

After a careful examination
 of the correspondence in your
 file in relation to the Long Springs
 The Department has failed to
 discover any authority from
 the Indian Mail or from
 the Department for incurring the
 expenditure the expense of
 which you claim.

The only permission given
 for any expenditure whatever
 was by official letter of the
 17th April 1880 in which you
 were authorized to employ
 three persons to excavate in
 the vicinity of the supposed
 spring and endeavor to
 determine whether it is a
 flowing spring or not, my
 letter of the 10th of June 1880
 is the only authority