favorable action, in order that the work may be commenced in the spring.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Estimate of appropriation required for the Indian service in Colorado.

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the removal of the Los Pinos agency, in Colorado, from its present location, and for the erection of proper buildings, and establishment of an agency for the Weeminuche, Muache, and Capote bands of Ute Indians at some suitable point, to be hereafter selected, on the southern part of the Ute reservation, as provided in the agreement made by Felix R. Brunot, commissioner on the part of the United States, with certain Ute Indians in Colorado, and ratified by act of Congress approved April 29, 1874. \$20,000