

Department of the Interior.  
Office of Indian Affairs.  
May 27, 1859.

Sir,—

I have the honor herewith to transmit the applications filed with Superintendent W. I. Cullen under the following clause in the act to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department approved June 14, 1858; viz:

"For defraying the expenses of the several expeditions against Inkpadutah's band, and in the search, ransom and recovery of the female captives, taken by said band in eighteen hundred and fifty seven, the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, the amount to be ascertained and paid on satisfactory proof, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior." together with his general report, and special reports, expressive of his opinion on each individual claim.

The number of applications filed is 306, amounting in the aggregate to \$46,235.62. The Governor of Iowa withdrew however in January last, application 161, filed by the State of Iowa for \$7,903.84; so that the amount total of the applications is reduced to \$38,331.78.

Superintendent Cullen recommends the allowance of claims amounting to \$25,114.91.

These claims have been investigated by this office and though some of the items allowed may appear extravagant, and others not be substantiated so fully as to pass a rigid examination; yet in consideration of the explanations made in Supt. Cullen's report, whose position, proximity to the scenes of action, intimate knowledge with all the circumstances involved fully enabled him to arrive at just conclusions so as to render his decisions reliable; and in consideration of further explanations made by Senator Rice in his letter herewith enclosed I think that by the adoption of the recommendation of Supt. Cullen we may nearest approach the point attainable under the circumstances, which will do justice to all concerned. I would therefore respectfully recommend that 75 per cent, viz: \$18,836.18 of the amount allowed by Supt. Cullen, be paid and that the balance, viz: \$1,163.82 be retained to pay the incidental expenses of the investigation.

Very Respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
A. B. GREENWOOD,  
Commissioner.

Hon. Jacob Thompson,  
Secretary of the Interior.

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Assorted Cargo—The steamer Pizzaro lately left St. Louis for the mouth of Kansas river with the following cargo for that point, viz.: 20 spinning wheels, twenty looms and their appendages, 300 axes and one hundred ploughs, and last though not least, \$10,000 in specie. This pretty little outfit is said to be for the Iowa and other Indians.—Davenport, I. T.—*Iowa Sun*, Nov. 13, 1839.

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