

SIOUX AGENCIES.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate of appropriation required to meet obligations existing under contracts for transportation to various Sioux agencies during the remainder of the fiscal year.

DECEMBER 16, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., December 14, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to present herewith an estimate of appropriation required to "meet obligations existing under contracts for transportation to various Sioux agencies during the remainder of the fiscal year."

A copy of a letter, dated the 12th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, is also herewith submitted, reporting the facts in the case and the necessity that exists for this additional appropriation.

The subject is respectfully commended to the favorable consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., December 12, 1874.

SIR: For transportation and necessary expenses of delivering goods and supplies that may be purchased for the various bands of Sioux Indians under treaty of April 29, 1868, the sum of \$150,000 was appropriated for each of the fiscal years 1873 and 1874, and proved barely sufficient to meet the expenses of such transportation for the time being.

In the general estimate for the Indian service for the present fiscal

year the same amount, viz, \$150,000, was asked for, but, for some reason unknown to this Office, only \$75,000, or one-half of the amount required, was appropriated.

The amount of freight transported for the Sioux since the 30th June last, up to the present time, is ascertained to be 7,587,412 pounds; and although the rates now paid are much lower than those heretofore prevailing, yet the cost of said transportation for the period referred to already amounts to \$92,359.04.

Believing that at least \$75,000 will be required to meet obligations existing under contracts for the transportation to the various Sioux agencies during the remainder of the fiscal year, I have the honor to present, herewith, an estimate for that amount, with request that it be transmitted to Congress for favorable consideration.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWD. P. SMITH,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Estimate of appropriation required for the Indian service in Dakota during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875.

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary to make up deficiency in the general appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, for transportation of supplies provided for the Sioux Indians under treaty of April 29, 1868, including the Santee Sioux, the Yankton Sioux, and the Poncas..... \$75,000