

INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate from the Secretary of the Interior of appropriation for surveying and allotting Indian reservations current fiscal year, for pay of special agents and necessary expenses.

JANUARY 21, 1888.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
January 19, 1888.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, of the 17th instant, submitting an estimate of deficiency in the appropriation for "Surveying and allotting Indian reservations" for current fiscal year of \$10,000, for the pay of special agents and necessary expenses, under section 3 of the act of February 8, 1887, which he requests may be provided for in the urgent deficiency bill under consideration by the Committee on Appropriations.

Respectfully, yours,

C. S. FAIRCHILD,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 17, 1888.

SIR: In pursuance of the provision of section 2 of the act of July 7, 1884 (23 Stat., 254), I have the honor to inclose herewith, for transmittal to Congress, copy of a letter of 16th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, presenting an estimate of appropriation in the sum of \$10,000 for the pay of special agents and the necessary expenses to carry out the provision of section 3 of the act approved February 8, 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the allotment of lands in severalty to Indians on the various reservations," etc. (24 Stat., 388),

the fund provided for the purpose (24 Stat., 464) proving insufficient, as explained in the letter of the Commissioner, who requests that the estimate may be inserted in the urgent deficiency bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 1888 and prior years.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

H. L. MULDROW,
Acting Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 16, 1888.

SIR: By the act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, etc., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, approved March 2, 1887 (24 Stats., 464), under the title of appropriation "Surveying and allotting Indian reservations," provision is made for the expenditure of \$15,000 to carry out the provisions of section three of the act approved February 8, 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the allotment of lands in severalty to Indians on the various reservations, and to extend the protection of the laws of the United States and the Territories over the Indians, and for other purposes."

In view of the labor involved in carrying this law into effect, and the number of allotting agents that have been and are now employed, an additional sum will be required to meet the expenses on account of salaries and expenses of said agents for the remainder of the present fiscal year.

An estimate has been prepared and is herewith submitted for the sum of \$10,000, which I have the honor to recommend may be transmitted to Congress, to be inserted in the urgent deficiency bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 1888 and prior years.

Very respectfully,

J. D. C. ATKINS,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Proposed amendment to the urgent deficiency bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, and prior years.

This amount for pay of special agents and necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section three of the act approved February 8, 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the allotment of lands in severalty to Indians on the various reservations, and to extend the protection of the laws of the United States and Territories over the Indians, and for other purposes," being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1888

\$10,000