

PURCHASES FOR INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

Statement from the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs of purchases exceeding in amount \$500 made in open market, without advertisement, from February 1, 1884, to June 30, 1884.

DECEMBER 8, 1884.—Referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Interior Department and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 4, 1884.

SIR: Section 3 of the act approved July 4, 1884 (Pamphlet Ed. Stats., p. 96) provides—

That no purchase of supplies for which appropriations are herein made exceeding in the aggregate \$500 in value at any one time shall be made without first giving at least three weeks' public notice by advertisement, except in cases of exigency, when, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, who shall make official record of the facts constituting the exigency, and shall report the same to Congress at its next session, he may direct that purchases may be made in open market in amount not exceeding \$3,000.

In accordance with the foregoing provision of the act noted, I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement of such open-market expenditures for the Indian service authorized by this Department from February 1 to June 30, 1884, the end of the fiscal year, together with copy of letter of 2d instant from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, transmitting said statement to this Department.

A statement showing the open-market purchases in excess of \$500 by the Indian Office up to February 1, 1884, was submitted to you by this Department under date of February 15 last.

Very respectfully,

H. M. TELLER,
Secretary.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, December 2, 1884.

SIR: In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 25th ultimo, I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement of the open-market purchases authorized by you during the fiscal year 1884, from February 1 to June 30, inclusive, in excess of \$500, with a brief statement of "the facts constituting the contingency" on which each of the purchases was authorized.

Very respectfully,

H. PRICE,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Statement of authorities granted by the honorable Secretary of the Interior for open-market purchases in excess of \$500 for Indian goods and supplies for the fiscal year 1884. From February 1 to June 30, 1884, inclusive.

Date of authority.	Amount authorized.	Agency or school.	Object of authority.	Exigency under which authority was granted.
June 30, 1884	\$2,900 00	Carlisle school	Purchase of— Lumber, &c., for necessary improvement and repairs.	Required for necessary improvements. No time to advertise before end of fiscal year.
Mar. 12, 1884	1,104 00	Chilocco school	Mules, harness, and plows	Required for immediate use.
Mar. 13, 1884	1,700 00	do	Sundry supplies	Required at once, for equipment of school.
June 9, 1884	1,400 00	do	Fence wire and posts	Required at once, to inclose cattle.
June 12, 1884	842 65	do	Material for wind-mill and tank	Necessary to avail of balance funds on hand for fiscal year.
Apr. 19, 1884	3,000 00	Crow Agency	Material for agency buildings	Required at once. Indians moving from old agency.
May 17, 1884	3,000 00	do	do	Do.
June 9, 1884	3,000 00	do	do	Do.
Mar. 8, 1884	863 93	Colorado River Agency (Yuma school)	Material for building school, and supplies ..	School needed as early as possible.
Apr. 9, 1884	1,340 00	Devil's Lake Agency	Stallion, and two thrashing machines	Required at once.
Apr. 15, 1884	1,010 00	do	Pork, and platform scales	Do.
May 22, 1884	2,000 00	do	Oxen, and flour	Do.
May 29, 1884	1,500 00	do	Seed-potatoes, beans, &c.	Do.
April 1, 1884	1,665 00	Fort Hall Agency	Bacon and flour	Do.
May 19, 1884	1,630 00	do	Flouring mill	Do.
Feb. 7, 1884	950 75	Fort Peck Agency	Seed-potatoes, corn, &c.	Required at once for spring planting.
Feb. 21, 1884	1,050 00	do	Wood	Can be purchased cheaper than in the spring. No funds applicable for advertising.
Mar. 5, 1884	} 1,620 00	do	Beef, bacon, &c.	Required at once to relieve starving Indians.
Mar. 8, 1884		do	do	do
June 11, 1884	700 00	Fort Peck Agency (school)	Engine, pump, &c.	Required at once.
Feb. 23, 1884	1,000 00	Fort Belknap Agency	Subsistence supplies	Required at once to relieve starving Indians.
Feb. 6, 1884	1,000 00	Green Bay Agency (school)	Furniture for new school-building	Required at once.
Mar. 11, 1884	1,131 00	Genoa, Nebr. (school)	Farm implements, horses, mules, &c.	Required at once. No funds applicable for advertising.
Apr. 23, 1884	2,800 00	do	Material, &c., for laundry building	Required immediately for use of school.
Apr. 21, 1884	1,500 00	Klamath Agency	Ten stallions	No funds applicable for advertising.
June 2, 1884	513 50	Mescalero Agency	Supplies and milch cows	Required before end of fiscal year. No time for advertising.
Feb. 19, 1884	1,000 00	Nevada Agency	Flour and beef	Required at once. No funds applicable for advertising.
Mar. 15, 1884	2,154 00	Navajo Agency	Wagons, harness, and agricultural implements	No funds applicable for advertising.
Mar. 17, 1884	600 00	Navajo Agency (school)	Horses	Do.
Mar. 6, 1884	3,000 00	Osage Agency	Stock cattle, for Kaws	Do.
May 28, 1884	941 00	Nisqually and S'Kokomish Agency	Sundry supplies for schools	Required before end of fiscal year.
Mar. 7, 1884	915 75	Ponca, Pawnee, and Otoe Agency	Shingles, doors, windows, nails, and fence-wire for Poncas.	No funds applicable for advertising.
May 12, 1884	750 00	do	Three spans horses for Poncas	Needed immediately. No funds applicable for advertising.
Mar. 6, 1884	2,100 00	do	Portable saw-mill for Pawnees	No funds applicable for advertising.
Mar. 19, 1884	630 00	Pine Ridge Agency	Range, laundry stove, and sand oven	Do.
Mar. 19, 1884	2,623 15	do	Wagons, machinery, &c.	Do.
Mar. 26, 1884	600 00	do	Ten half-spring wagons	Do.

Statement of authorities granted by the honorable Secretary of the Interior, &c.—Continued.

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Feb. 7, 1884	\$699 00	Rosebud Agency	Seed-potatoes, corn and oats, and garden seeds.	Required immediately for spring planting.
Feb. 18, 1884	1,300 00	.....do	Two stallions and one jack	No funds applicable for advertising.
Feb. 20, 1884	1,691 25	.....do	Fence-wire and staples.....	Required at once. No funds applicable for advertising.
Apr. 29, 1884	840 00	.....do	Four horses	{ Required at once, owing to death of several on hand and bad condition of others.
June 17, 1884		.....do .....	.....do	
Feb. 8, 1884	1,400 00	Standing Rock Agency	Seed-potatoes, corn, and oats, and ten tons hay.	No funds applicable for advertising.
June 27, 1884	1,875 00	.....do	50,000 pounds flour and 3,000 pounds sugar...	Required at once.
May 14, 1884	1,100 00	Santee Agency	American horses for Poncas	Required at once for spring plowing, &c.
Apr. 26, 1884	2,500 00	Shoshone Agency	Subsistence, supplies, seeds, &c	Required at once.
May 13, 1884	600 00	White Earth Agency	Work-oxen for Red Lake Indians.	No funds applicable for advertising.
June 12, 1884	1,000 00	.....do	Furniture for White Earth school-building...	Required before end of fiscal year. No funds applicable for advertising.
Apr. 25, 1884	3,000 00	Yankton Agency	Work-oxen, yokes, and chains.....	No funds applicable for advertising.
Feb. 27, 1884	1,165 45	Haskell Institute	Mules, agricultural implements, seeds, &c	Needed at once to commence farming operations on school farm.
Feb. 29, 1884	1,555 00	.....do	Stock cattle, swine, and fowls	No funds for advertising.
Mar. 24, 1884	2,668 95	.....do	Farm barn, horse barn, and two outhouses....	No funds applicable for advertising.
Mar. 29, 1884	3,000 00	.....do	Goods and supplies	Required at once to open school.
Mar. 31, 1884	1,100 00	.....do	Posts, lumber, nails, and fence-wire	Required at once to inclose stock.
Apr. 4, 1884	2,692 18	.....do	Material, &c., for dormitories	To complete buildings which had been advertised and contracted for, in which contract this work was not included.
Apr. 14, 1884	3,000 00	.....do	Goods and supplies	Required at once to open school.
May 10, 1884	3,000 00	.....do .....	.....do	Do.
May 15, 1884	1,500 00	.....do	Supplies, lumber, &c.....	Necessary to complete building before opening school.
June 6, 1884	1,500 00	.....do	Sundry supplies	Too short time for advertising before close of fiscal year.
June 9, 1884	6,228 00do	Boilers, pipes, &c., for heating apparatus....	No time to advertise and enter into contract before end of fiscal year, when the money would lapse into the Treasury.

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