

INDIANS OF BLACKFEET AND OTHER AGENCIES.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate of \$50,000 from the Interior Department to supply deficiency in the appropriation for the support of Indians of the Blackfeet, Crow, Fort Belknap, and Fort Peck Agencies for the current fiscal year.

DECEMBER 17, 1884.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
December 17, 1884.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, an estimate received from the Secretary of the Interior to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the current fiscal year for support of the Indians of the Blackfeet, Crow, Fort Belknap, and Fort Peck Agencies, amounting to \$50,000.

Very respectfully,

H. McCULLOCH,
Secretary.

HON. JOHN G. CARLISLE,
Speaker, House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 17, 1884.

SIR: I have the honor to request that the item of \$50,000 for the support of the Indians of the Blackfeet, Crow, Fort Belknap, and Fort Peck Agencies, included in the estimate of deficiencies for the Indian service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, and forwarded to your Department December 15, may be taken from said estimate and transmitted to Congress at the earliest practicable moment.

The appropriation for this purpose for the present year was insufficient.

This Department instructed the agent of the Blackfeet Indians to exhaust his supplies on the 21st of March, so as to increase the food

issue by three months, trusting to an immediate appropriation by Congress.

Supplies must be sent in by January 15, 1885, or the chances are that they cannot pass over the roads before the middle of June.

Immediate action should be taken or starvation will ensue.

Very respectfully,

M. L. JOSLYN,
Acting Secretary.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Support of Indians of Blackfeet, Crow, Fort Belknap, and Fort Peck Agencies, being a deficiency for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885. \$50,000

NOTE.—The sum of \$100,000 was appropriated for this object by joint resolution of February 8, 1884 (23 Stat., p. 267).

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