

EXPENSES OF THE UTE COMMISSION.

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FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, relative to an appropriation for the payment of the expenses of the Ute Commission, appointed under the act of June 15, 1880.

MARCH 10, 1882.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I transmit herewith a communication from the Secretary of the Interior of the 9th instant, submitting with accompanying papers an estimate of appropriation for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Ute Commission, appointed under section 2 of the act of June 15, 1880.

The matter is commended to the early action of Congress.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
March 10, 1882.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, March 9, 1882.

SIR: I have the honor to submit, herewith, a copy of a letter, dated the 1st instant, from Hon. George W. Manypenny, chairman of the Ute Commission, urging an additional appropriation to enable the commission to complete its labors, with letter from Indian Office of 3d instant.

The commission noted was appointed by the President under the authority of section 2 of the act of June 15, 1880, for the purpose of obtaining the ratification of the Ute agreement, and the performance of various other duties thereunder, as specified in said section of said act (21 Stat., 202, 203), and has continued its labors until the present time, and has still other duties to perform thereunder. An estimate of appropriation in the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said commission, \$8,000 thereof to become immediately available, is herewith inclosed; and, appreciating the importance of the

speedy and successful conclusion of the work of the commission, I respectfully recommend that the matter may be presented for the early and favorable action of Congress.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
S. J. KIRKWOOD,
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, March 3, 1882.

Honorable SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

SIR: By your reference under date of the 2d instant, I am in receipt of a letter from Hon. George W. Manypenny, chairman of the Ute Commission, calling your attention to the fact that the appropriation for the expenses of the Ute Commission is nearly exhausted, and stating that a further appropriation of \$20,000 for that purpose is necessary; \$8,000 of which should be placed in a deficiency bill so as to be made available for the balance of the fiscal year. In reply to your request for a report, I have to say that there is on the books of this office to the credit of the appropriation "Expenses of Ute Commission" the sum of \$1,648.54, against which there are charges for claims allowed by this office but not yet paid \$1,081.25, leaving an actual balance of \$567.29. I understand, however, that there are yet unpaid a number of transportation orders issued by the members of the Ute Commission traveling over subsidized roads, the payment of which will materially reduce the amount on hand. The letter of the Ute Commissioner is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

H. PRICE,
Commissioner.

Estimate for appropriation required to meet expenses of the Ute Commission provided for under act of Congress approved June 15, 1880.

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the payment of expenses of the Ute Commission provided for under section two of the "act to accept and ratify the agreement submitted by the confederated bands of Ute Indians in Colorado, for the sale of their reservation in said State, and for other purposes," &c., approved June 15, 1880, \$8,000 of which amount to be available immediately, \$20,000.

WASHINGTON, March 1, 1882.

Hon. S. J. KIRKWOOD,
Secretary of the Interior:

SIR: Permit us to call your attention to the fact that the appropriation for the "expenses of the Ute Commission" is nearly exhausted, and for the efficient prosecution the coming season of the remaining work of that commission there is necessary a further appropriation of \$20,000, \$8,000 of which should be placed in a deficiency bill so as to be made available for the balance of the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. W. MANYPENNY,
Chairman Ute Commission.

JOHN R. FRENCH,
Clerk Ute Commission.