

TRANSPORTATION OF INDIAN SUPPLIES.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, recommending an increase in the appropriation for transportation of Indian supplies for 1882.

APRIL 12, 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, with accompanying report from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated 29th ultimo, recommending an increase of item for "transportation of Indian supplies, fiscal year 1882" (deficiency), as designated in Senate Ex. Doc. 57, Forty-seventh Congress, first session.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, April 12, 1882.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, April 6, 1882.

SIR: Referring to department letter of 16th January last, transmitting a draft of a bill to appropriate money to meet deficiency in the Indian service for fiscal year ending June 30, 1882 (Senate Ex. Doc. 57, 47th Congress, 1st session), wherein a sum of \$25,000 was asked to meet deficiency in appropriation "transportation of Indian supplies," I now have the honor to transmit copy of communication, dated 29th ultimo, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, stating that said sum will not be sufficient, but that \$60,000 will be required for the above-named purpose for the balance of the fiscal year, and requesting that the sum of \$60,000 be included in the bill now in course of preparation by Congress.

The recommendation of the Commissioner has the approval of the Department.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. J. KIRKWOOD,
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, March 29, 1882

Honorable SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

SIR: Referring to my letter of the 13th of January last, inclosing a bill to appropriate money to meet deficiencies in the Indian service for the fiscal year 1882, amounting to \$636,000, I would state that an item in said bill was for \$25,900 to meet deficiency likely to occur in the appropriation "transportation of Indian supplies" for the current year. At that time it was impossible for this office to determine with accuracy what amount would be necessary to pay for transportation of goods and supplies for the balance of the fiscal year, but it now appears, from a close calculation, that the amount estimated for (\$25,000) will not be sufficient, but that the sum of \$60,000 will be required for the above-mentioned purpose for the balance of the fiscal year. I have therefore the honor to ask that a copy of this letter be transmitted to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and House with the request that the sum of \$60,000, instead of \$25,000, be included in the deficiency bill now in course of preparation by the House committee, to enable this office to meet *contract obligations* for the transportation of Indian goods and supplies.

Very respectfully,

H. PRICE,
Commissioner.