

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL AT GENOA, NEBRASKA.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*An additional estimate from the Secretary of the Interior of an appropriation for the Indian Industrial School at Genoa, Nebr.*

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *January 8, 1889.*

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 5th instant, submitting an additional estimate of appropriation in the sum of \$25,000 for Indian Industrial School at Genoa, Nebr.

Respectfully, yours,

C. S. FAIRCHILD,  
*Secretary.*

The SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, January 5, 1889.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith, for presentation to Congress, in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of the act of July 7, 1884 (23 Stats., 254), copy of a communication of the 4th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and accompanying copy of a letter from H. R. Chase, superintendent of the Indian Industrial School at Genoa, Nebr., submitting a statement and additional estimate of funds for said school for the ensuing fiscal year.

The Commissioner states that he is fully persuaded that the quota of the school can and should be increased as requested by the superintendent (from 150 to 200 pupils), and that additional appropriations are required to effect the increase; and he recommends that \$25,000 be added to the estimate for this school for the next fiscal year, to be ex-

pended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior for the following purposes:

In the construction of a dormitory building.....	\$15,000
For proper drainage.....	2,500
For increased water supply.....	1,500
For fencing school farm.....	1,000
For extra heating apparatus.....	5,000
	25,000

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

WM. F. VILAS,  
*Secretary.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C., January 4, 1889.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith, in duplicate, a communication from H. R. Chase, superintendent of the Indian Industrial School at Genoa, Nebr., dated September 5, 1888, in which he submits for the consideration of the Department a statement and estimate for said school for the ensuing fiscal year.

The superintendent asks that the quota of the school be increased to 200; and states that it will be but little more expense. He states that the dining-room facilities are more than sufficient to accommodate that number, that the laundry and hospital are equally available, and that the same can be said of the school-room capacity.

In order to extend the school in other directions, he strongly recommends that an additional appropriation be requested for the following purposes, to wit:

For an additional building for dormitory purposes.....	\$15,000
Proper drainage.....	2,500
Increased water supply.....	1,500
Fencing farm.....	1,000
Extra heating appliances.....	5,000
Gymnasium.....	1,500
In all.....	26,500

In support of these recommendations he states that while the kind consideration shown this school in the past by the Department has been duly appreciated, he can not but feel that some increased financial aid will more than double its facilities and opportunities; that last year it was strongly recommended, and that the matter went so far that a bill was introduced to establish a school at Niobrara. The purpose of this idea was to provide increased facilities for the Indian pupils of the Sioux Reserve, and he suggests that less money put in at his school would answer the same purpose, as they have the foundation, and he believes a good one, and that aid given the school at Genoa will tend to build up and make a useful institution.

He further states that his reason for recommending another building arises from the fact that it is more than desirable that the sexes should be separated and not in the same building. As to drainage, he states that no school of this size can be trusted to remain free from sickness and disease unless a proper system of carrying off the refuse is adopted. As to water-supply, this becomes necessary owing to the increased re-

quirements and on account of bath arrangements, laundry, hospital, etc., which must be supplied, as the present arrangements were made with a view of supplying the necessities of the main building. In regard to the fencing of the farm, he states that it is a necessity, as it is now open, and that they suffer many and great annoyances now, owing to the want of an inclosed farm.

In submitting the above the superintendent states that he does so because he firmly believes that the school requires all that is asked.

In connection with this communication, I have to state that the above statements and estimates have been considered by me, and that this office is fully persuaded that the quota of this school can and should be increased, and that the additional appropriations are required to effect the increase.

With this end in view, I respectfully recommend that Congress be requested to add to the amount embraced in the estimate for this school, for the next fiscal year, the sum of \$25,000, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior:

Construction of a dormitory building.....	\$15,000
Proper drainage.....	2,500
Increased water supply.....	1,500
Fencing school farm.....	1,000
Extra heating apparatus.....	5,000
	25,000

Very respectfully,

JOHN J. ENRIGHT,  
*Acting Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE, INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,  
*Genoa, Nebr., September 5, 1888.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit for your careful consideration a statement and estimate for this school for the ensuing year.

I ask that the quota of the school be increased to two hundred. It will be but little more expense. Our dining-room facilities are more than sufficient to accommodate this number.

Our laundry and hospital are equally available. The same can be said of the school-room capacity.

I also respectfully request and strongly recommend that an additional appropriation be made for the following purposes:

Additional building for dormitory purpose.....	\$15,000
Proper drainage.....	2,500
Increased water supply.....	1,500
Fencing farm.....	1,000
Extra heating.....	5,000
Gymnasium.....	1,500

In support of these suggestions I would state that, while the kind consideration shown this school in the past by the Department has been duly appreciated, I can not but feel that some increased financial aid will more than double its facilities and opportunities. Last year it was strongly recommended, and the matter went so far that a bill was introduced to establish a school at Niobrara. The purpose of this idea was to provide increased facilities for the Indian pupils of the Sioux Reserve.

I say most respectfully that less money put in here will answer the same purposes. The beginning of a school will but form a basis to obtain and draw more money each year, until a permanent institution is established. Here we have the foundation, and I believe a good one. Aid given here will tend to build up and make a great and useful institution.

My reason for recommending another building arises from the fact that it is more than desirable that the sexes should be separated, and not in the same building.

As to drainage, no school of this size can be trusted to remain free from sickness and disease unless a proper system of carrying off the refuse is adopted.

As to water supply, this becomes necessary, owing to the increased requirements. Our bath arrangements, laundry, hospital, etc., now must be supplied. The present arrangements were made with a view of supplying the necessities of the main building.

The fencing of the farm is a necessity. Now it is open. We suffer many and great annoyances now owing to the want of an inclosed farm.

The amount asked for gymnasium is certainly little, but it will afford a source of great help, not to mention enjoyment, to the pupils. It will add noticeably to the health and comfort of the pupils.

In submitting the above I do so because I firmly believe the school requires all that is asked. May it receive a careful consideration. Should any further information be required, it will please me to furnish same.

Very respectfully,

**HORACE E. CHASE,**  
*Superintendent.*

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.