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## LETTER

FROM

# THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

Letter from the Secretary of the Interior, with estimate for appropriation to pay physicians in attendance upon Indians in certain cases.

JANUARY 18, 1887.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, January 17, 1887.

SIE: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of letter of the Secretary of the Interior of the 14th instant, submitting an estimate by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for an appropriation of \$5,000 for the employment of physicians and the purchase of medicines in the cases of Indians who have no treaty or gratuity funds to their credit.

Respectfully, yours,

D. MANNING, Secretary.

The PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE UNITED STATES SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Washington, January 14, 1887.

Sik: 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, for presentation to Congress, copy of a letter of 11th instant from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, inclosing an item of appropriation in the sum of \$5,000, to be expended for the employment of physicians and the purchase of medicines in the cases of Indians who have no treaty or gratuity funds to their credit.

The matter has the approval of this Department, and the papers are furnished for the action of Congress.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

H. L. MULDROW, Acting Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, Washington, January 11, 1887.

SIR: I have the honor to state that application is frequently made to this office in behalf of Indians who have no treaty or gratuity funds to their credit for the employment of physicians and purchase of medicines for their benefit, and as this Office has no fund at its disposal that can be applied to relieve urgent and pressing cases of distress caused by sickness among this class of Indians, I have caused to be prepared a proposed amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, now before the Senate, and submit the same herewith, providing for an appropriation of the sum of \$5,000, to be expended for above purposes, with the recommendation that the same be referred to the chairman of the Senate Committee on Appriations for favorable consideration.

Very respectfully,

### J. D. C. ATKINS, Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

#### Amendment to Indian appropriation bill for fiscal year 1888.

This amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, for the employment of physicians and the purchase of medicines for Indians who have no treaty or gratuity funds to their eredit in the United States Treasury, \$5,000.

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