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Department of the Interior,
Office Indian Affairs,
February 20th 1854.

Sir,

In relation to the communication addressed to you by Hon: Joseph Lane, dated the 11th instant, and by you referred on the 14th. I have the honor to report that there is now a balance of \$6000, in the Treasury of an appropriation made by an Act of Congress entitled "An Act authorizing the negotiation of treaties with the Indian tribes in the Territory of Oregon for the extinguishment of their claims to land lying West of the Cascade Mountains and for other purposes" approved June 5th 1850.

Of this balance, on the final adjustment of the accounts of Anson Dart, late Superintendent in Oregon, the sum of \$1350, ⁰⁷/₁₀₀ will be charged to this appropriation, on account of expenditures incurred by him in negotiating treaties, which sum will be credited to other appropriations under which Mr. Dart stands charged at the Treasury, and thus the above balance of \$6000 will be reduced by the amount so to be charged.

It may also be found, when Superintendent Palmer renders his accounts for recent expenditures in negotiating with the Rogue river and Cow Creek bands of Umpqua Indians, the treaties transmitted to you on the 24th returns, that a further charge will have to be made against the appropriation alluded to.

I have reason to believe that Superintendent Palmer is a gentleman possessing every qualification necessary to enable him to negotiate nicely and satisfactorily; but in view of the facts above stated, and also of the recent estimate transmitted to you of an appropriation required for treating with the Indians in

Oregon on both sides of the Cascade Range, the propriety of awaiting the action of Congress on the estimate referred to before giving specific instructions on the subject of treating with the Indians in that territory is respectfully suggested.

The communication of Genl. Lane is returned herewith.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

(Signed) Geo. W. Manypenny
Commissary

Wm R. McLelland
Secretary of the Interior,