

APPROPRIATION FOR COMMISSION TO CROW, FLATHEAD,
AND OTHER INDIANS.

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FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE
INTERIOR SUBMITTING AN URGENT DEFICIENCY ESTIMATE OF
APPROPRIATION TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION
TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE CROW, FLATHEAD, AND OTHER
INDIANS.

DECEMBER 14, 1898.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be
printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., December 13, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of
Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior
of this date, submitting an urgent deficiency estimate of appropriation,
\$4,500, to continue the work of the commission to negotiate with
the Crow, Flathead, and other Indians, under the act of June 10, 1896.

Respectfully, yours,

O. L. SPAULDING,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 13, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter of the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs, recommending that a deficiency appropriation
of \$4,500 be made for the purpose of continuing the work of the Crow,
Flathead, etc., Indian Commission, appointed under the act of June 10,
1896, to negotiate with the Crow, Flathead, and other Indians.

This amount is found necessary to pay the expenses of the commission
during the remainder of the current fiscal year.

The recommendation of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs meets

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with my approval, and the estimate is forwarded through your Department for the appropriate action of Congress.

Respectfully,

THOS. RYAN, *Acting Secretary.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, December 10, 1898.

SIR: A clause contained in the Indian appropriation act approved July 1, 1898 (30 Stats., 571), appropriated \$15,000 for continuing the work of the Crow, Flathead, etc., Indian Commission appointed under the act of Congress approved June 10, 1896, to negotiate with the Crow, Flathead, and other Indians. The said sum was made available for the payment of salary and proper expenses of the said commission from and after the date when the appropriation of \$10,000 made by the act of June 7, 1897, was exhausted. By the clause contained in said Indian appropriation act Congress continued this commission until April 1, 1899, and directed that its final report should be made to the Secretary on that date and that the commission should cease thereon.

The funds above referred to were sufficient to pay the expenses of the commission up to about December 1, 1898. They are exhausted, and it becomes necessary that an immediate appropriation be made by Congress if the work of the commission is to be continued as directed by that body.

Mr. B. F. Barge, the chairman of the said commission, addressed a letter to this office on November 20, 1898, in regard to the necessity of having more funds appropriated to continue the work of the commission. He was requested by telegram of the 8th instant to state the amount necessary for continuing the work of the commission up to April 1, 1899. The office is now in receipt of a telegram dated the 8th instant from the said chairman, stating that it will require at least \$4,500 for the commission's expenses until April 1 next. In view of the facts in the case, I have the honor to recommend that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs be requested to insert in the pending urgent deficiency bill a clause appropriating the sum of \$4,500 for the purposes indicated. For convenience I inclose herewith an item for insertion in the said bill, and a copy of this report for your use in connection with the matter.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. A. JONES, *Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Item.

Crow, Flathead, etc., Indian Commission: For continuing the work of the commission under the act of Congress approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, to negotiate with the Crow, Flathead, and other Indians, four thousand five hundred dollars, the same to be available for the payment of salary and proper expenses of said commission from and after the date when the appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars made by the act of July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, was exhausted.

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