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FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Interior, with estimates of appropriations for investigating Indian depredations.*

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*April 8, 1886.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of letter of the Secretary of the Interior, of the 6th instant, submitting an estimate of appropriation in the sum of \$20,000, to complete the investigation of Indian depredation claims as required by the act of March 3, 1885 (23 Stat., 376).

Respectfully, yours,

C. S. FAIRCHILD,  
*Acting Secretary.*

Hon. JOHN SHERMAN,  
*President pro tempore United States Senate.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, April 6, 1886.*

SIR: In accordance with the provisions of section 2 of the act of July 7, 1884 (23 Stat., 254), I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a letter of 2d instant from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, inclosing an item of appropriation intended as an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill now before the Senate for consideration, in the sum of \$20,000, required to enable the Department to complete the investigation of Indian depredation claims, as required by the act of March 3, 1885 (23 Stat., 376).

The matter has the approval of this Department.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

H. L. MULDROW,  
*Acting Secretary.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

INDIAN DEPREDACTIONS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, April 2, 1886.

SIR: I have to advise you that in order to enable this Department to complete the investigation of Indian depredation claims, as required by the act approved March 3, 1885 (Stats., 23, p. 376), an additional appropriation will be required to meet the necessary expenses connected therewith.

With this end in view, I inclose herewith a proposed amendment to the Indian appropriation bill for the next fiscal year, now before the Senate for consideration, making an appropriation of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for said purpose, with the recommendation that it receive your approval and be forwarded to the Senate through the proper channel.

The present appropriation for the object specified will be exhausted by June 30 next.

Very respectfully,

J. D. C. ATKINS,  
*Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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*Proposed amendment to the bill making appropriations for the Indian service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1887.*

This amount or so much thereof as may be necessary to enable the Secretary of the Interior to continue the investigation of certain Indian depredations claims, in the manner prescribed, and in accordance with the provision of law found in the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1886, and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1885," twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).