

APPROPRIATION AND AGENT FOR KIOWAY, APACHE, AND  
COMANCHE INDIANS.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RECOMMENDING

*The appointment of an Indian agent for the Kioway, Apache, and Comanche  
Indians, and an appropriation for the same.*

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APRIL 19, 1864 — Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., April 18, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a communication, dated the 12th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, representing the necessity that exists for the appointment of an agent for the Kioway, Apache, and Comanche Indians.

Concurring with the Commissioner in the views he expresses in relation to the matter, I commend the subject to the favorable consideration of Congress, with the recommendation that an appropriation be made for an agent for the Indians referred to, at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. P. USHER, *Secretary.*

Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN,  
*President of the Senate.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Office of Indian Affairs, April 12, 1864.*

SIR: I am strongly impressed with the necessity of having an agent with the Kioway, Apache, and Comanche Indians. These Indians are now under the charge of Agent Colley, who is located at the Arapahoe and Cheyenne reserve, between two and three hundred miles from the haunts of the roving Kioways, Apaches, and Comanches. It is impossible, therefore, that Agent Colley can give his personal attention to these Indians further than to dis-

tribute to them, once or twice a year, the few presents furnished them by the government. They are a wild, untractable people, and range from Texas far up into the buffalo range in western Kansas, much of the time encamping on the route to Fort Lyon and Santa Fé, begging and stealing a subsistence. There is another reason why I am anxious to have an agent whose special duty shall be to look after these people, viz: By the late removal of the Navajo Indians of New Mexico from the western to the eastern portion of that Territory they are brought within the range of the migrations of those tribes, and it will require care to avoid a war between them that might, and probably would, result very unfavorably to the white people, and would at least waste the substance and seriously annoy the Navajos at their new home, rendering them dissatisfied, and possibly opening up again the war between them and our people.

I hope you will agree with me, and ask an appropriation for an agent for these people, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. P. DOLE, *Commissioner.*

Hon. J. P. USHER,  
*Secretary of the Interior.*

