

ROUND VALLEY INDIAN AGENCY, CALIFORNIA.

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LETTER

FROM THE

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*An estimate from the Secretary of the Interior of deficiency in the appropriation for incidental expenses of Indian service in California, current fiscal year.*

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JUNE 23, 1886.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *June 22, 1886.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, an estimate of deficiency, submitted by the Secretary of the Interior, in the appropriation for incidental expenses of Indian service in California, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1885, to meet the unpaid salaries of employés and other indebtedness incurred at the Round Valley Agency, California, \$3,750.76.

Very respectfully,

C. S. FAIRCHILD,  
*Acting Secretary.*

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, June 21, 1886.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy of a letter addressed by me on the 2d of March last to Hon. Barclay Henley in regard to the unpaid salaries of employés at the Round Valley Agency, California, and certain other indebtedness incurred in expectation of a successful outcome of hop enterprise at that agency during the year ending June 30, 1885.

As will be seen, however, from this letter the hop business was a failure, and a deficit exists of \$3,750.76, which is due to various persons.

I now have the honor to recommend, if it meets with the approval of the Department, that the matter be referred to the honorable Secretary

of the Treasury, with the request that it be submitted to the honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives, with a view to having the amount named included in the deficiency appropriation bill now pending.

Respectfully,

J. D. C. ATKINS,  
*Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

[Indorsement.]

Respectfully referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for his consideration and appropriate action.

L. Q. C. LAMAR,  
*Secretary.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, March 2, 1886.*

SIR: In compliance with your recent verbal request, that you might be informed, at as early a date as practicable, of the exact amount due to employes at the Round Valley Agency, California, for the payment of which there are no funds applicable, I inclose with this a roll certified to by U. S. Indian Agent Theo. F. Willsey, in charge of that agency, by which you will observe that there is still due to said employes \$2,974.10. The employment of these persons was approved by this Department up to and including June 30, 1885, with the provision that they were to be paid from "miscellaneous funds"—proceeds sale of hops. You will observe that from June 30, 1885, some of these employes were continued in employment by Agent Willsey, but without authority from this Department, he saying that he actually required their services and hoped that the hop enterprise would enable him to pay all. In this, however, he was disappointed, as the net proceeds from the hops were not sufficient to pay all demands against them, but, on the contrary, Agent Willsey having obtained advances on the hops from the consignees, Messrs. Lillenthal & Co., of San Francisco, the expense for handling and selling them, together with interest to April 21, 1885, created a deficit of \$732.70 still due to Messrs. Lillenthal & Co., with interest from April 21, 1885 (see copy Lillenthal & Co.'s statement of account herewith inclosed).

Thus we have a total shortage of pay of employes, viz .....	\$2,974 10
Due to Lillenthal & Co.....	732 70
Interest on the latter amount, say to April 21, 1885.....	43 96
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3,750 76</b>

I believe the services of the employes were actually necessary for the proper management of affairs at that agency and that they were rendered in good faith, as Agent Willsey certifies, and that these employes deserve to be paid, but as Congress did not provide in advance for their payment, the amounts now due cannot be paid from any fund under the control of this office applicable to the same.

I shall be glad if Congress shall see fit to provide for the payment of these people, believing it to be just and right, and I will gladly furnish any additional information you may wish in the premises, and heartily recommend that legislation in accordance therewith be secured.

Respectfully,

J. D. C. ATKINS,  
*Commissioner.*

Hon. BARCLAY HENLEY,  
*House of Representatives.*