
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
March 2, 1855.

SIR: From a letter addressed to me by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 1st instant, a copy of which is enclosed, it appears that amendments have been made to the Indian appropriation bill, now pending, increasing the number and compensation of Indian agents, by reason of which the estimates heretofore submitted by this department for that service will prove insufficient.

I have therefore the honor to request that Congress be asked to make the following appropriations, to wit:

For compensation of three additional Indian agents—one at \$1,500, and two at \$1,000 each per annum, from 1st April to 30th June, 1855.....	\$875 00
For compensation of same from July 1, 1855, to June 30, 1856	3,500 00
For additional compensation of three Indian agents, being the difference between \$1,000 per annum, heretofore allowed to each, and \$1,500 per annum, now authorized, from the present date to 30th June next.....	500 00

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ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR

For additional compensation to same, as above, from July 1, 1855, to June 30, 1856.....	\$1,500 00
For additional compensation of four sub-agents, from present date to June 30, 1855, being the difference between \$750, heretofore allowed to each per annum, and \$1,000, now authorized.....	334 00
For additional compensation to same, from July 1, 1855, to June 30, 1856	1,000 00

It is also observed that it is proposed to repeal the last proviso of the act authorizing five military reservations for the Indians in California, approved March 3, 1853. Should that proposition be adopted, it is respectfully submitted that the effect of it will be to restore the act of September 28, 1850, authorizing the appointment of Indian agents in California, and render necessary the appointment of three Indian agents, in addition to those now in the service.

The following appropriations will be needed to pay those agents, to wit:

For compensation of three Indian agents in California, from date to June 30, 1855, at \$3,000 each per annum.	\$3,000 00
For compensation of same from July 1, 1855, to June 30, 1856	9,000 00

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. McCLELLAND,
Secretary.

To the PRESIDENT.