

REVISED ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS.

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FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

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FOR THE

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FOR THE

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*To the House of Representatives :*

In reply to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 15th of last December, requesting a revision of the estimates for the expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, I have the honor to transmit herewith amended estimates and replies from the several Departments.

U. S. GRANT,

EXECUTIVE MANSION, *January 7, 1874,*

REVIEW LISTINGS OF APPLICATIONS

## STATE DEPARTMENT.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, December —, 1873.*

To the PRESIDENT :

The undersigned has the honor to report that he has caused a revision of the estimates of appropriations required for the Department of State, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875; and that the only estimate which can be reduced is that of "postage, Department of State," for the purchase of official postage-stamps, which may be reduced to \$50,000, (see Ex. Doc. No. 5, H. of Rep., 43d Cong., 1 Sess., page 13.)

The appropriation for "publishing laws Department of State" on the same page is not properly chargeable to this Department. The journals in which the laws are published were formerly designated by the Secretary of State; but by acts passed March 2, 1867, and March 29, 1867, (Stats. at Large, vol. 14, p. 466, and vol. 15, p. 8,) the selection of these journals was transferred to the Clerk of the House of Representatives. The custom of including this estimate among those for the Department of State has, nevertheless, been continued.

Respectfully submitted.

HAMILTON FISH.

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington, D. C., January 3, 1874.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the reference by you of a copy of the resolution of Congress, passed the 15th ultimo, requesting a revision of the estimates submitted by this Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, and to report what public expenditures for the current fiscal year can be reduced without detriment to the public service, and to submit the following in reply thereto.

The book of estimates printed by this Department and submitted to Congress, in compliance with provisions of law, is made up from the estimates furnished by the several executive departments of the Government over which the Secretary of the Treasury has no control whatever, either to increase or diminish, except the estimates of the Treasury Department alone.

The estimates belonging exclusively to this Department, amounting to \$173,384,905.15, include the interest on the public debt, and the amount required for the sinking fund, aggregating \$131,594,346.72, for which there are permanent appropriations; amounts payable on general salary accounts and for the current and ordinary expenses of the various branches of the service, including the territorial governments, and for public works expressly ordered by laws of Congress, to the extent of \$38,823,296.63, in relation to which the Secretary of the Treasury has no authority or discretion, except to carry out the will of Congress as expressed in the laws under which he is required to perform his duties. Of the whole estimates above mentioned for the year ending June 30, 1875, only the sum of \$2,967,261.80 is submitted for the consideration of Congress, outside of the requirements of existing laws.

These latter may, of course, be all omitted without additional legislation, and the money would not be expended unless Congress in its wisdom should be of opinion that the whole, or any part thereof, would be necessary, and should enact laws making appropriations therefor.

If the estimates are to be omitted or reduced to any further extent it will involve a change in the policy and laws of Congress, upon which they are founded, the necessity or expediency of which are matters within its own jurisdiction, and are not left to the discretion or judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The estimates *submitted* for new light-houses, buildings, beacons, and fog-signals for light-house service, on pages 120 to 125, inclusive, of the book of estimates, amounting to \$1,632,300, may be omitted, if Congress shall be of opinion that it is not advisable to extend this service, which is so important to the great shipping interest.



During the current fiscal year the only works on light-houses, which can be suspended, are as follows:

Light-house at Bulk Head Shoal, Delaware River.  
 Light-house at Pea Patch Island, Delaware River.  
 Light-house at Thomas Point Shoal, Maryland.  
 Light-house at Shipping Point, Potomac River.  
 Light-house at Dutch Gap Canal, Virginia.  
 Light-house at Saint Andrew's Bay, Florida.  
 Light-house at Portage Lake Ship-Canal.  
 Light-house at L'Anse, Lake Superior.  
 Light-house at Isle Royal, Lake Superior.  
 Light-house at Point-no-Point, Puget's Sound, Washington Territory.  
 Lake-coast light, Thirty-Mile Point, Lake Ontario, New York.  
 Day-beacons, Potomac River.  
 Day-beacons, Savannah River, Georgia.

The aggregate expenditure involved in the completion of these works is only \$170,272.63, and it is doubtful if the saving of expense by such suspension would be commensurate with the benefits to be derived from a continuance of the work.

The item under the head of "construction of revenue-vessels," for building a steam revenue-vessel for the Pacific coast, submitted on page 126 of the estimates, is not required by any existing law, and although such a vessel would be of great benefit to the revenue marine service on that coast, and such as the Secretary felt it his duty to submit, it is not absolutely indispensable, except as an additional means of assisting in the collection of the revenue.

Reductions in the estimates on account of ordinary expenses for the next fiscal year may be made in the following items:

"Collecting mining statistics," on page 31, "estimates" may be reduced to \$5,000.

"Punishment for violation internal-revenue laws," on page 29, may be reduced to \$50,000.

"Postage, Treasury Department," on page 19, may be reduced to \$200,000.

In explanation of this last item I have to state that when the estimate was made, so little experience had been gained since the law went into operation, and the returns from the different offices as to the amount of stamps actually used of those sent out were so incomplete at that early day, that it was not possible to make the estimate with accuracy. It now appears, from the receipt of full returns, that a much less number of stamps will be required than was at first anticipated.

In relation to the construction of public buildings, all except one new building, and the extension and remodeling of two others, have already been ordered by laws of Congress. I submit herewith three tables, showing the condition of that service and the estimates therefor, together with a letter from the Supervising Architect respecting the same.

So much of this work may be discontinued as Congress shall determine.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

WM. A. RICHARDSON,  
*Secretary.*

The PRESIDENT.

REVISED ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS.

TABLE No. 1.

Statement showing buildings not commenced, balances of appropriations therefor January 1, 1874, and amounts estimated for fiscal year ending June 30, 1875.

Location and nature of building.	Balance of appropriation January 1, 1874.	Estimate for year ending June 30, 1875.
Albany, N. Y., custom-house .....	\$247,233 95	.....
Atlanta, Ga., court-house, &c.....	110,000 00	.....
Covington, Ky., court-house and post-office.....	99,355 70	.....
Dover, Del., post-office, &c.....	29,963 70	.....
Evansville, Ind., custom-house.....	54,285 70	\$150,000 00
Fall River, Mass., custom-house.....	96,800 00	.....
Grand Rapids, Mich., court-house, &c.....	.....	100,000 00
Jersey City, N. J., post-office and court-house.....	99,928 00	100,000 00
Little Rock, Ark., court-house, &c.....	99,620 75	.....
Memphis, Tenn., custom-house.....	25,000 00	100,000 00
Nashville, Tenn., custom-house.....	150,000 00	.....
San Francisco, Cal., marine hospital.....	58,789 56	.....
Utica, N. Y., court-house, &c.....	199,832 30	.....
Washington, D. C., building for Treasury archives, &c.....	.....	500,000 00
	1,270,809 66	950,000 00

TABLE No. 2.

Statement showing buildings commenced, the suspension of which is possible, balances of appropriations therefor January 1, 1874, and estimates for fiscal year ending June 30, 1875.

Location and nature of building.	Balance of appropriation January 1, 1874.	Estimated for year ending June 30, 1875.
Boston, Mass., post-office and sub-treasury .....	*\$767,993 75	\$750,000 00
Chicago, Ill., custom-house.....	814,136 08	750,000 00
Cincinnati, Ohio, custom-house.....	701,515 25	750,000 00
Columbia, S. C., court-house, &c.....	22,233 06	156,899 75
Hartford, Conn., custom-house.....	61,327 20	200,000 00
Lincoln, Nebr., court-house, &c.....	129,700 40	.....
Philadelphia, Pa., court-house, &c.....	537,234 05	1,000,000 00
Port Huron, Mich., custom-house.....	84,957 40	100,000 00
Parkersburgh, W. Va., post-office, &c.....	129,973 60	.....
Rockland, Me., custom-house.....	65,032 00	.....
Raleigh, N. C., court-house, &c.....	191,909 75	.....
San Francisco, Cal., appraisers' stores.....	324,194 15	.....
Saint Louis, Mo., custom-house.....	872,420 29	750,000 00
Trenton, N. J., court-house, &c.....	119,881 70	.....
	4,822,558 68	4,456,899 75

\* This balance includes estimated cost of repairs of damage by fire, additional site, and commencing extension, and is, therefore, included in both Table No. 2 and No. 3.

TABLE No. 3.

*Statement showing buildings so far completed that a suspension of work is impracticable, appropriations available therefor January 1, 1874, and estimates for fiscal year ending June 30, 1875.*

Location and nature of building.	Balance of appropriation January 1, 1874.	Estimate for year ending June 30, 1875.
Boston, Mass., post-office and sub-treasury .....	*\$767,993 75	.....
Charleston, S. C., custom-house .....	33,015 23	\$251,883 91
Indianapolis, Ind., court-house, &c .....	2,999 20	40,000 00
Knoxville, Tenn., custom-house .....	51,173 63	.....
New Orleans, La., custom-house .....	5,722 34	301,827 85
New York, N. Y., post-office, &c .....	524,864 96	1,656,705 72
Omaha, Nebr., court-house, &c .....	.....	45,500 00
Portland, Oreg., custom-house .....	38,328 93	29,800 00
San Francisco, Cal., branch mint .....	283,213 44	.....
	939,317 73	2,325,717 48

\* This balance includes estimated cost of repairs of damage by fire, additional site, and commencing extension, and is therefore included in both Table No. 2 and No. 3.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

*Office of Supervising Architect, January 3, 1874.*

SIR: Acknowledging the receipt of yours of the 19th ultimo, informing me that you are "anxious that all public expenditures for the current year shall cease, unless positively demanded by the imperative necessities of the Government," "and that you are equally anxious that there should be no appropriation for public buildings for the next fiscal year which can be dispensed with without serious injury" to the public service, and directing me to "examine in detail the appropriations still unexpended for public buildings for the current fiscal year, with a view to the consideration of the question, how far the expenditures can be reduced by a discontinuance of the public works under my charge," and also instructing me to "re-examine the estimates for public buildings for the next fiscal year, and to report in what cases they may be reduced without serious detriment to the public service," I have the honor to submit the following reply:

The appropriations now standing to the credit of this Office on the books of the Treasury and available for the commencement or the prosecution of the public works under its supervision during the current fiscal year, amount to \$7,032,686.07, and are applicable to thirty-three buildings.

No expenditures have been made or contracts entered into on the buildings at Albany, N. Y., Evansville, Ind., Fall River, Mass., Memphis, Tenn., Nashville, Tenn., Jersey City, N. J., Little Rock, Ark., Atlanta, Ga., Covington, Ky., Dover, Del., Grand Rapids, Mich., Utica, N. Y., or the Marine Hospital, San Francisco, Cal.

I desire, however, to call attention to the fact that the site purchased for the proposed building at Fall River, Mass., is too small, and that bonds have been obtained from the owners of the surrounding property for the sale to the Government of the additional property required, at a price that is considered, by judges of real estate in that city, extremely low. As these bonds will expire on May 15, 1874, and as it will probably be impossible to obtain as favorable an offer hereafter, I would respectfully suggest that the purchase of the necessary property be made, irrespective of any decision in regard to the postponement of work on the building.

Work has been commenced or contracts entered into for the commencement of work on the following buildings: Cincinnati, Ohio, Chicago, Ill., Columbia, S. C., Hartford, Conn., Lincoln, Nebr., Philadelphia, Pa., Port Huron, Mich., Parkersburgh, W. Va., Rockland, Me., Raleigh, N. C., San Francisco, Cal., (appraisers' stores,) Saint Louis, Mo., Trenton, N. J., and extension of Boston, Mass., post-office and sub-treasury.

In all of the above cases a suspension of work is possible, and would involve no material expenditure save for the protection of the work already performed and the materials purchased, except in the case of Saint Louis, in which instance the completion of the retaining walls and of the foundations would be indispensable.

I cannot, however, recommend the suspension of work on any of these buildings, as the cost of the buildings would undoubtedly be increased thereby, besides entailing much inconvenience to the Government, as well as the public. It seems to me, therefore, that such a suspension could only be justified by imperative necessity.

The condition of the work on the remaining buildings, viz: Boston, Mass., Charleston, S. C., Indianapolis, Ind., Knoxville, Tenn., New Orleans, La., New York City, Omaha, Nebr., Portland, Oreg., and the branch mint at San Francisco, Cal., is such that the suspension is impracticable,



and would involve a much greater loss to the Department than the amount required for the completion of the buildings.

Should it be decided not to commence any new works, and to suspend operations on the buildings indicated above, the expenditures for the current fiscal year can be reduced very nearly \$6,000,000.

The estimates submitted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, were based upon the assumption that work would be commenced and continued on the buildings above referred to, all of which have been authorized by law. The estimates contemplate, in addition, the commencement of work on a building for the accommodation of the archives and records of this Department and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, of the necessity for which the Secretary is as well advised as the Supervising Architect, and no expression of opinion appears to be necessary. Estimates were also included for the extension and repair of the custom-house at Pensacola, Fla., and of the Marine Hospital at Louisville, Ky., which are, in my opinion, indispensable.

Should it be decided to defer the commencement of the buildings hereinabove specified, the estimates for their continuation would, of course, be omitted; and should it be decided to suspend work on all or any portion of the works now in progress, the amounts estimated for the continuation of work thereon would not be required.

Should it be decided to commence work on no new building, and to suspend work in all cases where practicable, the estimates for the year ending June 30, 1875, can be reduced from \$8,146,449.03 to \$2,739,549.28, a reduction of \$5,406,899.75, being a reduction of \$11,406,899.75 in the present and ensuing fiscal year.

It is, however, in my opinion, impossible to reduce the estimates for the prosecution of the work on any building on which it may be desired to continue operations, and I desire to remind the Secretary that the estimates of this Office have already been reduced by him below the point which I deemed desirable and necessary for the proper prosecution of the work. Under these circumstances I cannot, of course, recommend any further reduction.

Understanding you to require of me an expression of opinion as to the propriety of suspending work on the buildings already commenced, I would most respectfully say that a general suspension of work on the public buildings would undoubtedly increase their ultimate cost, and would, in my opinion, greatly diminish the amount of private work throughout the country, and have a decided tendency to induce a practical suspension of building operations, besides throwing out of employment a very large number of mechanics and laborers, who would find it difficult, if not impossible, to obtain employment elsewhere, and I feel satisfied that such action would be productive of serious distress among mechanics and laborers. In this connection I desire to call the attention of the Department to the present scarcity of work throughout the country, and the great reduction of wages occasioned thereby, amounting, in many of the more important branches connected with building, to more than 20 per cent.

It appears to me, therefore, that before deciding on a suspension of work it would be well to consider what effect such action on the part of the Government would have upon the industrial resources of the country, and should it be decided that they would not be injuriously affected thereby, I know of no other reasons than those above referred to why the commencement of operations cannot be postponed or suspended on the classes above indicated, should it be deemed necessary to do so.

I submit herewith tables which will explain in detail the amount of reduction that can be accomplished by the course herein indicated.

In conclusion, I have to say that I have not, in the preparation of this report, included the appropriations for repairs, as no reduction is possible on those items.

Very respectfully,

A. B. MULLETT,  
*Supervising Architect.*

Hon. WM. A. RICHARDSON,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

## WAR DEPARTMENT.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *January 3, 1874.*

In compliance with your letter of the 16th December, 1873, inclosing copy of the resolution of the House of Representatives, requesting, in view of a proposed reduction of the expenditures of the Government, made necessary by certain facts therein set forth, that the estimates of the Department be revised, and a report made in detail as to what public expenditures for the current fiscal year, and what estimates for the next fiscal year, can be reduced without detriment to the public service, I have the honor to report that the estimates have been carefully revised, both by the heads of bureaus of the Department and myself, and I herewith submit the reports made by those officers, setting forth what reduction can be made, and what estimates have been totally withdrawn.

The estimates for the military service proper are based upon the actual cost of material and supplies, and upon the number of persons authorized by law to be employed. The Department has been unable as yet to feel any shrinkage in values, for the reason that the large contracts for military supplies are principally made at the beginning of the fiscal year, for a year's supply. It is expected that, when the contracts for the next year are to be given, the Department will be able to take advantage of any decline in the markets. It may be, however, that, owing to proposed increase of taxation, our expectations in this respect may not be fully realized.

In so far as regards the strictly military part of our service, I have endeavored, by close scrutiny into expenditures, by active and detailed inspection of all the supply-branches, by a reduction in rents and employés for the past three years, to bring down expenses to the lowest limit consistent with efficiency. As to those matters which are outside of the Army proper and are more or less of a civil nature, my original estimate was for such works as are provided for by law, for which Congress has directed that estimates be made. I have usually submitted them without comment, leaving it to the wisdom of Congress to determine how much of the estimated amount shall be appropriated, or whether any of it shall be appropriated at all. But, in accordance with the spirit of the House resolution, I have caused the estimates for these purposes to be largely reduced, and some items wholly withdrawn.

There are several items which appear in the book of estimates charged against the War Department which are reported to me by the accounting officer of the Treasury as being necessary for the payment of certain claims during the next year. I have no further knowledge in regard to them than is contained in the letter transmitted by those officers. The items are:

Refunding to States expenses incurred in raising volunteers, &c.....	\$500,000
Horses and other property lost in the military service.....	450,000
Extra pay to officers, musicians, and privates in the Mexican war.....	70,000
Pay to Florida volunteers.....	2,000
Pay to volunteers in Black Hawk and other Indian wars.....	2,000

The following amounts were not estimated for by me, but the expenditures are authorized by existing laws, and, being about the sums annually expended, the Treasury Department embodied them in the book of estimates, thereby swelling the estimates to that amount.

Arming and equipping the militia.....	\$200,000
Bounty to soldiers.....	1,000,000
Support of National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.....	250,000

Attention is called to the reduction made by the Chief of Engineers in estimates for rivers and harbors and other public works, from \$20,355,640 to \$7,932,100. Should Congress deem it advisable to make no appropriations for the continuance of work already commenced, or for new works, a reduced appropriation would be needed for the preservation of those works partially finished.

I also submit herewith a tabular statement showing, under the different heads of appropriations, the amounts made in the original estimates, the estimates as reduced, and the amount of the reductions that have been made, giving a reference to the page of the book of estimates on which the same may be found.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. W. BELKNAP,  
*Secretary of War.*

To the PRESIDENT.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, December 24, 1873.

CONTINGENCIES, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

(Ex. Doc. No. 5, Forty-third Congress, First session, page 63.)

The amount appropriated for the contingent expenses of the Adjutant-General's Department, at Division and Department Headquarters, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, was.....	\$5,000 00
The amount in the Treasury and in the possession of officers to the credit of this fund November 30, 1873, was.....	3,987 00
Amount expended during five months.....	1,013 00
Average expense per month.....	202 60
This rate of monthly expense for the next seven months would make a total expenditure for the remainder of the fiscal year of.....	1,418 20
This deducted from the balance above given as in Treasury and in possession of officers would leave a balance of.....	2,568 80

Of the appropriation of \$5,000, made for the expenses of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873, there remains a balance in the Treasury of \$2,041.93, and no reason is known why the expenses of the current and ensuing fiscal year should exceed those of the past. Five thousand dollars was estimated for the expenses of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875.

If a reduction of \$2,000 should be made in the estimate, the requisitions will be confined within the appropriation made.

E. D. TOWNSEND,  
Adjutant-General.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, December 24, 1873.

EXPENSES OF RECRUITING.

(Ex. Doc. No. 5, Forty-third Congress, First session, page 63.)

The amount in the Treasury and in the possession of officers November 30, 1873, to the credit of the appropriation for recruiting the Regular Army, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, was.....	\$81,035 79
The amount appropriated for the service of the fiscal year was.....	121,000 00
Amount expended during five months.....	39,964 21
Average expenditure per month.....	7,992 84
By confining the monthly expenditures to this sum the amount disbursed for the remainder of the fiscal year, (seven months,) would be.....	55,949 88
Deducting this from the amount above given as in the Treasury and in possession of officers, there would remain at the end of the fiscal year the sum of.....	25,085 91

The sum of \$120,580 was appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873, and of this only the sum of \$1,617.01 remains in the Treasury, and it was only by the exercise of the utmost economy that this appropriation was made to suffice.

After March 3, 1874, the terms of service of enlisted men, of infantry, and artillery, and other arms, as well as cavalry, will begin to expire, and it is believed that the above average of monthly expense will be found too little to properly conduct the operations of the recruiting service.

The amount estimated for during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, is \$175,000.

NOTE.—Two hundred thousand dollars was estimated for by the Adjutant-General. It has been reduced to \$175,000. This was based upon the estimate that 12,300 men will have to be enlisted.

It is believed that no deduction can be safely made in the present estimate; but if a deduction should be made, and the appropriation should be exhausted before the end of the fiscal year, the recruiting service can be suspended accordingly.

E. D. TOWNSEND,  
Adjutant-General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, D. C., December 20, 1873.

GENERAL: Referring to circular of the 18th instant, from the War Department to the heads of Bureaus thereof, directing that a report be rendered setting forth such expenditures for the present and estimates for the next fiscal year as can be reduced, I have the honor to inform you that the experience of the past year has shown that the estimates already submitted for the collection and payment of bounty, prize-money, and other claims of colored soldiers and sailors, (Ex. Doc. No. 5, p. 155, Forty-third Congress, first session,) will be actually the least that will be required, and, further, that no reduction in the expenditures of the present fiscal year, attendant upon the transaction of said business, can be made without manifest detriment to the service.

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

THOMAS M. VINCENT,  
Assistant Adjutant-General.

The ADJUTANT-GENERAL OF THE ARMY,  
Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted. Being well acquainted with the condition of the freedmen's business, I concur with General Vincent in the above opinion.

E. D. TOWNSEND,  
Adjutant-General.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
December 24, 1873.

WAR DEPARTMENT, QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, D. C., December 22, 1873.

SIR: In compliance with your instructions of the 18th instant, relative to reductions in the estimates of this Department for the next fiscal year, and the reductions that may be made in the expenditures for this fiscal year, I have the honor to submit the following report:

The appropriation for regular supplies for this fiscal year was.....	\$4,500,000 00
Amount already remitted to disbursing officers.....	3,181,504 37

Balance in the Treasury.....	1,318,495 63
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As much more than one-half of the appropriation has been remitted in the first half of the year, it will be impossible to avoid the expenditure of the balance during the remainder of the year.

The appropriation for incidental expenses for this year was.....	1,300,000 00
Amount already remitted to disbursing officers.....	956,487 90

Balance in the Treasury.....	343,512 10
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The expenses incurred under this head of appropriation during the remainder of this fiscal year will undoubtedly exceed the balance available to meet the same.

The appropriation for purchase of horses for this fiscal year was.....	350,000 00
Amount already remitted to disbursing officers.....	90,603 95

Balance in the Treasury.....	259,396 05
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If not much activity is required of the cavalry next spring, about \$100,000 of the appropriation may be saved. This is owing to remounts having been purchased late last spring.

The appropriation for barracks and quarters for this fiscal year was.....	1,700,000 00
Amount already remitted to disbursing officers.....	1,259,039 95

Balance in the Treasury.....	440,960 05
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Nearly three-fourths of this appropriation have been remitted in half of the fiscal year. All possible reductions in expenditures have been made, but it is doubtful if the balance will be sufficient to meet the expenses which will be incurred during the remainder of the fiscal year.

The appropriation for transportation of the Army for this fiscal year was.....	4,500,000 00
Amount already remitted to disbursing officers.....	2,421,542 39

Balance in the Treasury.....	2,078,457 61
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Although more than half of the appropriation has been remitted in the first half of the year, yet the balance will be sufficient to meet the expenses incurred during the remainder of the year, if there be no unusual movement of troops.

The appropriation for clothing of the Army for this fiscal year was .....	\$1,523,508 81
The balance available for the manufacture of clothing is about.....	40,000 00
This will not be sufficient to enable the Department to fill requisitions for clothing, in full, that will be received during the remainder of the year.	
The appropriation for national cemeteries for this fiscal year was .....	275,000 00
Amount already remitted to disbursing officers.....	193,953 15
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Balance in the Treasury.....	81,046 85

Several contracts for permanent lodges and inclosures have recently been declared forfeited by reason of failure of the contractors to commence work before the expiration of the time stipulated in the contracts for their completion. By not constructing these works this year a saving of about \$40,000 may be made in this appropriation.

The appropriation for hospitals for this fiscal year was .....	100,000 00
Amount already remitted to disbursing officers.....	70,543 66
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Balance in the Treasury.....	29,456 34

The distribution of this appropriation is made on the recommendation of the Surgeon-General of the Army.

The appropriation for headstones for soldiers' graves is \$1,000,000. Contracts have not yet been made for this work, and the entire amount may be saved now if the work is postponed to some future time.

Leaving out the appropriation for head-stones, the total amount available for the service of the Department during the remainder of this fiscal year is \$4,755,237.71. If Congress will place all the balances of appropriations for the Quartermaster's Department for this fiscal year under one general head, the expenditures can be made to not exceed \$4,640,000 without suspending work on the national cemeteries. By not constructing the works provided for in the forfeited contracts, the expenditures will not exceed \$4,600,000.

With regard to the appropriations for next fiscal year, if the appropriations remain, as at present, under nine different heads, the following are the only reductions which can be made, viz:

On page 69 of the Book of Estimates the item of \$100,000, for preservation of clothing and equipage, may be reduced to \$50,000. As the old uniform is to be sold, and the new is supplied only to the extent of the allowance annually, there cannot be great loss from the action of moths. But the process should be applied to the tentage, as it protects it from mildew and greatly lengthens its term of serviceableness.

By not constructing any permanent inclosures or lodges at the national cemeteries, the item of \$275,000, for national cemeteries, (on page 69 of the Book of Estimates,) may be reduced to \$150,000. It would, however, be more economical in the end to let the item stand as in the Book of Estimates, as the final cost would be increased by the amount expended in repairs of the temporary structures.

The total reduction, therefore, which is practicable but not advisable, is \$175,000.

The total amount of the estimates for the Quartermaster's Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, is \$15,525,000. This amount may be reduced to \$14,000,000, if Congress will appropriate under one head instead of nine, as at present. The Department will be able to make reductions of expenditures when the appropriation is under one head which it cannot do when there are nine appropriations.

The Book of Estimates is returned herewith.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. BINGHAM,

*Acting Quartermaster-General, Brevet Brigadier-General U. S. A.*

The Hon. the SECRETARY OF WAR.

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,  
DIVISION OF TELEGRAMS AND REPORTS FOR THE  
BENEFIT OF COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE,  
Washington, D. C., December 20, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of War Department circular letter of date 18th instant, inclosing copy of House resolution calling for a revision of the estimates for the fiscal



year ending June 30, 1875, and a report as to what estimates might be reduced without serious detriment to the public service.

It is respectfully submitted that the estimates laid before the honorable the Secretary of War, on 15th August, 1873, were based upon considerations of the most careful economy, without exaggeration, to provide for possible reductions to be made in their amounts, and that in view of that protection of the commercial and agricultural interests of the United States with which this office is charged, they cannot be properly reduced.

The work of this office is continuous and not divisible, as for geographical districts. Its duties extend to a care of life as well as property. It would be unjust to lessen or reduce its value or its warnings in any particular State or States.

The facts set forth in the letter of transmittal to the honorable Secretary of War, of date 15th August, 1873, remain unchanged, and attention is respectfully invited to them. It is right to add that it is believed that for every dollar laid out in this service, a value pecuniarily greater than the amount expended is directly returned to the people.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ALBERT J. MYER,  
*Brig. Gen., (Bvt. assigned,) Chief Signal Officer of the Army.*

The Hon. the SECRETARY OF WAR,  
*Washington, D. C.*

ORDNANCE OFFICE, WAR DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington, December 27, 1873.*

SIR: In compliance with resolution of the House of Representatives and your instructions of the 18th instant, I have the honor to report the following changes in the estimate of the Ordnance Department, viz:

	Originally estimated.	Reduced to—
(Page 69,) Ordnance service.....	\$300,000 00	\$250,000 00
(Page 70,) Ordnance and ordnance stores:		
Infantry equipments.....	240,000 00	200,000 00
Recovering saddles, &c.....	130,000 00	100,000 00
(Page 126,) Rock Island Arsenal:		
A new rolling-mill.....	200,000 00	100,000 00
A stone fire-proof office.....	68,000 00	Withdrawn.
(Page 128,) Benicia Arsenal:		
Fire-proof stable.....	28,692 00	Withdrawn.
(Page 127 to page 130:)		
Allegheny arsenal.....	82,142 79	50,000 00
Augusta arsenal.....		
Columbus arsenal.....		
Detroit arsenal.....		
Fort Monroe arsenal.....		
Fort Union arsenal.....		
Frankford arsenal.....		
Indianapolis arsenal.....		
Kennebec arsenal.....		
Leavenworth arsenal.....		
New York arsenal.....		
Pikesville arsenal.....		
Saint Louis arsenal.....		
San Antonio arsenal.....		
Vancouver arsenal.....		
Washington arsenal.....		
Watervliet arsenal.....		
Watertown arsenal.....		
Reduction.....		348,834 79

The copy of the Book of Estimates is herewith returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
By order of the Chief of Ordnance:

S. V. BENÉT,  
*Major of Ordnance.*

The Hon. the SECRETARY OF WAR.

WAR DEPARTMENT, SURGEON-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, D. C., December 22, 1873.

SIR: In accordance with your circular letter of December 18, I have the honor to return herewith the Book of Estimates for the next fiscal year, with the following report:

1st. It is not possible to make any reduction in the present fiscal year without manifest injury to the service.

2d. After careful consideration it is thought that the following reduction of the estimates forwarded by this department may be made, although it will involve a material reduction of the stock of supplies kept on hand for an emergency, a deficiency which it will be good policy and economy to fill up as soon as possible, viz:

Book of Estimates, (page 69,) Medical and Hospital Department, reduced to \$200,000. Appliances for disabled soldiers, withdrawn.

(Page 154.) Support of Freedman's Hospital and Asylum, at Washington, D. C., reduced to \$50,000.

This is a reduction of \$38,000, or over 12 per cent. on the total appropriation asked for by this Department.

With regard to the appropriation for appliances for disabled soldiers, I would respectfully remark that it is a matter of charity, and should be considered solely in that point of view.

In conclusion, I would state that no further reduction can be made in the estimates from this office without direct injury to the service.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. K. BARNES,  
Surgeon-General United States Army.

Hon. SECRETARY OF WAR.

PAYMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE, WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, December 23, 1873.

SIR: In response to your circular letter of December 18, 1873, requesting a revision of the estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, and a report setting forth in detail what expenditures for the present and what estimates for the next fiscal year can be reduced without serious detriment to the public service, I have the honor to submit the following:

The actual amount drawn from the Treasury for disbursements by this department to December 31, 1873, is \$6,221,513, leaving a balance of \$6,298,866.50 for the service of the remaining half of the fiscal year. In view of the large number of deserters who have returned under the President's proclamation, and the probable continued decrease of desertions, I do not deem it safe to recommend any reduction of the amounts appropriated for the service of the current fiscal year.

The estimates of this Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, were based upon the following data:

1st. *For salaries.*—The actual number of officers in service at date of estimate, (August 20, 1873,) and the number of enlisted men and civil employes authorized by law at their legal rates of compensation.

2d. *For estimated items.*—The actual expenditures of eight months of the last fiscal year.

The amount asked for for salaries was arrived at by a careful computation, based on the above data. This amount cannot, therefore, be reduced without a corresponding reduction either in the number of persons paid or the rates of compensation. It may be claimed that the number of enlisted men in the Army never reaches the maximum, but whatever reduction could be made on this account has been anticipated by the War Department, in reducing the estimates of this office nearly \$400,000.

Since the amount asked for for estimated items was submitted, the Adjutant-General has furnished this Office with data as to the number of enlisted men entitled to additional pay under acts of August 4, 1854, and May 15, 1872, showing a deficiency of \$450,000 in the amount estimated for said item. This fact and the reduction of nearly \$400,000, before referred to, compel me to state that the estimates of this Department for the next fiscal year cannot be further reduced without the prospect of serious detriment to the public service.

I have the honor to return herewith the copy of the Book of Estimates for the next fiscal year, forwarded with your letter.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

BENJ. ALVORD,  
Paymaster-General United States Army.

The Hon. the SECRETARY OF WAR.

OFFICE COMMISSARY-GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE,  
Washington City, January 3, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your circular-letter of the 18th ultimo, and in reply, to state that, under existing circumstances, no reduction in the estimate of appropriations for the subsistence of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, can be made.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. E. SHIRAS,  
Acting Commissary General of Subsistence, in charge.

The Hon. the SECRETARY OF WAR.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS,  
Washington, D. C., December 27, 1873.

SIR: In compliance with the circular-letter of instructions of December 18, respecting the reduction of estimates, &c., I have respectfully to submit herewith the following revised estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, viz:

1. *Fortifications and other works of defense* (Book of Estimates, page 130) reduced to \$1,407,500.

With respect to the items under this head I have the honor to report that I have either wholly withdrawn or reduced the specific amounts asked in every case where the circumstances would admit, and that in my judgment no further reduction can be effected.

For the fortifications north of Cape Hatteras, only so much has been asked as will be absolutely necessary for the next season's labor, which commences in April and May, 1874, and ends in October and November, 1874. And for the works south of that cape, for those only now in hand, and for their season for labor, commencing in November, 1874, and ending in May and June, 1875.

The revised estimates exclude many positions at which guns should be put in position, but which have not the marked commercial or strategic importance of those for which estimates are submitted.

The recent heavy draught upon the appropriation for contingencies of fortifications has rendered it necessary to increase the sum required under this head; nevertheless, the total estimate for fortifications has been reduced from \$3,376,000 to \$1,407,500.

A reduction in the rate of expenditure on the fortifications for the remainder of the present fiscal year has been provided for in the large reduction of the estimates for the coming year.

2. *Improving harbors and rivers* (Book of Estimates, page 133) reduced to \$5,684,500.

Contracts have been entered into and all the arrangements made for the expenditure of the appropriations of the river and harbor bill of 1873, with the exception of one or two items, and the work under these contracts has been in progress some time, and in some instances the appropriation has been nearly exhausted.

The expenditures for the present fiscal year under this act cannot, therefore, be sensibly reduced without serious detriment to the public service.

The estimates submitted in August last, repeated in the annual report from this office of October, 1873, for continuing the improvement of rivers and harbors, exhibit the judgment of the Engineer Department as to the proper rate of progress in these works, the construction of which has been ordered by Congress.

In forming that judgment, consideration has been given to the object sought to be effected by the work, the economy of its construction, the engineering principles involved in its plan, the magnitude of the benefits to commerce which are to follow from it, and the rendering these beneficial results available to commerce at the earliest practicable time consistent with economy and permanence of construction.

These expenditures add largely to the wealth of the country, to the resources of the Government, and to its military power in a state of war. They give increased facilities and security to trade, increase the facilities and reduce the cost of transportation, and decrease insurance and freight charges.

Having thus presented the reasons for the scale of expenditure recommended by this Department, I have now, in conformity to the resolution of the House of Representatives and the requirements of the President and the Secretary of War, to submit revised estimates, taking for guide the appropriations of the last river and harbor act, with the condition added that the estimates shall not be so reduced as to cause serious detriment to the public service.

The estimate of amounts needed for the preservation of the Falls of Saint Anthony, and the deepening of the channel at the mouth of the Mississippi River, are instances where the original estimates are retained under the latter condition.

3. *Buildings and grounds in and around Washington* reduced to \$550,556.

The item on page 139 of Book of Estimates, for "constructing a new bridge with stone piers and iron superstructure across the Eastern Branch," and under the head *Washington Aqueduct* the item "building a stone dam across the Virginia Channel of the Potomac River, from the end of the present dam to the Virginia shore," are "withdrawn," reducing the estimate for this branch of the service \$567,500.

4. *Surveys of northern and northwestern lakes*, (Book of Estimates, page 138,) reduced to \$200,000. The items under this heading have been reduced as much as an economical and efficient prosecution of the survey will admit.

5. *Surveys for military defenses*, (Book of Estimates, page 132,) reduced to \$150,000. The reductions in this case are as large as the necessities of the service will admit.

6. *Engraving and printing plates*, (Book of Estimates, page 155,) reduced to \$15,000.

The appropriations for surveys for the present fiscal year are all allotted, and operations have been entered into, and engagements made, which will entirely absorb the whole amount appropriated. No reduction can, therefore, be made in the expenses of this fiscal year for this purpose.

RECAPITULATION.

	Estimates submitted August 20, 1873.	Estimates reduced as directed by resolu- tion of House of Representatives De- cember 15, 1873.
Fortifications and other works of defense.....	\$3,376,000 00	\$1,407,500 00
Engineer depot at Willet's Point, N. Y.....	20,800 00	20,800 00
Improving harbors and rivers.....	15,464,540 00	5,682,000 00
Public buildings and grounds in and around Washington.....	1,118,056 00	550,556 00
Surveys of northern and northwestern lakes.....	230,000 00	200,000 00
Surveys for military defenses.....	250,000 00	150,000 00
Engraving and printing plates.....	25,000 00	15,000 00
Office of Chief of Engineers.....	29,260 00	29,260 00
	20,513,656 00	8,055,116 00

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. A. HUMPHREYS,  
*Brigadier General and Chief of Engineers.*

Hon. W. W. BELKNAP,  
*Secretary of War.*

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Reduced estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, by the chief of engineers.

General object, (title of appropriation,) and details and explanations.	Date of acts, or treaties providing for the expenditure.	References to the Stats. at Large.			Original estimated amount which was required for each detailed object of expenditure.	Estimates reduced or withdrawn, as directed by resolution of House of Representatives, Dec. 15, 1873.	Page of the Book of Estimates on which item appears.
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<b>BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON.</b>							
<i>Improvement and care of public grounds :</i>							
Repair, care, and improvement of public buildings, grounds, and works in the District of Columbia, under direction of the Chief of Engineers.							
For continuing improvement of reservation No. 3 .....					\$30,000 00		138
For grounds south of Executive Mansion .....	Appropriated.	17	525	1	10,000 00		138
For the Smithsonian grounds .....	do	17	525	1	15,000 00		138
For Armory square, inclosing on two sides with posts and chain; for asphalt walks .....	do	17	525	1	8,000 00		138
For four reservations between Third and Sixth streets; grading, excavating walks, graveling and asphalt for same, and inclosing .....	do	17	525	1	10,000 00		138
For inclosing Lincoln square, and for asphaltting the walks, and purchase of trees, seats, &c .....	do	17	526	1	10,000 00		138
For continuing improvement of Judiciary square, purchase of seats, trees, evergreens, &c., and for fountain .....	do	17	526	1	15,000 00		138
For improving various triangular reservations .....	do	17	526	1	20,000 00		138
For ordinary repair of propagating-house and extension of same .....	do	17	526	1	3,000 00		138
For ordinary care and protection of Lafayette square .....	do	17	526	1	2,000 00		138
For annual repair of fences .....	do	17	526	1	2,000 00		138
For manure, and hauling the same .....	do	17	526	1	8,000 00		138
For painting iron fences .....	do	17	526	1	4,000 00		139
For purchase and repair of seats .....	do	17	526	1	1,000 00		139
For hire of horses and carts .....	do	17	526	1	5,000 00		139
For purchase and repair of tools .....	do	17	526	1	2,000 00		139
For trees, tree-boxes, lime, and whitewashing .....	do	17	526	1	5,000 00		139
For flowers, flower-pots, twine, wire, glasses, &c .....	do	17	526	1	1,000 00		139
For removing snow and ice .....	do	17	526	1	2,000 00		139
For purchase of young trees and plants for nursery .....	do	17	526	1	2,000 00		139
For tree-markers, and marking the same .....	do	17	526	1	100 00		139
For making cages and boxes for sparrows .....	do	17	526	1	500 00		139
For abating nuisances .....	do	17	526	1	1,000 00		139
For continuing improvement on reservation No. 17 .....					15,000 00		139
For constructing a fountain, and asphalt for walks, in the circle, at intersection of Vermont and Rhode Island avenue .....	Appropriated.	17	526	1	5,000 00		139
For repairing the various fountains in the public grounds .....	do	17	526	1	1,000 00		139
For improving the portion of Franklin square on K street lately added to those grounds, and for grading and completing edges of walks, and for granite coping; for fountain-bowl and planting trees .....	Submitted				5,000 00		139
For constructing a fountain in the circle at the intersection of New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Massachusetts avenues, including center-piece and coping for same .....	do				15,000 00		139
For constructing a fountain in the inclosed grounds south of the Executive Mansion .....	do				5,000 00		139
For inclosing and improving the triangular reservation on Pennsylvania avenue and Twenty-first street .....	do				2,000 00		139
For inclosing and improving six triangular reservations on avenue east of the Capitol .....	Appropriated.	17	526	1	12,000 00		139
For grading and inclosing the semi-circle at the intersection of Massachusetts and Kentucky avenues .....	Submitted				20,000 00		139
For granite coping in front of the Executive Mansion .....	do				7,500 00		139
For taking up and relaying the stone side-walk and curb south of the Executive Mansion .....	do				1,500 00		139
For removing the iron fence around Lafayette square and replacing the same with posts and chain .....					5,000 00		139
For improving the grounds of the old canal .....	Submitted				15,000 00		139
<i>Repairs, fuel, &amp;c., for Executive Mansion :</i>							
For annual repairs of the Executive Mansion .....	Appropriated.	17	527	1	15,000 00		139
For refurnishing the Executive Mansion .....	do	17	527	1	10,000 00		139
For fuel for the Executive Mansion .....	do	17	527	1	5,000 00		139
For completing the iron superstructure of the green-house .....	do	17	527	1	30,000 00		139
<i>Lighting, &amp;c., the Capitol, Executive Mansion, and the public grounds :</i>							
For gas .....	Appropriated.	17	527	1	45,000 00		139
For pay of lamp-lighters, gas-fitting, plumbing, lamps, lamp-posts, and repairs of all sorts .....	do	17	527	1	15,000 00		139
For fuel for watchmens' lodges and for the green-houses at the propagating gardens .....	do	17	527	1	1,000 00		139
<i>Navy-yard and upper bridge :</i>							
For constructing a new bridge with stone piers and iron superstructure across the Eastern Branch .....	Submitted				367,500 00	Withdrawn....	139
For annual repairs .....	Appropriated.	17	527	1	7,000 00		139



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General object, (title of appropriation,) and details and explanations.	Date of acts or treaties providing for the expenditure.	References to the Stats. at Large.			Original estimated amount which was required for each detailed object of expenditure.	Estimates reduced or withdrawn, as directed by resolution of House of Representatives, Dec. 15, 1873.	Page of the Book of Estimates on which item appears.
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<i>Annual repairs of Government water-pipes:</i>							
For repairing and extending water-pipes, purchase of apparatus to clean them, and for cleaning the springs for supplying the Capitol, Executive Mansion, and War and Navy Departments.....	Appropriated.	17	527	1	\$10,000 00	.....	139
<i>Contingent expenses of office:</i>							
For that purpose.....	Appropriated.	17	491	1	2,000 00	.....	35
<i>Washington Aqueduct:</i>							
For engineering, maintenance, and general repairs.....	Appropriated.	17	527	1	15,000 00	.....	139
For building an iron-truss roof, and for finishing and setting galvanized-iron cornice on the gate-house at Great Falls.....	Submitted.....				3,000 00	.....	139
For building a stone-dam across the Virginia channel of the Potomac River from the end of the present dam to the Virginia shore.....	do.....				200,000 00	Withdrawn.....	139
For building a wooden fence around Government land at Great Falls.....	do.....				1,500 00	.....	139
For building dwelling and office at Great Falls.....	do.....				3,000 00	.....	139
For paving the roadway over Griffith Park Bridge and over Cabin John Bridge with asphalt pavement.....	do.....				5,800 00	.....	139
For furnishing and setting four magnets, dial instruments, in connection with the telegraph line from Great Falls to Georgetown.....	do.....				1,100 00	.....	139
For building a wooden fence around the receiving-reservoir, 12,704 feet.....	do.....				9,500 00	.....	139
For continuing macadamizing of conduit road.....	Appropriated.....		527	1	10,000 00	.....	139
For soiling and seeding embankment slopes of the distributing-reservoir.....	Submitted.....				13,000 00	.....	140
For soiling and seeding slopes of the conduit embankments from Great Falls to the distributing-reservoir.....	do.....				27,100 00	.....	140
<i>Salaries of employes:</i>							
One clerk.....	Appropriated.	17	491		1,400 00	.....	35
One messenger.....	do.....	17	491		840 00	.....	35
One public gardener.....	do.....	17	491		1,440 00	.....	35
One landscape-gardener.....	do.....	17	491		1,800 00	.....	35
One laborer in charge of water-closets.....	do.....	17	491		720 00	.....	35
One foreman and laborers.....	do.....	17	491		19,296 00	.....	35
Ten laborers.....	Submitted.....				7,200 00	.....	35
Four laborers in the Capitol.....	Appropriated.	17	491		2,880 00	.....	35
One furnace-keeper Old Hall of Representatives.....	do.....	17	491		864 00	.....	35
One furnace-keeper at the Executive Mansion.....	do.....	17	491		864 00	.....	35
Two policemen at the Executive Mansion.....	do.....	17	491		3,168 00	.....	35
One night-watchman at the Executive Mansion.....	do.....	17	491		900 00	.....	35
One night-usher at the Executive Mansion.....	do.....	17	491		1,200 00	.....	35
Two door-keepers at the Executive Mansion.....	do.....	17	491		2,400 00	.....	35
Two draw-keepers for navy-yard and upper bridges, and for fuel, oil, lamps, matches, &c.....	do.....	17	491		1,600 00	.....	35
One watchman, Franklin Square.....	do.....	17	491		720 00	.....	35
For person in charge of the heating-apparatus, Library of Congress.....	do.....	17	491		864 00	.....	35
Five watchmen in reservation No. 2.....	do.....	17	491		3,600 00	.....	35
One watchman in Lincoln Square.....	do.....	17	491		540 00	.....	35
One watchman in Lafayette Square.....	do.....	17	491		720 00	.....	35
One watchman in Washington Circle.....	do.....				540 00	.....	35
One watchman in circle at Vermont and Massachusetts avenues.....	do.....				540 00	.....	35
One watchman in circle at Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire avenues.....	Submitted.....				600 00	.....	35
One watchman in reservation on New York avenue between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets.....	do.....				540 00	.....	35
One bridge-keeper for Chain Bridge.....	Appropriated.	17	491		720 00	.....	35
<i>Salaries:</i>							
Chief clerk.....	Mar. 3, 1871	16	492	1	2,000 00	\$2,000 00	33
Three clerks of class four.....	Two by Mar. 3, 1853	10	210	3	5,400 00	5,400 00	33
	One by Aug. 18, 1856	11	118	3			
Four clerks of class three.....	Two by Mar. 3, 1853	10	210	3	6,400 00	6,400 00	33
	Two by Apr. 22, 1854	10	276	1			
Four clerks of class two.....	July 27, 1861	12	277	1	5,600 00	5,600 00	33
	Mar. 3, 1871	16	492	1			
Four clerks of class one.....	Mar. 3, 1853	10	210	3	4,800 00	4,800 00	33
	Apr. 22, 1854	10	276	1			
Four clerks of class one.....	Two by Mar. 3, 1853	10	210	3	4,800 00	4,800 00	33
	One by Apr. 22, 1854	10	276	1			
Four clerks of class one.....	One by Jan. 27, 1862	12	333	1	4,800 00	4,800 00	33
	One by July 12, 1870	16	247	1			

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<i>Salaries—Continued.</i>							
One messenger.....	Aug. 18, 1856	11	145	1	\$840 00	\$840 00	33
	July 12, 1870	16	250	3			
One laborer.....	Mar. 3, 1869	15	294	1	720 00	720 00	33
	July 12, 1870	16	250	3			
<i>Contingent expenses:</i>							
Stationery, office furniture, and miscellaneous and incidental expenses, including subscription to two daily newspapers.....	Appropriated.	17	80	1	3,500 00	3,500 00	34
FORTIFICATIONS AND OTHER WORKS OF DEFENSE.							
<i>Fort Niagara, mouth of Niagara River:</i>							
Completion of land front.....	Appropriated.	13	443	1	25,000 00	Withdrawn.	130
<i>Fort Ontario, Oswego, N. Y.:</i>							
Completion of the work.....	Appropriated.	14	61	1	30,000 00	Withdrawn.	130
<i>Fort Montgomery, outlet of Lake Champlain, N. Y.:</i>							
Completion of the work.....	Appropriated.	14	448	1	28,000 00	Withdrawn.	130
<i>Fort Preble, Portland Harbor, Me.:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	468	1	40,000 00	20,000 00	130
<i>Fort Scammell, Portland Harbor, Me.:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	468	1	100,000 00	30,000 00	130
<i>Battery at Portland Head, Portland Harbor, Me.:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	376	1	100,000 00	Withdrawn.	130
<i>Fort Constitution, Portsmouth Harbor, N. H.:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	61	1	50,000 00	20,000 00	130
<i>Batteries in Portsmouth Harbor, N. H.:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	100,000 00	30,000 00	130
<i>Fort Warren, Boston Harbor, Mass.:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	468	1	100,000 00	Withdrawn.	131
<i>Battery at Long Island Head, Boston Harbor, Mass.:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	543	1	85,000 00	50,000 00	131
<i>Fort Winthrop, Boston Harbor, Mass.:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	468	1	20,000 00	Withdrawn.	131
<i>Fort at Clark's Point, New Bedford Harbor, Mass.:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	14	488	1	80,000 00	Withdrawn.	131
<i>Fort Adams, Newport Harbor, R. I.:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	468	1	110,000 00	40,000 00	131
<i>Dumpling's Battery, Canonicut Island, R. I.:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	13	443	1	50,000 00	Withdrawn.	131
<i>Fort on Dutch Island, west entrance to Narragansett Bay, R. I.:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	468	1	80,000 00	40,000 00	131
<i>Fort Trumbull, New London Harbor, Conn.:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	9	518	1	40,000 00	25,000 00	131
<i>Fort Griswold, New London Harbor, Conn.:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	5	582	1	40,000 00	Withdrawn.	131
<i>Fort Schuyler, East River, N. Y.:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	468	1	75,000 00	25,000 00	131
<i>Fort on Willett's Point, East River, N. Y.:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	75,000 00	30,000 00	131
<i>Fort Columbus, Governor's Island, New York Harbor:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	16	222	1	70,000 00	Withdrawn.	131
<i>Fort Wood, Bedloe's Island, New York Harbor:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	377	1	40,000 00	Withdrawn.	131
<i>Fort Hamilton and additional batteries, New York Harbor:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	26,000 00	26,000 00	131
<i>Fort on site of Fort Tompkins, Staten Island, New York Harbor:</i>							
Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	88,000 00	30,000 00	131

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<i>Battery Hudson, New York Harbor :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	\$13,000 00	\$13,000 00	131
<i>Fort Mifflin, Delaware River, Pa. :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	16	223	1	55,000 00	20,000 00	131
<i>Fort Delaware, Delaware River, Pa. :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	16	544	1	50,000 00	25,000 00	131
<i>Battery at Finn's Point, Delaware River, N. J. :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	544	1	75,000 00	30,000 00	131
<i>New fort opposite Fort Delaware, Delaware River :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	544	1	75,000 00	30,000 00	131
<i>Fort McHenry, Baltimore Harbor, Md. :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	544	1	35,000 00	25,000 00	131
<i>Fort Foote, Potomac River, Md. :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	544	1	35,000 00	20,000 00	131
<i>Fort Washington, Potomac River, Md. :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	544	1	35,000 00	20,000 00	131
<i>Fort Monroe, Hampton Roads, Va. :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	544	1	75,000 00	30,000 00	131
<i>Fort Macon, Beaufort Harbor, N. C. :</i> General repairs of existing work.....	Appropriated.	9	374	1	10,500 00	Withdrawn.	131
<i>Fort Caswell, mouth of Cape Fear River, N. C. :</i> General repairs of existing work.....	Appropriated.	9	374	1	40,000 00	Withdrawn.	131
<i>Fort Moultrie, Charleston Harbor, S. C. :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	544	1	60,000 00	40,000 00	131
<i>Fort Sumter, Charleston Harbor, S. C. :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	544	1	40,000 00	40,000 00	131
<i>Fort Johnson, Charleston Harbor, S. C. :</i> Repairs of existing work.....	Appropriated.	5	284	1	11,500 00	11,500 00	132
<i>Castle Pinckney, Charleston Harbor, S. C. :</i> Repairs of existing work.....	Appropriated.	11	121	1	9,000 00	Withdrawn.	132
<i>Fort Jackson, Savannah River, Ga. :</i> Continuing modification of the work.....	Appropriated.	17	377	1	7,000 00	7,000 00	132
<i>Fort Pulaski, Savannah River, Ga. :</i> Continuing modification of the work.....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	75,000 00	50,000 00	132
<i>Fort Clinch, Amelia Island, Fla. :</i> Continuing modification of the work.....	Appropriated.	14	488	1	50,000 00	Withdrawn.	132
<i>Fort Taylor, Key West, Fla. :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	50,000 00	30,000 00	132
<i>Fort Jefferson, Garden Key, Fla. :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	50,000 00	25,000 00	132
<i>Fort Pike, Rigole's Pass, La. :</i> Modifications and fitting the work for new ordnance.....	Appropriated.	9	518	1	24,000 00	Withdrawn.	132
<i>Fort Macomb, Chef-Mentour Pass, La. :</i> Modifications and fitting the work for new ordnance.....	Appropriated.	11	192	1	24,000 00	Withdrawn.	132
<i>Fort Jackson, Mississippi River, La. :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	50,000 00	30,000 00	132
<i>Fort Saint Philip, Mississippi River, La. :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	50,000 00	30,000 00	132
<i>Fort at Fort Point, entrance to San Francisco Harbor, Cal. :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	70,000 00	50,000 00	132
<i>Fort at Lime Point, entrance to San Francisco Harbor, Cal. :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	125,000 00	50,000 00	132
<i>Fort at Alcatraz Island, San Francisco Harbor, Cal. :</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	60,000 00	40,000 00	132



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<i>New fort at San Diego, Cal. :</i> Continuing operations .....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	\$65,000 00	\$25,000 00	132
<i>Defensive works in Oregon and Washington, at mouth of Columbia River :</i> Temporary repairs .....	Appropriated.	13	354	1	5,000 00	Withdrawn.	132
<i>Construction of sea-coast mortar batteries :</i> Constructing sea-coast mortar batteries at existing defensive positions .....	Appropriated.	17	377	1	100,000 00	Withdrawn.	132
<i>Torpedoes for harbor defense and for preservation of the same :</i> Constructing torpedo-cases and their appurtenances, purchase of cable, batteries, and other apparatus and materials for the management and firing of torpedoes at existing defensive positions .....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	300,000 00	200,000 00	132
<i>Contingencies of fortifications :</i> Contingencies and preservation and repair of fortifications for which there may be no special appropriations available .....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	100,000 00	200,000 00	132
<i>Purchase of sites for permanent sea-coast defenses :</i> To be expended only upon approval of the Secretary of War and of the validity of the title by the Attorney-General; provided that no contract or obligation to purchase be entered into beyond available means .....	Appropriated.	16	544	1	100,000 00	Withdrawn.	132
<i>Dredging Superior Bay :</i> Continuing operations .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	175,000 00	50,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Ontonagon, Mich. :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	16	223	1	150,000 00	Withdrawn.	133
<i>Improving Eagle Harbor, Mich. :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	14	419	1	150,000 00	Withdrawn.	133
<i>Improving harbor at Marquette, Mich. :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	35,000 00	15,000 00	133
<i>Improving Fox and Wisconsin Rivers :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	750,000 00	300,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Green Bay, Wis. :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	25,000 00	20,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Menomonee, Wis. :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	50,000 00	25,000 00	133
<i>Harbor of refuge, at entrance of Sturgeon Bay Canal :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	562	1	60,000 00	40,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Ahnapee, Wis. :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	370	1	50,000 00	Withdrawn.	133
<i>Improving harbor at Two Rivers, Wis. :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	50,000 00	25,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Manitowoc, Wis. :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	30,000 00	20,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Sheboygan, Wis. :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	20,000 00	10,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Port Washington, Wis. :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	50,000 00	15,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Racine, Wis. :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	15,000 00	15,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Kenosha, Wis. :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	370	1	30,000 00	Withdrawn.	133
<i>Improving harbor at Chicago, Ill. :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	150,000 00	90,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Calumet, Ill. :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	75,000 00	40,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Michigan City, Ind. :</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	100,000 00	50,000 00	133

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<i>Improving harbor at Frankfort, Mich.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	\$36,000 00	\$18,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Manistee, Mich.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	50,000 00	10,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Ludington, Mich.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	51,440 00	25,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at White River, Mich.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	48,000 00	25,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Muskegon, Mich.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	370	1	56,000 00	28,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Grand Haven, Mich.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	100,000 00	75,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Black Lake, Mich.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	50,000 00	25,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Saugatuck, Mich.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	25,000 00	10,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at South Haven, Mich.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	50,000 00	20,000 00	133
<i>Improving harbor at Saint Joseph, Mich.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	371	1	2,000 00	2,000 00	134
<i>Improving Saint Mary's River and Saint Mary's Falls Canal, Mich.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	500,000 00	200,000 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Cheboygan, Mich.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	50,000 00	15,000 00	134
<i>Improving Saint Clair River, at Mouth of Black River:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	15,000 00	15,000 00	134
<i>Improving harbor of refuge, Lake Huron, Mich.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	200,000 00	75,000 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Monroe, Mich.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	15,000 00	15,000 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Toledo, Ohio:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	400,000 00	100,000 00	134
<i>Improving Maumee River, Ohio:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	371	1	15,000 00	Withdrawn.	134
<i>Improving Sandusky River, Ohio:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	371	1	15,000 00	Withdrawn.	134
<i>Improving harbor at Sandusky City, Ohio:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	100,000 00	25,000 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Huron, Ohio:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	14	72	1	1,500 00	1,500 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Vermillion, Ohio:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	3,000 00	3,000 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Black River, Ohio:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	30,000 00	20,000 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Cleveland, Ohio:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	30,500 00	30,500 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Grand River, Ohio:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	14	419	1	20,000 00	20,000 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Ashtabula, Ohio:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	50,000 00	15,000 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Conneaut, Ohio:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	1,500 00	1,500 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Erie, Pa.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	371	1	75,000 00	Withdrawn.	134



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<i>Improving harbor at Port Clinton, Ohio:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	371	1	\$60,000 00	Withdrawn.	134
<i>Improving Rocky River, Ohio:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	371	1	50,000 00	Withdrawn.	134
<i>Improving harbor at Dunkirk, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	100,000 00	\$40,000 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Buffalo, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	600,000 00	100,000 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Olcott, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	40,000 00	10,000 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Oak Orchard, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	20,000 00	10,000 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Charlotte, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	16	539	1	5,000 00	Withdrawn.	134
<i>Improving harbor at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	25,000 00	10,000 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Great Sodus Bay, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	371	1	30,000 00	15,000 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Little Sodus Bay, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	30,000 00	15,000 00	134
<i>Improving harbor at Oswego, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	300,000 00	100,000 00	135
<i>Improving harbor at Waddington, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	10,000 00	10,000 00	135
<i>Improving harbor at mouth of Black River, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	50,000 00	5,000 00	135
<i>Improving harbor at Ogdensburg, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	8,000 00	6,000 00	135
<i>Improving harbor at Plattsburgh, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	5,000 00	5,000 00	135
<i>Improving harbor at Burlington, Vt.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	562	1	30,000 00	25,000 00	135
<i>Improving harbor at Swanton, Vt.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	561	1	15,000 00	15,000 00	135
<i>Improving Falls of Saint Anthony, Minnesota:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	562	1	200,000 00	200,000 00	135
<i>Constructing lock and dam at Meeker's Island, Mississippi River:</i> Continuing the construction .....	Appropriated.	17	562	1	200,000 00	Withdrawn.	135
<i>Improving Minnesota River:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	562	1	30,000 00	10,000 00	135
<i>Improving Upper Mississippi River:</i> Continuing operations, including repair of United States steamer Search.....	Appropriated.	17	562	1	72,000 00	25,000 00	135
<i>Improving Illinois River:</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	562	1	150,000 00	100,000 00	135
<i>Improving Des Moines Rapids, Mississippi River:</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	562	1	800,000 00	400,000 00	135
<i>Improving Rock Island Rapids, Mississippi River:</i> Continuing operations.....	Appropriated.	17	562	1	112,000 00	50,000 00	135
<i>Improving Mississippi, Missouri, and Arkansas Rivers:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	562	1	373,000 00	100,000 00	135
<i>Improving White and Saint Francis Rivers:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	562	1	64,000 00	50,000 00	135
<i>Improving Osage River, Missouri:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	562	1	125,000 00	25,000 00	135

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<i>Improving Mississippi River between the Illinois and Missouri Rivers : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	372	1	\$15,000 00 00	Withdrawn.	135
<i>Improving Mississippi River : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	562	1	600,000 00	\$200,000 00	135
<i>Survey of the Mississippi River, above the mouth of the Ohio River : Continuing operations</i> .....	Appropriated.	16	226	2	100,000 00	Withdrawn.	135
<i>Improving Yazoo River : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	552	1	60,000 00	Withdrawn.	135
<i>Improving Falls of Ohio River and Louisville Canal : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	100,000 00	100,000 00	135
<i>Improving Ohio River : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	562	1	400,000 00	200,000 00	135
<i>Improving Wabash River : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	150,000 00	50,000 00	135
<i>Improving Upper Monongahela River, near Morgantown, W. Va. : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	50,000 00	47,000 00	135
<i>Improving Great Kanawha River, W. Va. : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	150,000 00	25,000 00	135
<i>Improving Tennessee River : Above Chattanooga—continuing operations } Below Chattanooga, including Muscle } Total \$840,000 Shoals—continuing operations } .....</i>	Appropriated.	17	563	1	{ 90,000 00 750,000 00 }	{ 125,000 00 }	135
<i>Improving Cumberland River : Below Nashville—continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	175,000 00	25,000 00	136
<i>Improving mouth of Mississippi River : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	160,000 00	160,000 00	136
<i>Removing raft in Red River, La. : Continuing operations</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	50,000 00	50,000 00	136
<i>Improving harbor at Mobile, Ala. : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	145,000 00	100,000 00	136
<i>Improving Tombigbee River, Ala. : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	375	1	12,000 00	Withdrawn.	136
<i>Improving harbor at Charleston, S. C. : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	18,000 00	18,000 00	136
<i>Improving harbor at Savannah, Ga. : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	100,000 00	50,000 00	136
<i>Improving Saint John's River, Fla. : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	562	1	10,000 00	10,000 00	136
<i>Improving Susquichanna River : Below Havre de Grace—continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	14	71	1	50,000 00	Withdrawn.	136
<i>Improving harbor at Baltimore, Md. : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	110,000 00	110,000 00	136
<i>Improving Chester River at Kent Island Narrows, Md. : Completing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	10,000 00	Withdrawn.	136
<i>Improving Wicomico River, Md. : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	10,000 00	5,000 00	136
<i>Improving harbor at Washington and Georgetown, D. C. : Continuing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	560	1	2,000,000 00	50,000 00	136
<i>Improving mouth of Occoquan River, Va. : Completing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	15,000 00	5,000 00	136
<i>Improving Aquia Creek, Va. : Completing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	14,500 00	Withdrawn.	136
<i>Improving mouth of Nomoni Creek, Va. : Completing the improvement</i> .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	12,000 00	12,000 00	136

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<i>Improving Rappahannock River, Va.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	\$7,500 00	\$7,500 00	136
<i>Improving James River, Va.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	75,000 00	75,000 00	136
<i>Improving Appomattox River, Va.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	75,000 00	30,000 00	136
<i>Improving South Branch of Elizabeth River, Va.:</i> Completing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	10,000 00	10,000 00	136
<i>Improving Nansemond River, Va.:</i> Completing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	15,000 00	15,000 00	136
<i>Improving Roanoke River, N. C.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	5,000 00	5,000 00	136
<i>Improving Cape Fear River, N. C.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	150,000 00	100,000 00	136
<i>Constructing pier in Delaware Bay, near Lewes, Del.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	16	310	12	190,000 00	50,000 00	136
<i>Improving Delaware River, at Fort Mifflin Bar:</i> Improving channel at Fort Mifflin Bar .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	50,000 00	50,000 00	136
<i>Improving Delaware River, N. J.:</i> Between Trenton and Bordentown .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	25,000 00	15,000 00	136
<i>Improving harbor at Wilmington, Del.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	15,000 00	6,000 00	136
<i>Piers of Ice Harbor at New Castle, Del.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	30,000 00	20,000 00	136
<i>Improving Schuylkill River:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	16	310	1	40,000 00	40,000 00	137
<i>Improving Broadkill River, Del.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	25,000 00	10,000 00	137
<i>Improving Cohansey Creek, N. J.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	10,000 00	10,000 00	137
<i>Improving Hudson River, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	100,000 00	40,000 00	137
<i>Improving harbor at Rondout, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	85,100 00	20,000 00	137
<i>Improving Passaic River, N. J.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	50,000 00	25,000 00	137
<i>Removing obstructions in East River and Hell-Gate:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	400,000 00	225,000 00	137
<i>Improving East Chester Creek, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	563	1	30,000 00	25,000 00	137
<i>Improving Harbor at Wareham, Mass.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	25,000 00	10,000 00	137
<i>Improving Harbor at Hyannis, Mass.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	25,000 00	10,000 00	137
<i>Improving Taunton River, Mass.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	15,000 00	10,000 00	137
<i>Improving Breakwater at Block Island:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	75,000 00	50,000 00	137
<i>Improving Harbor at Newport, R. I.:</i> Continuing operations .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	24,000 00	8,500 00	137
<i>Improving Harbor at Wickford, R. I.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	20,000 00	5,000 00	137
<i>Improving Pawcatuck River, R. I., and Conn.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	564	1	10,000 00	10,000 00	137

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General object, (title of appropriation,) and details and explanations.	Date of acts or treaties providing for the expenditure.	References to the Stats. at Large.			Original estimated amount which was required for each detailed object of expenditure.	Estimates reduced or withdrawn, as directed by resolution of House of Representatives, Dec. 15, 1873.	Page of the Book of Estimates on which item appears.
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<i>Improving harbor at Stonington, Conn.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	\$30,000 00	\$25,000 00	137
<i>Improving Connecticut River below Hartford, Conn.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated	17	564	1	85,000 00	20,000 00	137
<i>Improving Housatonic River, Conn.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	15,000 00	10,000 00	137
<i>Improving harbor at Bridgeport, Conn.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	30,000 00	30,000 00	137
<i>Improving harbor at Norwalk, Conn.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	25,000 00	15,000 00	137
<i>Improving Harbor at Port Jefferson, Long Island, N. Y.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	374	1	35,000 00	20,000 00	137
<i>Improving Saint Croix River:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	25,000 00	10,000 00	137
<i>Improving Machias River, Me.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	36,000 00	12,000 00	137
<i>Improving Penobscot River, Me.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated	17	565	1	50,000 00	20,000 00	137
<i>Improving harbor at Camden, Me.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	23,000 00	10,000 00	137
<i>Improving Kennebec River, Me.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	15,000 00	12,000 00	137
<i>Improving harbor at Portland, Me.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	50,000 00	50,000 00	137
<i>Improving Richmond Island, Me.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	25,000 00	25,000 00	137
<i>Improving Cocheco River, N. H.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	50,000 00	10,000 00	138
<i>Improving Merrimac River, Mass.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	50,000 00	25,000 00	138
<i>Improving entrance of Salem Harbor, Mass.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	40,000 00	15,000 00	138
<i>Improving harbor at Boston, Mass.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	225,000 00	150,000 00	138
<i>Improving harbor at Plymouth, Mass.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	375	1	5,000 00	5,000 00	138
<i>Improving harbor at Provincetown, Mass.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	6,000 00	6,000 00	138
<i>Improving Lower Willamette and Columbia Rivers from Portland, Oreg., to the sea:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	20,000 00	20,000 00	138
<i>Improving Upper Willamette River, Oreg.:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	7,500 00	7,500 00	138
<i>Improving the Upper Columbia River:</i> Continuing the improvement .....	Appropriated.	17	375	1	20,000 00	20,000 00	138
<i>Examinations, surveys, and contingencies of rivers and harbors:</i> Examinations and surveys of rivers and harbors, and for incidental repairs at harbors for which there is no special appropriation .....	Appropriated.	17	565	1	200,000 00	125,000 00	138
<i>Engineer depot at Willet's Point:</i> For repair of depot buildings .....					2,800 00	2,800 00	69
For purchase of engineering material for use in instruction of engineer battalion .....					1,000 00	1,000 00	69
For remodeling portions of bridge equipage, and for current expenses of the depot .....		17	546	1	3,000 00	3,000 00	69
For purchase and repair of instruments for general service of the Corps of Engineers .....					3,000 00	3,000 00	69



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General object, (title of appropriation,) and details and explanations.	Date of acts or treaties providing for the expenditure.	References to the Stats. at Large.			Original estimated amount which was required for each detailed object of expenditure.	Estimates reduced or withdrawn, as directed by resolution of House of Representatives, Dec. 15, 1873.	Page of the Book of Estimates on which item appears.
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<i>Trials with torpedoes :</i> For torpedo experiments in their application to harbor and land defense, and for instruction of engineer battalion in their preparation and application.....		17	546	1	\$11,000 00	\$11,000 00	69
FOR SURVEYS.							
<i>For surveys of the northern and northwestern lakes :</i> Lake Ontario : For continuing triangulation, topography, and hydrography, and to construct maps of Lake Ontario and Saint Lawrence River, one steamer, three triangulation parties, and three shore parties.....		17	528	1	90,000 00	80,000 00	138
Lake Erie: For triangulation, topography, and hydrography, one steamer, one triangulation party, and two shore parties.....					50,000 00	40,000 00	138
Lake Michigan: For continuing triangulation around south end of the lake; determination of points in Michigan; correction of surveys of Lakes Michigan and Erie; reduction of work and construction of maps; two triangulation parties, and two astronomical parties.....					45,000 00	40,000 00	138
Extension of Lake Michigan triangulation southward, and determination of points in Illinois; one triangulation party.....					11,000 00	8,000 00	138
Repairs necessary to make United States steamer Search seaworthy.....					20,000 00	20,000 00	138
Miscellaneous: Meteorological and water-level observations and reductions, \$3,000; transportation of parties, fuel, and quarters for officers, \$6,000; office-rent, fuel, stationery, and instruments, \$5,000.....					14,000 00	12,000 00	138
<i>Surveys for military defenses :</i> Surveys preliminary to planning and constructing sea-coast defenses.....	Appropriated.	17	469	1	30,000 00	Withdrawn.	132
Surveys and reconnaissances in the military divisions and departments.....					70,000 00	60,000 00	132
Continuing exploration and survey of Territories of the United States west of the one hundredth meridian.....	Appropriated.	17	367	1	125,000 00	90,000 00	132
<i>Engraving and printing plates :</i> Engraving and printing the plates illustrating the report of the geographical and geological explorations and surveys west of the one hundredth meridian.....					25,000 00	15,000 00	155

Respectfully submitted to the honorable the Secretary of War.

A. A. HUMPHREYS, *Brigadier-General and Chief of Engineers*

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, WASHINGTON.

Reduced estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, by the War Department and its Bureaus.

General object, and details and explanations.	Number of page in the Estimate-Book.	Estimates as originally submitted to Congress.	Estimates as reduced under House resolution of Dec. 15, 1873.	Amount of reduction.
<b>SALARIES AND EXPENSES.</b>				
<b>MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.</b>				
Payment of salaries and contingent expenses of the Department.....	31 to 34	\$876,886 00	\$876,886 00	None.
Expenses of the Commanding-General's Office.....	63	5,000 00	5,000 90	None.
<i>By Adjutant-General :</i> Expenses of recruiting.....	63	175,000 00	175,000 00	None.
Contingencies of the Adjutant-General's Department.....	63	5,000 00	3,000 00	\$2,000 00
NOTE.—Adjutant-General states he can make this reduction and then confine his expenditures within the appropriation asked for.				
<i>By Chief Signal Officer :</i> Signal service.....	63	12,500 00	12,500 00	None.
<i>By Paymaster-General :</i> Pay, mileage, and general expenses of the Army.....	63 to 67	12,300,000 00	12,300,000 00	None.
Pay of the Military Academy.....	67	254,416 50	254,416 50	None.



Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, &c.—Continued.

General object, and details and explanations.	Number of page in the Estimate-Book.	Estimates as originally submitted to Congress.	Estimates as reduced under House resolution of Dec. 15, 1873.	Amount of reduction.
<i>By Commissary-General:</i>				
Subsistence of the Army .....	67	\$2, 852, 416 60	\$2, 852, 416 60	None.
<i>By Quartermaster-General:</i>				
Regular supplies of the Quartermaster's Department .....	67	5, 000, 000 00	5, 000, 000 00	None.
Incidental expenses of the Quartermaster's Department .....	68	1, 300, 000 00	1, 300, 000 00	None.
Horses for cavalry and artillery .....	68	500, 000 00	500, 000 00	None.
Transportation of the Army .....	68	4, 500, 000 00	4, 500, 000 00	None.
Barracks and quarters .....	68	2, 000, 000 00	2, 000, 000 00	None.
Construction and repair of hospitals .....	68	150, 000 00	150, 000 00	None.
Clothing and equipage .....	69	1, 700, 000 00	1, 700, 000 00	None.
Preservation of clothing and equipage .....	69	100, 000 00	50, 000 00	\$50, 000 00
National cemeteries .....	69	275, 000 00	150, 000 00	125, 000 00
Contingencies of the Army .....	69	100, 000 00	100, 000 00	None.
NOTE.—The Quartermaster-General in his letter transmitting the revised estimates, says that if the appropriations for his Bureau are made under one general heading the estimates may be reduced to \$14,000,000. They now aggregate \$15,625,000.				
<i>By Surgeon-General:</i>				
Medical and Hospital Department .....	69	225, 000 00	200, 000 00	25, 000 00
NOTE.—The Surgeon-General states that in making this reduction it will materially reduce the stock of medicines kept on hand for emergencies.				
Medical Museum and Library .....	69	10, 000 00	10, 000 00	None.
Appliances for disabled soldiers .....	69	3, 000 00	.....	3, 000 00
NOTE.—The Surgeon-General says, in regard to this appropriation, that it should be made as an act of charity, and considered wholly in that light.				
<i>By Chief of Engineers:</i>				
Engineer depot at Willet's Point, N. Y. ....	69	9, 800 00	9, 800 00	None.
Trials with torpedoes .....	69	11, 000 00	11, 000 00	None.
<i>By Chief of Ordnance:</i>				
Ordnance service .....	69	300, 000 00	250, 000 00	50, 000 00
Tests of iron and steel .....	69	10, 000 00	10, 000 00	None.
Ordnance, ordnance stores, and supplies .....	69 & 70	1, 050, 000 00	980, 000 00	70, 000 00
Manufacture of arms at national armories .....	70	500, 000 00	500, 000 00	None.
Armament of fortifications .....	70 & 71	1, 449, 550 00	1, 449, 550 00	None.
<i>By Superintendent of Military Academy:</i>				
Current and ordinary expenses of the Military Academy .....	72 & 73	64, 755 00	64, 755 00	None.
Miscellaneous items and incidental expenses of the Military Academy .....	73	19, 180 00	19, 180 00	None.
Total of military establishment .....		34, 881, 618 10	34, 556, 618 10	325, 000 00
PUBLIC WORKS.				
<i>By Chief of Ordnance:</i>				
Armories and arsenals .....	126 to 130	955, 954 79	727, 120 00	228, 834 79
<i>By Chief of Engineers:</i>				
Fortifications and other works of defense .....	130 to 132	3, 601, 000 00	1, 557, 500 00	2, 043, 500 00
Improvement of rivers and harbors .....	133 to 138	15, 694, 540 00	5, 882, 000 00	9, 812, 540 00
Public buildings and grounds in District of Columbia .....	138 to 140	1, 060, 100 00	492, 600 00	567, 500 00
<i>By Superintendent of Military Academy:</i>				
Buildings and grounds of Military Academy .....	140	43, 500 00	43, 500 00	None.
Total .....		21, 355, 094 79	8, 702, 720 00	12, 652, 374 79
MISCELLANEOUS.				
<i>By Chief Signal-Officer:</i>				
Observation and report of storms .....	154	355, 325 00	355, 325 00	None.
NOTE.—Vide letter of Chief Signal-Officer relative to this estimate.				
<i>By Surgeon-General:</i>				
Support of Freedmen's Hospital and Asylum .....	154	60, 000 00	50, 000 00	10, 000 00
<i>By Adjutant-General:</i>				
Collection and payment of bounty, &c., to colored soldiers and sailors .....	155	85, 000 00	85, 000 00	None.
Transportation of insane volunteer soldiers .....	155	3, 000 00	3, 000 00	None.
<i>By Chief of Engineers:</i>				
Engraving and printing plates .....	155	25, 000 00	15, 000 00	10, 000 00
<i>By Secretary of War:</i>				
Expenses of military convicts, .....	155	65, 000 00	65, 000 00	None.

Reduced estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, &c.—Continued.

General object, and details and explanations.	Number of page in the Estimate-Book.	Estimates as originally submitted to Congress.	Estimates as reduced under House resolution of Dec. 15, 1873.	Amount of reduction.
<i>By Third Auditor :</i>				
Refunding to States expenses incurred in raising, &c., volunteers.....	155	\$500,000 00	\$500,000 00	None.
Horses and other property lost in the military service.....	155	450,000 00	450,000 00	None.
<i>By Second Auditor :</i>				
Extra pay to officers, musicians, and privates in the Mexican war.....	155	70,000 00	70,000 00	None.
Pay of Florida volunteers.....	155	2,000 00	2,000 00	None.
Pay of volunteers in the Black Hawk and other Indian wars.....	155	2,000 00	2,000 00	None.
NOTE.—These sums are all estimated for upon letters of the Second and Third Auditors, and are to be used for the purpose of paying accounts now pending in those offices.				
Total .....		1,617,325 00	1,597,325 00	\$20,000 00
PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS.				
Arming and equipping the militia.....	174	200,000 00	200,000 00	None.
Bounty to soldiers.....	174	1,000,000 00	1,000,000 00	None.
Support of National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.....	174	250,000 00	250,000 00	None.
NOTE.—These amounts were not estimated for by the Secretary of War, but the expenditures are authorized by existing laws, and they being about the sums annually expended, the Treasury Department embodied them in the Book of Estimates.				
Total .....		1,450,000 00	1,450,000 00	.....
RECAPITULATION.				
Salaries and expenses, including postage .....	31 to 34	876,886 00	876,886 00	None.
Military establishment .....	63 to 73	34,881,618 10	34,556,618 10	325,000 00
Public works .....	126 to 140	21,355,094 79	8,702,720 00	12,652,374 79
Miscellaneous .....	154 & 155	1,617,325 00	1,597,325 00	20,000 00
Permanent appropriations .....	174	1,450,000 00	1,450,000 00	None.
Grand total .....		60,180,923 89	47,183,549 10	12,997,374 79

## NAVY DEPARTMENT.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, D. C., January 5, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the resolution passed by the honorable the House of Representatives on the 15th day of December last, requesting, for reasons therein stated, a revision of the estimates of the various Executive Departments.

I recognize fully the propriety of every economy which can be practiced, without injury to the best interest of the country, and I have, in consultation with the Committee of Appropriations of the House of Representatives, indicated where reductions in the estimates for the civil establishment and other parts of the machinery of the naval service can best be made without seriously crippling this most important arm.

These reductions, amounting in the aggregate to about \$2,000,000, are shown in detail in the accompanying statement.

Though earnestly desiring to reduce the naval expenditure wherever reduction is economy, I cannot say with truth that I think reduction to any greater amount or in any other direction are either proper or safe.

The estimates of the Navy, already considerably less than the appropriations of last year, are based upon the legally authorized force in the service, and are made largely to meet the fixed requirements of existing laws.

That portion which is estimated for the general maintenance of the Navy is closely calculated to meet its absolute necessities in time of peace, and these necessities are not reduced by anything which has occurred since the estimates were made.

There has been some accumulation of available supplies during the last two months, and where this has been the case there I have indicated corresponding reductions. But it must not be assumed that all, or even a large part, of our recent accumulations will be available for ordinary purposes.

The monitors are in no sense sea-going cruisers, and the size of the large wooden ships prevents their economical use in time of peace.

Thus neither of these classes, though of immense value in time of war, are available for peace purposes of our cruising Navy; while their equipment, armaments, and ammunition adapted to their special use, are unsuited for vessels of different size and character.

Our cruising force in commission is not large; indeed our squadrons are exceedingly small for the immense area over which they are distributed, and the various and extended work which is required of them. Within the last six weeks it was necessary, in order to concentrate a respectable force at Key West, to abandon every other station on the Atlantic Ocean, and to call home every available ship, with the single exception of one on the South Atlantic station.

Yet to maintain these squadrons in efficiency, supplying the places of old worn-out and expensive ships with new and useful ones, will require the full amount estimated for the various working Bureaus, and if these are materially cut down the squadrons themselves must be reduced. All the foregoing considerations apply to a condition of profound and lasting peace.

But we cannot expect this always to endure; and, when war does come, it will come to us from the ocean, scattering our commerce, infesting our immense coast line on both oceans, and threatening our great sea-ports where is concentrated so much of the business and the property of the people. The lesson of the day in truth is that our navy should be increased, not diminished.

Recent events have demonstrated to all that the great immediate military necessity of this nation is seaworthy war vessels, adequate to contend with those of other nations, and well armed and completely equipped for cruising or fighting. In my judgment the expenditures to meet this necessity cannot be wisely, perhaps not safely, postponed; and while I have, in accordance with the resolution of the House of Representatives, indicated the reductions referred to which may be made, possibly without injury to the service, I am constrained to the duty, disagreeable as it is, of declaring frankly my opinion, not only that no reductions should be made at this time, in those appropriations especially intended to put the cruising vessels of the Navy in condition for active and immediate service, but that, on the contrary, it will be wise statesmanship and real economy to increase these appropriations to a sum sufficient, at least, to make efficient all the remainder of our iron-clad force, and also to place the dock at the Pensacola navy-yard in a condition for use. And this work should be commenced as soon as possible, even to the postponement, if necessary, of other public work. It is hardly necessary to add that, while I entertain these views and feel bound to express them, when called upon, I shall, of course, be ready to accommodate the actions of the Department to the wishes of Congress on this subject, and to do the best I can with the means which they see fit to supply; for theirs is the power, and on them will rest the responsibility.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. M. ROBESON,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

The PRESIDENT.

## POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D. C., January 7, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 16th ultimo, referring to this Department the following resolution of the House of Representatives, viz:

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

*In the House of Representatives, December 15, 1873.*

Mr. GARFIELD, from the Committee on Appropriations, offered the following, which was agreed to:

Whereas it appears that since the estimates of appropriations required for the service of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, which have been laid before the House, were made by the several Departments of the Government, the country has entered upon a period of great financial embarrassment, accompanied by a shrinkage of values, and a heavy falling off of the revenues;

And whereas the Secretary of the Treasury has recommended, in an official letter to the Committee on Ways and Means, an increase in certain customs-duties and internal taxation;

And whereas, in the judgment of this House, the foregoing facts make it the duty of Congress to reduce the expenditures to the lowest point consistent with the necessities of the Government: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the President be requested to cause a revision of said estimates to be made by the several Executive Departments, and cause a report to be made to the House, if possible, as early as the 5th of January next, setting forth in detail what public expenditures for the current fiscal year, and what estimates for the next fiscal year, can be reduced, and the amount of such reduction, without serious detriment to the public service.

Attest:

EDW'D McPHERSON,  
Clerk.

In accordance with the desire expressed in the foregoing resolution, I have caused a careful examination to be made of the estimates for appropriations deemed actually necessary for the proper performance of the postal service of the country during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, and find, after such examination, that no reduction in the sums asked for can be safely made.

Before presenting my annual report for the last fiscal year, I instructed the heads of the various Bureaus of this Department to make their estimates as low as possible, consistent with the absolute needs of the service. The estimates thus made were tabulated by the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, and submitted to me on the 20th day of October. They were immediately taken in hand for examination, and the several heads of Bureaus summoned for consultation. Every item was closely scrutinized, and whenever a reduction seemed endurable, it was made.

The following table, showing in the first column the estimates submitted by the heads of Bureaus, and in the second the estimates after my revision of the same, is presented, in order to give a clearer understanding of the result of my action.

*Statement showing the estimates of appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, as presented to the Postmaster-General, and revised by him.*

	Proposed.	Reduced.
FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.		
Compensation to postmasters.....	\$6,500,000 00	\$6,500,000 00
Clerks for post-offices.....	3,400,000 00	3,250,000 00
Payments to letter-carriers.....	2,000,000 00	2,000,000 00
Wrapping-paper.....	30,000 00	27,000 00
Wrapping-twine.....	48,000 00	48,000 00
Marking-stamps.....	10,000 00	9,000 00
Letter-balances.....	5,000 00	3,000 00
Rent of post-offices.....	400,000 00	350,000 00
Fuel.....	160,000 00	150,000 00
Light.....	180,000 00	160,000 00
Stationery and other miscellaneous items.....	80,000 00	60,000 00



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Statement showing the estimates of appropriations, &amp;c.—Continued.

	Proposed.	Reduced.
SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.		
Inland transportation .....	\$15,878,821 00	\$15,582,021 00
Increase of compensation on railroad routes .....	535,000 00	525,000 00
Railway post-office clerks .....	1,382,873 00	1,320,014 00
Route-agents .....	973,276 00	929,035 00
Mail-route messengers .....	160,000 00	160,000 00
Local agents .....	120,000 00	110,383 00
Mail-messengers .....	643,533 00	643,533 00
Baggage-masters .....	1,000 00	1,000 00
Mail depreations and special agents .....	170,000 00	160,000 00
Mail locks and keys .....	50,000 00	50,000 00
Mail-bags and mail-bag catchers .....	200,000 00	200,000 00
Preparation and publication of post-route maps .....	35,000 00	35,000 00
THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.		
Postage-stamps .....	118,667 00	118,667 00
Stamped envelopes, &c .....	535,423 91	535,424 00
Expenses of agency .....	10,200 00	10,200 00
Postal cards .....	168,269 88	168,270 00
Expenses of agency .....	5,600 00	5,600 00
Advertising .....	95,000 00	90,000 00
Registered package envelopes and seals .....	42,680 00	42,680 00
Post-office envelopes .....	69,500 59	69,500 00
Dead-letter envelopes .....	4,584 73	4,585 00
Ship, steamboat, and way letters .....	7,500 00	7,500 00
Office furniture .....	6,500 00	6,500 00
Fees of United States attorneys, &c .....	7,500 00	7,500 00
Engraving, printing, and binding drafts, &c .....	3,000 00	3,000 00
Miscellaneous items .....	2,500 00	2,500 00
SUPERINTENDENT OF FOREIGN MAILS.		
Transportation of foreign mails .....	325,000 00	325,000 00
Balances due foreign countries .....	260,000 00	260,000 00
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.		
For mail steamship-service between San Francisco, Japan, and China .....	1,000,000 00	1,000,000 00
For mail steamship-service between the United States and Brazil .....	150,000 00	150,000 00
For mail steamship-service between San Francisco and the Sandwich Islands .....	75,000 00	75,000 00
For official postage-stamps .....	950,000 00	950,000 00
Total .....	36,799,429 11	• 36,104,912 00
Total reduced .....	36,104,912 00	
Reduction on revision .....	694,517 11	

From the above table it appears that, after the most thorough examination, a reduction of \$694,517.11 was made in the estimates submitted to me for approval. The revised estimates are, without exception, based on the actual necessities, and the probable development of the postal service, as shown by the annual reports of the Postmaster-General for the last three years.

The largest amounts required are for inland mail transportation, and for the compensation of postmasters. The increase asked for in the first of these items is much below the average annual increase in that branch of the service. During the past three years the average increase in the cost of inland transportation and the items incident thereto has been at the rate of 11.06 per centum annually, while the revised estimate allows for an increase of only 4.97 per centum for the next fiscal year. A greater reduction will, in my opinion, seriously impair the ability of the Department to provide for the real wants of the country. In regard to the second item, the Postmaster-General has no discretion whatever. The compensation paid to postmasters is fixed by law, and the Department is directed to investigate the returns of postmasters, and to pay such compensation as may be found to be lawfully due.

The other items estimated for were in each instance placed at the lowest figure consistent with the expected demands of the service. Clerks, letter-carriers, rent, light, and fuel must all be provided for, being indispensable requirements.

The sales of postage-stamps, stamped envelopes, newspaper-wrappers, and postal cards, furnish

by far the larger part of the revenues of the Department, and their manufacture and distribution should on no account be suspended or delayed.

The subsidies to certain American steamship lines, and the cost of transporting the ordinary foreign mails, must be paid, if the laws authorizing them shall be complied with. It may be remarked, however, that the additional subsidy of \$500,000 per annum to the Japan and China line will not probably be needed, owing to the inability of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to comply with the terms of the law under which the contract was entered into for an intermediate monthly service.

The estimates submitted for the year 1875 will be inadequate to a due performance of the work of the Department for that year, without a systematic enforcement of the most rigid economy. Should Congress, however, further reduce the appropriations, and thereby compel a denial of increased facilities, the Department will co-operate to the best of its ability, and accept the amount of the several appropriations as the measure of its expenditures.

Instructions have been issued to all the heads of Bureaus of this Department to limit their expenditures for the current year to the actual necessities of the service.

In conclusion, I invite attention to the condition of the appropriations made for the use of this Department for the years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, and 1874, as shown in the following table:

Fiscal years.	Balance in Treasury July 1, 1873.	Amount drawn October 2, 1873.	Balance in Treasury January 1, 1874.	Amount paid during current fiscal year.	Balance available to date.	Claims still outstanding.	Amount that can be carried into the General Treasury.
1869-'70 .....	\$847,775 00	.....	\$847,775 00	\$3,541 47	\$844,233 53	.....	\$844,233 53
1870-'71 .....	1,640,396 00	\$1,000,000 00	640,396 00	7,444 86	632,951 14	\$29,000 00	603,951 14
1871-'72 .....	350,633 00	.....	350,633 00	18,379 66	332,253 34	25,500 00	306,753 34
1872-'73 .....	2,100,720 00	.....	2,100,720 00	119,902 85	1,980,817 15	.....	.....
1873-'74 .....	5,396,602 00	500,000 00	4,896,602 00	.....	4,896,602 00	.....	.....
Amount ordered to be carried into the Treasury .....							1,754,938 01
Amount carried into General Treasury June 30, 1872 .....							2,621,636 00
Total .....							4,376,674 01

This exhibit shows the unexpended balances to be as follows:

For the year 1869-'70.....	\$844,233 53
1870-'71.....	632,951 14
1871-'72.....	332,253 34
1872-'73.....	1,980,817 15

After making due allowances for claims known to exist, but not yet presented, against the appropriations for 1870-'71, and 1871-'72, I have ordered that there be carried into the General Treasury, under section 6, act of July 12, 1870, the following sums:

Of the appropriation for 1869-'70.....	\$844,233 53
Of the appropriation for 1870-'71.....	603,951 14
Of the appropriation for 1871-'72.....	306,753 34
	1,754,938 01

It is, in my judgment, too soon to cover into the Treasury any part of the unexpended balance for 1872-'73, as the accounts for that year have not yet been fully adjusted, and no accurate statement of outstanding claims can now be made.

At the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1872, there was covered into the Treasury, of the deficiency appropriation for 1869-'70, the sum of \$2,621,636. Add to this the further sum of \$1,754,938.01, and it will appear that the whole amount of unexpended appropriations for the years 1869-'70, 1870-'71, and 1871-'72, which has been carried to the surplus fund of the General Treasury by this Department, within two years, is \$4,376,674.01. This leaves the appropriations for the years 1872-'73 and 1873-'74 to be hereafter accounted for.

I have the honor to be, with respect, your obedient servant,

JNO. A. J. CRESWELL,  
Postmaster-General.

The PRESIDENT.

## INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, D. C., January 6, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 18th ultimo, inclosing a resolution of the House of Representatives, relative to a revision of the estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875. The resolution was transmitted to the heads of the several Bureaus and institutions subordinate to this Department, and their replies are herewith presented.

In making the estimates originally for the next fiscal year, the utmost care was exercised to keep them down to the lowest amount consistent with a proper regard for the interests of the public service.

The Commissioner of the General Land-Office, in his report herewith, while indicating the appropriations for the survey of the public domain as one the suspension of which would be the least likely to seriously embarrass the public service, does not think any reduction compatible with the public interests. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs also suggests several items in the estimates for the Indian service, the reduction of which would be least injurious to the service. In regard to these, however, he is of the opinion that in every item he names, with two or three unimportant exceptions, the amounts, if reduced now, will call for a deficiency appropriation hereafter, to prevent damage to the Indian service.

In the other Bureaus, it will be observed that no reduction is suggested excepting an unimportant item in the estimate for the Insane Asylum.

After consultation with the heads of the several Bureaus, and a careful and rigid revision of the estimates heretofore submitted, I am satisfied that no material reduction can be made without detriment to the public service.

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

C. DELANO,  
*Secretary of the Interior.*

The PRESIDENT.

UNITED STATES PATENT-OFFICE,  
Washington, D. C., January 5, 1874.

SIR: At the time I made the estimates for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1874, I was very careful to make it as low as I possibly could. Notwithstanding the increased and increasing work of the Office, my estimates exceeded the one of last year only to the amount of \$200. I do not see where it would be possible for me to cut down the estimates without interfering with the efficiency of the Office.

Very respectfully,

M. D. LEGGETT,  
*Commissioner of Patents.*

Hon. C. DELANO,  
*Secretary of the Interior.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Pension-Office, Washington, D. C., December 22, 1873.*

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 20th instant, inclosing a copy of the resolutions passed by the House of Representatives on the 15th instant, and requesting me to review the estimates for the next fiscal year submitted by this Office to the Department, and to make such reduction of the same as, in my judgment, can be done without serious detriment to the public service, I have the honor to state that, after a careful consideration of the estimates heretofore submitted by this Office, I am clearly of the opinion that no reduction of the same can be made without serious detriment to the public service. No reduction of the expenditures for the current fiscal year can be made with justice to the public service.

Very respectfully,

J. H. BAKER,  
*Commissioner.*

Hon. B. R. COWEN,  
*Acting Secretary of the Interior.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., December 27, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, inclosing a copy of a resolution of the House of Representatives, dated the 15th instant, requesting a revision of the estimates for expenditures on account of the Executive Departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875.

In accordance with your instructions I have carefully revised the items of the estimates presented by this office, and have the honor to report that, in my judgment, any reduction thereof would prove seriously detrimental to the public service.

Very respectfully, yours,

JOHN EATON,  
Commissioner.

Hon. B. R. COWEN,  
Acting Secretary of the Interior Department.

COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR DEAF AND DUMB,  
Washington, January 1, 1874.

SIR: In response to your esteemed favor of the 20th ultimo, I beg to say that the estimates submitted for the service of this Institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, cannot be reduced without serious detriment to the welfare and efficiency of the Institution. I trust, therefore, they may remain unchanged.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. M. GALLAUDET, *President.*

Hon. COLUMBUS DELANO,  
Secretary of the Interior.

GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE,  
Near Washington, D. C., December 31, 1873.

SIR: In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 20th instant, inclosing a copy of the resolution of the House of Representatives relating to the reduction of the estimates, I have the honor to inform you that I have carefully reviewed the estimates submitted to the Department of the Interior for the support of the hospital, and for several additions and improvements, and respectfully report that, in my opinion, the appropriation of the estimates of \$7,788 for the completion of the river wall, and of \$2,500 for a coal vault, might be deferred until another year without very serious detriment to the public service, but that the appropriation of neither of the other estimates could be omitted, nor the amount asked be reduced, without seriously disqualifying the institution for the proper discharge of the functions imposed upon it by laws of Congress, than which none others are more just and dutiful.

The amounts asked for the support of the hospital cannot be properly reduced, because both the number of patients under treatment in the middle of the current year and the number that is likely to resort to the institution during the next fiscal year are greater than those upon which the estimates were based, and because the rate of cost of the support of each patient is as low as is consistent with humanity and the credit of the Government. It is believed that, in view of the care they receive, and the prices of labor and provisions at this point, the inmates of the Government Hospital for the Insane are treated at as low a cost as those of any State or municipal institution for the insane in the whole country.

The necessity of the extensions and improvements for which appropriations are asked, is now even more urgent than it appeared to be at the time the estimates were submitted, on account of the more rapid increase in the number of cases under treatment at the expense of the Government than was then anticipated. The accommodations of the hospital must be enlarged, as required by the increasing numbers of the insane that resort to it under existing laws, or its benefits will have to be restricted to some narrower basis than the present, by legal enactment; and I have no idea that either the people of the country or their representatives are prepared for such a restriction.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. H. NICHOLS, *Superintendent.*

Hon. B. R. COWEN,  
Acting Secretary of the Interior.



REVISED ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GENERAL LAND-OFFICE,  
Washington, D. C., January 5, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Department, dated 20th December, inclosing copy of a resolution of Congress, dated December 15, 1873, relative to a reduction of the estimates of appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875.

In compliance with your request, I herewith transmit a statement, showing the estimates of appropriations required for surveying the public lands and private claims, during said fiscal year, as submitted to Congress, and as reduced in compliance with the said resolution. I do not think any reduction compatible with the public interests.

Upon careful consideration, I find it impracticable to make any reduction in the other estimates submitted by this Office without detriment to the service.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WILLIS DRUMMOND,  
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Statement showing estimates by the General Land-Office for surveying the public lands and private land-claims during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, as submitted to Congress, and as reduced in accordance with the resolution of Congress of December 15, 1873.

	Estimates as at first submitted to Congress.	Reduced estimates.
For surveying the public lands in Louisiana.....	\$22,000	\$15,000
For surveying the public lands in Florida.....	15,000	10,000
For surveying the public lands in Minnesota.....	40,000	30,000
For surveying the public lands in Montana.....	60,000	40,000
For surveying the public lands in Nebraska.....	60,000	40,000
For surveying the public lands in Kansas.....	89,700	89,700
For surveying the public lands in Colorado.....	80,000	50,000
For surveying the public lands in Idaho.....	40,000	25,000
For surveying the public lands in New Mexico.....	40,000	25,000
For surveying the public lands in California.....	90,000	60,000
For surveying the public lands in Oregon.....	70,000	50,000
For surveying the public lands in Washington.....	70,000	50,000
For surveying the public lands in Utah.....	30,000	20,000
For surveying the public lands in Nevada.....	60,000	40,000
For surveying the public lands in Wyoming.....	60,000	40,000
For surveying the public lands in Arizona.....	30,000	20,000
For surveying the public lands in Dakota.....	80,000	60,000
For occasional examinations to test the accuracy of surveys in the field.....	15,000	12,000
For surveying confirmed private land-claims in California.....	40,000	30,000
For surveying confirmed private land-claims in Colorado.....	10,000	8,000
For surveying confirmed private land-claims in New Mexico.....	15,000	12,000
Total.....	1,016,700	726,000

NOTE.—The estimates submitted to Congress by this Office were carefully considered, and cannot, in my opinion, be materially reduced without detriment to the public service. It is possible that the temporary check to the construction of some important land-grant railroads may enable Congress to reduce appropriations for public surveys; I therefore submit a revised estimate for the purpose of indicating where reductions can be made with the least injury to the public. The estimates for the survey of the Utah-Arizona boundary, \$17,500, and for the New Mexico-Arizona boundary, \$27,370, may be stricken out, the immediate survey of these boundaries not being an absolute necessity. The estimate for surveys in Kansas is for the purpose of completing the work in that State, and cannot be reduced without involving the expense of continuing the surveyor-general's office there for another year.

While making this revised estimate in obedience to the resolution of Congress, I am clearly of the opinion that the public interests will not be benefited by any reduction of the appropriations for the surveying-service; in fact, I am fully convinced that the interests of settlers on the public domain demand liberal appropriations, and that they will be subjected to great inconvenience and unnecessary litigation and expense if surveys are not extended so as to accommodate advancing settlements.

WILLIS DRUMMOND, Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
General Land-Office, January 5, 1874.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., January 5, 1874.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Department communication of 20th ultimo, inclosing copy of resolution of Congress requiring a revision of the estimate of appropriations for the Indian Department, and in accordance therewith to make the following statement:

The estimates, as submitted by this Bureau, for the next fiscal year, were based largely upon treaty stipulations, and, in other cases, upon the results of careful inquiries as to the necessities of the public service, and, in my judgment, any reduction in these estimates will be at the expense of economy and proper administration.

If, however, a reduction is required, the following changes are suggested. But it is proper to state that, in the opinion of this Office, such reductions, with the possible exceptions of \$3,000 in the vaccination fund, and \$2,000 in the transportation in Minnesota and Michigan, will inevitably require to be replaced by a deficiency bill, or result in damage to the public service.

	As revised.	Original.
Vaccination of Indians.....	\$2,000	\$5,000
Collecting and subsisting Apaches of Arizona and New Mexico: \$400,000 for Arizona and \$150,000 for New Mexico.....	550,000	750,000
<i>Fulfilling treaties with Sioux of different tribes, including Santee Sioux of Nebraska.</i>		
This amount to be expended in the purchase of beef, flour, bacon, sugar, &c., &c.....	1,200,000	1,500,000
Support and civilization of the Sioux at Fort Peck agency.....	200,000	300,000
Insurance, transportation, &c., of annuities, &c., to Indians in Minnesota and Michigan.....	6,000	8,000
Civilization and subsistence of Indians on the Malheur reservation.....	35,000	40,000
Purchase of land in White Earth reservation, Minnesota, for Pembina band of Chippewas.....	20,000	25,000

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDW. N. SMITH,  
*Commissioner.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
*Washington, January 6, 1874.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of resolution of the House of Representatives, bearing date the 15th ultimo; "that the President be requested to cause a revision of said estimates to be made by the several Executive Departments, and cause a report to be made, if possible, as early as the 5th of January next, setting forth in detail what public expenditures for the current fiscal year, and what estimates for the next fiscal year, can be reduced, and the amount of such reduction, without serious detriment to the public service."

In reply, I have to state that the following-named appropriations, estimated for the service of this Department for the next fiscal year, can be dispensed with or reduced, viz:

Appropriation for the collection of claims due the United States, withdrawn. (Book of Estimates, p. 49.)

Appropriation for the prosecution of crimes, reduced to \$25,000. (Book of Estimates, p. 49.)

Appropriation for postage-stamps, reduced to \$10,000. (Book of Estimates, p. 49.)

Appropriation for laying out grounds of the Reform-School of the District of Columbia, reduced to \$2,500. (Book of Estimates, p. 141.)

Furniture for the Reform-School, reduced to \$8,000. (Book of Estimates, p. 141.)

Supplying the Reform-School with water, withdrawn. (Book of Estimates, p. 141.)

Purchasing remainder of the Dodge and Peters' farm for the Reform-School, withdrawn. (Book of Estimates, p. 141.)

Fencing the grounds of the Reform School, withdrawn. (Book of Estimates, p. 141.)

I have carefully examined the estimates, and do not think any further reduction than those above named can be made, without detriment to the public service.

The appropriations for the current year will all be required, with the exception of that of

\$15,000, for the collection of claims due the United States. A small expenditure, however, is made out of this appropriation for the office of the Solicitor of the Treasury.

I would suggest that the appropriation can be reduced to \$1,000.

Very respectfully,

GEO. H. WILLIAMS,  
*Attorney-General.*

The PRESIDENT.