

LETTER
OF
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMUNICATING

An estimate of appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the Sioux of Dakota, Arickarees, Gros-Ventres, and Mandans, Crows, and Yanktons.

JANUARY 21, 1869.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 21, 1869

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication dated the 20th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, submitting an "estimate of appropriations required for supplying deficiencies in the appropriations made for the Sioux of Dakota, Arickarees, Gros-Ventres, and Mandans, Crows, and Yanktons, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868, and for subsistence purchased for the Poncas," amounting, in the aggregate, to one hundred and thirteen thousand five hundred and seventy-one dollars and eight cents, (\$113,571 08.)

The reasons for submitting this estimate are fully set forth in the letter of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, above referred to, and to which the attention of Congress is respectfully invited.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. H. BROWNING, *Secretary.*

Hon. B. F. WADE,
President pro tempore U. S. Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., January 20, 1869.

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to an estimate of appropriations required to supply deficiencies in the appropriations made for the Sioux of Dakota, the Arickarees, Gros-Ventres, and Mandans, the Crows, and the Yanktons, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868, and for subsistence for the Poncas, submitted with office report of the 20th January, 1868, and to state that, in the opinion of this office, the amount asked to supply such deficiencies should be appropriated at the present session of Congress.

By reference to Ex. Doc. No. 110, House of Representatives, 2d session 40th Congress, a statement will be found of the causes of these deficiencies, and the necessity for appropriating funds to supply them. e funds required to improve the reservations of said Indians, to pay

employés, to purchase the necessary stock, &c., to enable the several tribes herein named to successfully carry on their farming operations were used, as stated, to prevent starvation among them, and consequently the objects for which the money was originally intended remain unaccomplished.

The necessity that existed last winter for the appropriation of funds to supply said deficiencies still exists, and in order that justice may be done to these Indians, and that the stipulations of their treaties with the government may be carried out by the department, I respectfully request that the attention of Congress be again invited to the matter, with the view of having the necessary amount—\$113,571 08—appropriated by that body.

I enclose, herewith, a copy of the estimate for this purpose, submitted with office report of January 20, 1868, which can also be found in said Ex. Doc. No. 110.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

N. G. TAYLOR, *Commissioner.*

Hon. O. H. BROWNING,
Secretary of the Interior.

Estimate of appropriations required for supplying deficiencies in the appropriations made for the Sioux of Dakota, Arickarees, Gros-Ventres, and Mandans, Crows and Yanctons, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868, and for subsistence purchased for the Poncas.

SIoux OF DAKOTA, BLACKFEET BAND.

For this amount, to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the second of 20 instalments, to be paid in such articles as the Secretary of the Interior may direct, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868..... \$2, 820 85

MINNECONJOU BAND.

For this amount to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the second of 20 instalments, to be paid in such articles as the Secretary of the Interior may direct, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868..... 4, 462 89

LOWER BRULÉ BAND.

For this amount to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the second of 20 instalments, to be paid in such articles as the Secretary of the Interior may direct, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868..... 3, 246 47

TWO-KETTLES BAND.

For this amount to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the second of 20 instalments, to be paid in such articles as the Secretary of the Interior may direct, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868..... 664 40

ONK-PAH-PAH BAND.

For this amount to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the second of 20 instalments, to be paid in such articles as the Secretary of the Interior may direct, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868..... \$3,523 81

SANS-ARCS BAND.

For this amount to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the second of 20 instalments, to be paid in such articles as the Secretary of the Interior may direct, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868..... 3,766 51

YANCTONAI BAND.

For this amount to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the second of 20 instalments, to be paid in such articles as the Secretary of the Interior may direct, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868..... 3,861 36

UPPER YANCTONAI BAND.

For this amount to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the second of 20 instalments, to be paid in such articles as the Secretary of the Interior may direct, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868..... 2,721 26

O'GALLALLA BAND.

For this amount to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the second of 20 instalments, to be paid in such articles as the Secretary of the Interior may direct, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868..... 5,110 96

For this amount to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for expenses of transporting and delivering articles furnished for the nine bands of Sioux aforesaid, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868..... 11,625 58

ARICKAREES, GROS-VENTRES, AND MANDANS.

For this amount to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for first of payments, to be made during the pleasure of Congress, to be expended for such useful goods, provisions, and other articles as the President from time to time may determine, &c., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868..... 20,114 70

CROWS.

For this amount to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the first of payments, to be made during the pleasure of Congress, to be expended for such useful goods, provisions, and other articles as the President from time to time may determine, &c., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868..... 21,822 64

APPROPRIATIONS FOR INDIANS.

YANCTON TRIBE OF SIOUX.

For this amount to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the ninth of ten instalments, to be paid to them or expended for their benefit, commencing with the year in which they shall remove to and settle and reside upon their reservation, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868.. \$17,929 99

PONCAS.

For this amount to pay for subsistence furnished to the Ponca Indians, by direction of the Indian peace commission, under a contract made with J. W. Bosler..... 11,900 26

Total..... 113,571 08