

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

Letter of the Secretary of the Interior with estimates for appropriations for the expenses of the office of surveyor general of South Dakota.

MAY 14, 1890.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
May 13, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, a copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior of the 12th instant, submitting supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the office of surveyor-general of South Dakota, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891.

Respectfully, yours,

W. WINDOM,
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, May 12, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a supplemental estimate of appropriations required for the office of the surveyor-general of South Dakota for the fiscal year 1891.

This estimate is made necessary in consequence of the small appropriations in the legislative, executive, and judicial bill, as it passed the House of Representatives, for the above office.

The increased amounts asked by the Commissioner of the General Land Office are deemed essential for the prompt dispatch of the great amount of work devolved upon this office consequent upon the survey of lands relinquished by the Sioux Reservation under the appropriation of \$100,000 per act of March 2, 1889, and is submitted for the favorable consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,
Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., May 10, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith estimates for contingent expenses and for clerk hire for the office of the surveyor-general of South Dakota.

In the estimates submitted by the General Land Office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, the sum of \$11,700 was asked for clerk hire in the office of the surveyor-general of Dakota.

The legislative, executive, and judicial bill, as passed by the House of Representatives, provides for the sum of \$3,500 for clerk hire in the above office, a sum wholly insufficient to do the great amount of work consequent upon the survey of the lands relinquished by the Sioux Reservation under the appropriation of \$100,000 per act of March 2, 1889.

The sum of \$2,500 asked for for books, stationery, and other incidental expenses, is necessary in connection with the great amount of work of the office of the surveyor-general of South Dakota.

Very respectfully,

LEWIS A. GROFF,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

*Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891,
by the General Land Office.*

Salaries, office of surveyor-general, South Dakota:

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| For compensation of clerks in the office of the surveyor-general for South Dakota | \$16,000 |
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NOTE.—In the estimates submitted by the General Land Office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, the sum of \$11,700 was estimated for clerk hire in the office of the surveyor-general of Dakota. The legislative, executive, and judicial bill, as passed by the House of Representatives, provides the sum of \$3,500 only for clerk hire in the surveyor-general's office for South Dakota, and in view of the great amount of office work consequent upon the survey of the lands relinquished by the Sioux Nation, under the appropriation of \$100,000 per act of March 2, 1889, the sum named in said bill is inadequate to the service. Since the regular annual estimates were submitted, the surveyor-general has presented the matter both verbally and by letter, estimating the amount actually necessary at \$16,000. It is therefore deemed proper to submit this supplemental estimate for the amount named by the surveyor-general, who, from his knowledge of the labor involved in the consideration of the voluminous surveying returns to be made under the large appropriation for surveys, and the preparation of the plats in triplicate, transcripts of field notes for the General Land Office, and descriptive lists for the local land office, is well qualified to judge of the sum which will be necessary for the prompt execution of the work.

Contingent expenses, office surveyor-general, South Dakota:

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| For rent of office for the surveyor-general, fuel, books, stationery, and other incidental expenses | \$2,500 |
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NOTE.—In the annual estimates submitted by the General Land Office, the sum of \$2,000 was estimated for contingent expenses of office of surveyor-general of Dakota. By the legislative, executive, and judicial bill, as passed by the House of Representatives April 28, 1890, the sum of \$1,500 only is appropriated for contingent expenses of the office of the surveyor-general of South Dakota. In view of the appropriation of \$100,000 per act of March 2, 1889, for the survey of the lands relinquished by the Sioux Nation, nearly all of which will be expended for surveys in South Dakota, there will be a very great increase of work in the surveyor-general's office, necessitating an increased appropriation for incidental expenses, hence this supplemental estimate of \$2,500 is submitted in accordance with the surveyor-general's letter, dated April 26, 1890, copy of which accompanies the estimate.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, May 9, 1890.

LEWIS A. GROFF,
Commissioner.