

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TO THE

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS,

TRANSMITTING

*A communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs giving an estimate of an appropriation required for the education and civilization of the Indians of the Central Superintendency.*

JANUARY 19, 1875.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., December 16, 1874.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication, dated the 15th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with copies of letters from William Nicholson, general agent of the associated committee of Friends on Indian affairs, and from the office of superintendent for the Central Superintendency, and estimate of appropriation required to aid and instruct the Indians of the said superintendency in the arts of civilization, &c., amounting to \$50,000.

The subject is respectfully commended to the favorable consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,  
*Secretary.*

Hon. WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM,  
*Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs,  
United States Senate.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C., December 15, 1874.*

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to the inclosed copy of a letter from William Nicholson, general agent of the associated committee of Friends on Indian affairs, accompanied with copy of a communication from the office of the superintendent for the Central Superintendency, dated the 10th instant, and to recommend for the favorable consideration of the Department and of Congress their request, that \$50,000 be appropriated to aid and instruct the Indians of said superintendency in the arts of civilization, as per estimate herewith submitted.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWARD P. SMITH,  
*Commissioner.*

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

LAWRENCE, KANS., *Tenthmonth 23, 1874.*

Hon. E. P. SMITH,

*Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C. :*

In preparing the estimates for miscellaneous expenses for the Indian Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876, please insert \$30,000 "to carry on the work of aiding and instructing the Indians of the Central Superintendency in the arts of civilization, with a view to their self-support." Last session appropriated \$44,480.86 for this purpose, and a fund of this kind has been kept up constantly for four or five years, and as many of these Indians are dependent upon this fund for schools, &c., I hope thou will consider it worthy of a place in the regular estimates.

Very truly, thy friend,

WILLIAM NICHOLSON,  
*Agent Executive Committee of Friends.*

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, CENTRAL SUPERINTENDENCY,  
*Lawrence, Kans., Twelfthmonth 10, 1874.*

Hon. EDWARD P. SMITH,

*Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C. :*

Allow me to call attention to an estimate of Dr. William Nicholson, (forwarded thee by letter of 20th of Tenthmonth, 1874, copy herewith inclosed,) for funds required for civilizing Indians, Central Superintendency, for the fiscal year ending Sixthmonth 30, 1876, and most respectfully to inform, that at the time this estimate was prepared no Kiowas, Apaches, or Cheyennes had signified their willingness to avail themselves of an opportunity to place their children in school. Each of the tribes named have now signified their desire for such opportunity, and ask that schools be opened immediately, and each tribe promises all the scholars we want, and Agents Haworth and Miles are both confident of their ability to maintain these schools, if funds can be secured therefor. This will require additional expense to considerable amount at both the Cheyenne and Kiowa agencies, sufficient for the maintenance of three schools, as the tribes are unwilling that their children affiliate in school, and either of the three tribes have sufficient children for more than one school. Should we be successful in establishing these schools, and continue those already in operation, \$30,000 will be entirely insufficient for their support. And as the funds now on hand for such purpose must become exhausted before the close of the present fiscal year, if we organize a school at once for the Kiowas, which is now contemplated, I would ask that the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated for the civilization of Indians of the Central Superintendency, and that the same be made available immediately. In making this estimate I have consulted Dr. Nicholson, and he fully concurs in the views herein expressed.

Very respectfully,

CYRUS BEEDE,  
*Chief Clerk.*

*Estimate of appropriation required for aiding and instructing the Indians of the Central Superintendency in the arts of civilization.*

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry on the work of aiding and instructing the Indians of the Central Superintendency in arts of civilization; in providing clothing, food, and lodging for the children attending school; in caring for the orphans, the sick, and the helpless, and in assisting the Indians generally to locate in permanent homes, and sustain themselves by the pursuits of civilized life..... \$50,000