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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

Letter from the Secretary of the Interior, with estimate for appropriation to pay special counsel for Mission Indians in California.

JANUARY 17, 1887.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *January 15, 1887.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of letter of the Secretary of the Interior, of the 13th instant, submitting an estimate for an appropriation of \$1,000 for the compensation of Shirley C. Ward, special counsel for the Mission Indians in California.

Respectfully yours,

D. MANNING,
Secretary.

Hon. JOHN SHERMAN,
President pro tempore of the Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 13, 1887.

SIR: In accordance with the provisions of section 2 of the act of July 7, 1884 (23 Stat., 254), I have the honor to inclose herewith, for presentation to Congress, copy of a letter of the 12th instant from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, inclosing an item of appropriation providing for the compensation of Shirley C. Ward, special counsel for the Mission Indians in California, which the Commissioner requests may be inserted in one of the pending annual appropriation bills. The amount named in the item is \$1,000. The matter has the approval of this Department, and the papers are furnished for presentation to Congress.

Very respectfully,

H. L. MULDROW,
Acting Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, January 12, 1887.

SIR: In accordance with the recommendation of this office, of January 7, 1886, Shirley C. Ward was appointed by the Attorney-General a special attorney for the Mission Indians in California, but without compensation, as the appropriations for the Department of Justice did not warrant such expenditure.

The character and extent of the services required of Mr. Ward as special attorney for these Indians are such as to render it necessary that he should receive suitable compensation.

It is not to be expected that a competent attorney will give his time and services to the Government with any great amount of zeal unless he is paid for such services.

The sum of \$1,000 per annum would seem to be a reasonable compensation for Mr. Ward's services, and I have prepared an item providing for the payment of that amount, and have the honor to transmit the same herewith with the recommendation that the same be forwarded to Congress in the usual manner, with the request that it be inserted in one of the annual appropriation bills.

I inclose two copies of this report.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. C. ATKINS,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

For compensation of Shirley C. Ward, special counsel for the Mission Indians in California, \$1,000.

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