

ATTORNEY FOR THE MISSION INDIANS.

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FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A copy of a letter from the Attorney-General, and its inclosures, submitting an estimate for an appropriation to continue the employment of a special attorney for the Mission Indians of southern California.

JANUARY 26, 1892.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
January 25, 1892.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Attorney-General, of the 21st instant, and its inclosures, submitting an estimate for an appropriation of \$2,500 to enable the Attorney-General to continue the employment of a special attorney for the Mission Indians of southern California, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully, yours,

O. L. SPAULDING,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D. C., January 21, 1892.

SIR: Inclosed is a copy of a letter of January 19, 1892, from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting a copy of a letter of January 14, 1892, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and of its inclosures. They relate to an estimate of an appropriation for employing a special attorney for the Mission Indians of Southern California.

In the Indian act, August 19, 1890, an appropriation of \$2,500 was made for this purpose. Of this appropriation there is available \$620.15. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs asks that steps be taken with a view of obtaining from Congress an additional appropriation of \$2,500 or \$3,000 to continue the service,

You are, therefore, respectfully requested to submit to Congress an estimate for an appropriation of \$2,500 for the purpose mentioned.

Very respectfully,

W. H. H. MILLER,
Attorney-General.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 19, 1892.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a communication of 14th instant from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and its inclosures, relative to an estimate of appropriation for the continuance of Mr. Frank D. Lewis as special United States attorney for the Mission Indians in California.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,
Secretary.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, January 14, 1892.

I am in receipt of a communication from Frank D. Lewis, special assistant United States attorney for the Mission Indians in California, dated December 17, 1891, in which he requests that such steps as may be deemed just and reasonable be taken, with the view of obtaining from Congress an additional appropriation of \$2,500 or \$3,000, to continue his services. The Mission Indian Commission has laid out considerable work which it is recommended that the attorney for the Indians be called on to do. Mr. Lewis states that the appropriation under which he has been paid so far, while not quite exhausted, is not sufficient to cover the work contemplated by the Commission.

By the act of August 19, 1890 (26 Stat., 357), the sum of \$2,500 was appropriated to enable the Attorney-General to employ a special attorney for the Mission Indians of southern California, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior.

I deem it a matter of great importance that Mr. Lewis should be continued in his present position for at least another year. I presume, however, that, as he is employed by the Department of Justice, the recommendation to Congress for an appropriation should come from that Department.

I therefore have the honor to recommend that the attention of the Department of Justice be called to the matter, with a request that an estimate for an appropriation of \$2,500 for the purpose be submitted to Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. J. MORGAN,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., *December 17, 1891.*

SIR: As you are well aware, I have been employed for nearly a year past as special assistant United States attorney for the Mission Indians. The compensation for my services in this direction has been based on the estimate of the Attorney-General and paid from an appropriation which formed a part of the Indian appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1891. The Mission Indian Commission has laid out considerable work, which it has recommended that the attorney for the Indians be called on to do, and which must be done, the larger part of it, subsequent to the approval of their report. The appropriation under which I have been paid so far, while not quite exhausted, is not sufficient to cover the work contemplated by the Commission, and I have the honor to request that you take such steps as you deem just and reasonable with the view of obtaining from Congress an additional appropriation of \$2,500 or \$3,000.

Very respectfully,

FRANK D. LEWIS,

Special Assistant United States Attorney for Mission Indians.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C.

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