

DEFICIENCY ESTIMATE FOR SUBSISTENCE OF THE SIOUX
INDIANS.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

A letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs asking an appropriation for the subsistence of the Sioux Indians.

JANUARY 11, 1892.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 7, 1892.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a letter addressed to me from the honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs inviting my attention to his letter of the 2d ultimo, transmitting an urgency deficiency estimate of \$150,000 for subsistence of the Sioux Indians during the current fiscal year. The Commissioner states "that unless Congress takes action on the estimate before February 1 next it will become necessary to reduce the rations now issued to the Sioux Indians, which will, without doubt, cause discontent among them and a possible repetition of the disturbances of last winter."

I concur in the request of the Commissioner and urge upon Congress the earliest possible attention to this matter.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, January 5, 1892.

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to my letter of the 2d ultimo, transmitting an urgent deficiency estimate of \$150,000 for the subsistence of the Sioux Indians during the current fiscal year, to be submitted to Congress, and in connection therewith to state that unless Congress shall have taken favorable action on the estimate on Feb-

ruary 1 next it will become necessary to reduce the ration now issued to the Sioux Indians, which will, without doubt, cause discontent among them and a possible repetition of the disturbances of last winter.

This is a matter of the utmost importance, and I trust that you will see fit to urge upon Congress the necessity for immediate and favorable action on this estimate.

I would recommend that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the President of the Senate.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. J. MORGAN,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.