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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

ESTIMATES OF DEFICIENCIES IN APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED TO MEET URGENT DEMANDS OF  
THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1888, AND FOR PRIOR YEARS.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *December 22, 1887.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith estimates of deficiencies in appropriations required to meet urgent demands upon the Government for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, and for prior years, amounting to \$3,075,274.65.

Respectfully, yours,

C. S. FAIRCHILD,  
*Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

URGENT BUSINESS

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STATEMENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED TAX AND THE YEAR 1914

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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# URGENT DEFICIENCIES.

*Estimates of appropriations required by the various Departments to meet urgent demands for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, and for prior years.*

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<b>TREASURY DEPARTMENT.</b>							
<b>PUBLIC BUILDINGS.</b>							
<i>Washington, D. C. : Treasury Building—</i>							
For completion of silver vault in excess of the limit.....	Mar. 3, 1887	24	512	1	\$1,000.00	\$27,804.25	
For new freight elevator.....	Submitted				2,000.00		
For repairs to Treasury building, being for the service of the current fiscal year.....	Mar. 3, 1887	24	512	1	4,000.00	8,000.00	
						\$7,000.00	
NOTE.—In explanation of the item for repairs to Treasury building, see Appendix A.							
<i>Aberdeen, Miss. : Court-House, Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For iron fence, sidewalk, etc., of approaches, in excess of the limit.....	Mar. 3, 1885	23	345	1		4,000.00	
<i>Auburn, N. Y. : Post-Office, Court-House, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit.....	Mar. 3, 1885	23	348	1	30,000.00	42,000.00	
For fire-proofing building.....	Submitted				12,000.00		
<i>Augusta, Me. : Post-Office, Court-House, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit.....	Feb. 14, 1885	23	304	1	35,000.00	47,000.00	
For fire-proofing building.....	Submitted				12,000.00		
<i>Buffalo, N. Y. : Custom-House and Post-Office—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit.....	Aug. 7, 1882	22	305	1	} .....	500.00	
	Aug. 4, 1886	24	222	1			
<i>Carson City, Nev. : Court-House, Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit.....	Jan. 13, 1885	23	281	1		36,000.00	
<i>Charleston, S. C. : Custom-House Wharf—</i>							
For extension and completion, in excess of the limit.....	July 7, 1884	23	195	1	} .....	138,000.00	
	Aug. 4, 1886	24	222	1			
<i>Chicago, Ill. : Custom-House and Sub-Treasury—</i>							
That balance of appropriations for "iron tie rods" and "repairing stone work" be made available for custom-house and sub-treasury repairs.....	Mar. 3, 1887	24	510	1			
<i>Concord, N. H. : Post-Office, Court-House, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit.....	June 10, 1882	22	100	1	} .....	11,000.00	
	Mar. 3, 1885	23	480	1			
<i>Dallas, Tex. : Court-House, Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit.....	July 7, 1882	22	154	1	} .....	11,000.00	
	Mar. 3, 1885	23	480	1			
	May 17, 1886	24	54	1			
	Mar. 3, 1887	24	510	1			
<i>Denver, Colo. : Court-House, Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For extension and completion, in excess of the limit.....	May 8, 1882	22	61	1	} .....	60,000.00	
	Mar. 3, 1885	23	480	1			
	Submitted						
<i>Detroit, Mich. : Marine Hospital—</i>							
For boiler and engine house.....	Submitted					2,500.00	
<i>Fort Wayne, Ind. : Court-House, Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit.....	Aug. 2, 1882	22	369	1	} .....	16,000.00	
	Feb. 28, 1885	23	337	1			
	May 17, 1886	24	57	1			
	Aug. 4, 1886	24	222	1			
<i>Hannibal, Mo. : Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit.....	May 25, 1882	22	93	1	} .....	2,000.00	
	June 30, 1886	24	105	1			
	Mar. 3, 1887	24	510	1			

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT—Continued.							
PUBLIC BUILDINGS—continued.							
<i>Jackson, Tenn. : Court-House, Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit .....	May 19, 1882	22	88	1	} .....	\$1,000.00	
	Mar. 3, 1885	23	480	1			
	May 1, 1886	24	19	1			
<i>Keokuk, Iowa : Court-House, Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit .....	Feb. 25, 1885	23	320	1	} .....	15,000.00	
	July 10, 1886	24	141	1			
<i>Leavenworth, Kans. : Court-House, Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit .....	Aug. 7, 1882	22	305	1	} .....	3,000.00	
	Mar. 3, 1885	23	481	1			
	Aug. 4, 1886	24	223	1			
<i>Louisville, Ky. : Court-House, Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
That limit of cost of building be exclusive of amount paid for site .....	May 25, 1882	22	94	1	} .....	.....	
	Mar. 3, 1885	23	349	1			
	Mar. 3, 1887	24	510	1			
<i>Lynchburgh, Va. : Court-House, Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit .....	June 10, 1882	22	101	1	} .....	2,000.00	
	Mar. 3, 1885	23	481	1			
	Mar. 3, 1885	23	480	1			
	Aug. 4, 1886	24	223	1			
<i>Manchester, N. H. : Post-Office, Court-House, etc.—</i>							
For fire-proofing and completion, in excess of the limit .....	Mar. 3, 1885	23	483	1	.....	46,000.00	
<i>Montpelier, Vt. : Post-Office, Court-House, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit .....	Mar. 3, 1885	23	482	1	} \$20,000.00	.....	
For fire-proofing building .....	Aug. 4, 1886	24	224	1			
	Submitted .....				15,000.00	35,000.00	
<i>Pensacola, Fla. : Court-House, Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit .....	June 10, 1882	22	99	1	} .....	2,000.00	
	Mar. 3, 1883	23	604	1			
	Aug. 4, 1886	24	223	1			
<i>Port Townsend, Wash. : Custom-House, Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit .....	Mar. 3, 1885	23	347	1	} .....	38,000.00	
	Aug. 4, 1886	24	223	1			
<i>Poughkeepsie, N. Y. : Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit .....	July 15, 1882	22	171	1	} .....	500.00	
	Mar. 3, 1885	23	481	1			
	Aug. 4, 1886	24	223	1			
<i>Richmond, Va. : Custom-House, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit .....	Feb. 26, 1885	23	332	1	} .....	33,000.00	
	Mar. 3, 1885	23	481	1			
<i>Rochester, N. Y. : Court-House, Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For fire-proofing and completion, in excess of the limit .....	May 25, 1882	22	94	1	} .....	50,000.00	
	May 3, 1886	24	21	1			
	Mar. 3, 1887	24	511	1			
<i>Shreveport, La. : Post-Office, Court-House, etc.—</i>							
For plumbing and completion, in excess of the limit .....	July 7, 1882	22	152	1	} .....	2,000.00	
	Mar. 3, 1885	23	482	1			
	Aug. 4, 1886	24	224	1			
<i>Springfield, Ohio : Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit .....	Mar. 3, 1885	23	484	1	} 15,000.00	.....	
For fire-proofing building .....	Aug. 4, 1886	24	224	1			
	Submitted .....				23,000.00	38,000.00	
<i>Saint Joseph, Mo. : Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For unforeseen expenditure, resulting from settling of the building and occasioning tearing down, strengthening foundations, and rebuilding .....	Aug. 5, 1882	22	299	1	} .....	40,000.00	
	July 7, 1884	23	196	1			
	Mar. 3, 1885	23	481	1			
	Mar. 3, 1887	24	511	1			
<i>Syracuse, N. Y. : Post-Office, Court-House, etc.—</i>							
For extension, granite work for approaches, and completion in excess of the limit. (This extension will require repeal of provision in statute relative to fire limit) .....	May 25, 1882	22	95	1	} .....	65,000.00	
	July 7, 1884	23	196	1			
	Mar. 3, 1885	23	482	1			
	Aug. 4, 1886	24	224	1			
<i>Terre Haute, Ind. : Post-Office, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit .....	July 7, 1882	22	152	1	} .....	32,000.00	
	Aug. 4, 1886	24	224	1			
<i>Toledo, Ohio : Custom-House, Court-House, etc.—</i>							
For completion, in excess of the limit .....	June 16, 1880	21	282	1	} .....	17,000.00	
	Mar. 3, 1881	21	436	1			
	Aug. 4, 1886	24	224	1			
Total public buildings .....						796,500.00	\$35,804.25

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<b>TREASURY DEPARTMENT—Continued.</b>							
<b>LIGHT-STATIONS.</b>							
<i>Hell Gate Light-Station, New York—</i>							
For lease of the ground used as a site for the light-house and fog-signal established at Hallet's Point, near Hell Gate, New York, from April 1, 1886, to June 30, 1888 ..	Aug. 7, 1882 Mar. 3, 1883 July 7, 1884	22 22 23	310 607 197	1 1 1	} .....	\$1,350.00	
NOTE.—An electric light was established at this point and authority given by Congress to lease the site therefor, but no appropriation was made last year to renew the lease, which expired March 31, 1886. The Government is therefore occupying land for which Congress has made no appropriation to pay for the lease, and it is subject to the interference of the owner. The light has been discontinued, but the lease should be maintained until the property can be removed.							
<i>Pamplico Light-Station, North Carolina—</i>							
For establishing a light off Pamplico Point, North Carolina, to replace the one on the point, to be immediately available, being for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888 .....	May 23, 1828	4	282	1, 2	.....	25,000.00	
NOTE.—The present structure is in danger of being washed away. This is so imminent that it has been found necessary to discontinue the light. A light on the shoal will be of much greater value to the extensive commerce of these waters, and would cost but little, if any, more than a permanent protection for the present tower and dwelling.							
<i>Hunting Island Light-Station, South Carolina—</i>							
For the removal and re-erection of the light-house at Hunting Island, South Carolina, including the purchase of a safer site therefor, to be available immediately, being for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888 .....	June 10, 1872 Mar. 3, 1873 June 23, 1874	17 17 18	254 521 219	1 1 1	} .....	51,000.00	
NOTE.—A great and continuous abrasion has been going on for years at and near this light-house. A considerable encroachment was made by the sea during August last, and it appears clear that the beach line can not be held by any process which will cost as little as the removal of the light-house. The light-house may be undermined at any time by the sea following a heavy storm. The tower was purposely constructed so as to admit of removal. Original cost, \$102,000.							
<i>Lake Borgne Light-Station, Mississippi—</i>							
For establishing a light and fog-signal to guide into Lake Borgne, Louisiana, instead of Saint Joseph's Island Light-Station, to be immediately available, being for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888 ..	Mar. 3, 1831 Aug. 3, 1854	4 10	490 341	1 1	} .....	8,000.00	
NOTE.—Saint Joseph's Island is fast washing away, and it is impracticable to save the station. No increase in the number of lights will be made.							
<i>Reimbursement of Keepers, for Personal Losses—</i>							
To reimburse the keepers of the light-stations at Matagorda, Tex., and Sabine Pass, La., for personal losses incurred by them during the storms of August and October, 1886 .....					.....	582.75	
NOTE.—The storms mentioned were of unusual severity, destroying the keepers' dwellings and sweeping away their effects.							
<i>Northwest Seal Rock Light-Station, California—</i>							
For continuing the construction of a light-house on Northwest Seal Rock off Point Saint George, California, to be immediately available, being for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888 .....	Aug. 7, 1882 Mar. 3, 1883 July 7, 1884 Mar. 3, 1885 Mar. 3, 1887	22 22 23 23 24	310 607 198 485 513	1 1 1 1 1	} .....	150,000.00	\$120,000.00
NOTE.—The work on this nearly inaccessible rock must be discontinued unless an appropriation is immediately made by Congress. Work can not be carried on with advantage at a less expenditure than \$15,000 per month, and a certain sum must be set aside to meet the casualties to which such a work is necessarily exposed. The sum mentioned is the least that should be appropriated with a view to true economy.							
<i>Humboldt Light-Station, California—</i>							
For establishing the light and fog signal at Humboldt, Cal., upon a more secure site, to be immediately available, being for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888 .....	Mar. 3, 1851	9	628	1	.....	25,000.00	
NOTE.—During the past year the light-house structures at Humboldt have been seriously threatened, and it is believed that a severe storm may at any time so encroach on the site as to overthrow them. It is proposed to rebuild the station upon Humboldt Bluff.							

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<b>TREASURY DEPARTMENT—Continued.</b>							
<b>LIGHT-STATIONS—continued.</b>							
<i>Tender for the Gulf Coast—</i> For a tender for service upon the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.	Submitted.....					\$27,000.00	
NOTE.—This is to supply a deficiency in the light-house service caused by the loss of the tender <i>Mignonette</i> , which was blown out to sea over the bar at Brazos de Santiago during the hurricane of September 21, 1887, and has not since been heard from.							
Total light stations.....						287,932.75	\$120,000.00
<b>TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENTS.</b>							
<i>Legislative Expenses, Territory of Montana—</i>							
For the extraordinary session of the fifteenth legislative assembly, begun August 29 and ending September 14, 1887, being for the service of the fiscal year, 1888:							
Twelve members of the legislative council, seventeen days, at \$4.....	June 19, 1878 Dec. 23, 1880	R. S. 20 21	341 193 312	1943 1 1	} \$816.00		
Twelve members of the legislative council, 3,804 miles, at 20c.....	Same acts.....					760.80	
Twenty-four members of the house of representatives, seventeen days, at \$4.....	do.....					1,632.00	
Twenty-four members of the house of representatives, 6,989 miles, at 20c.....	do.....					1,397.80	
Presiding and subordinate officers.....	do.....					923.00	
Rent of halls and committee rooms.....	do.....	R. S.	341	1940		485.00	
Fitting up halls, removing furniture, etc.....	do.....	R. S.	341	1940		255.00	
New furniture, carpets, and repairing.....	do.....	R. S.	341	1940		200.00	
Stationery for legislative assembly.....	do.....	R. S.	341	1940		350.00	
Fuel and lights, legislative halls, etc.....	do.....	R. S.	341	1940		295.00	
Temporary clerk, secretary's office.....	do.....	R. S.	341	1940		400.00	
Printing bills, laws, journals, etc.....	June 19, 1878 Aug. 5, 1882 Mar. 3, 1887	R. S. 20 22 24	332 193 236 614	1887 1 1 1	} 3,750.00		
							11,264.60
NOTE.—The extraordinary session above referred to was called by proclamation of the governor of Montana under date of July 11, 1887, the reasons therefor having been previously submitted to the President of the United States in accordance with law and approved by him March 30, 1887.							
The items included in the estimate have been approved by the First Comptroller of the Treasury.							
<b>MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS.</b>							
<i>Contingent Expenses, Treasury Department, Miscellaneous Items—</i>							
To supply a deficiency in the appropriation for contingent expenses, Treasury Department, miscellaneous items, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888.....	Appropriated.....	24	609	1		4,000.00	10,000.00
NOTE.—In explanation of this item, see Appendix A.							
<i>Plans for Public Buildings—</i>							
For books, photographic materials, and in duplicating plans required for public buildings under control of the Treasury Department, being for the service of the fiscal year 1888.....	do.....	24	523	1		1,000.00	2,500.00
NOTE.—See letter of Supervising Architect in Appendix B.							
<i>Expenses of Collecting the Revenue from Customs—</i>							
To supply a deficiency in the appropriation for expenses of collecting the revenue from customs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1887.....	Submitted.....	R. S.	724	3687		220,000.00	
<i>Relief of William Caldwell—</i>							
To reimburse William Caldwell as custodian of the customhouse at Cincinnati, Ohio, the amount of a certified check, drawn by Sol. P. Kineon in his favor on the Fidelity National Bank of Cincinnati, which failed before the presentation of said check for payment, as a guarantee for the faithful performance by Kineon of his contract for furnishing coal to the Government: <i>Provided</i> , That any dividends that may be declared on this account shall be covered into the Treasury.....	Submitted.....					1,811.00	

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<b>MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS—continued.</b>							
<i>Relief of Samuel A. Robinson—</i>							
Authority is hereby granted the Secretary of the Treasury to pay Samuel A. Robinson, inspector of plumbing for the District of Columbia, for services rendered in connection with the sanitary improvement of the Treasury Department Building, the sum of five hundred and ninety-five dollars out of the appropriation of twenty thousand dollars made by the sundry civil act of August fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, to put the Treasury Building in a proper sanitary condition by improved plumbing, sewerage, and drainage.							
<i>Building Corner Seventeenth and F Streets—</i>							
For cleaning and kalsomining the rooms in the building corner of Seventeenth and F streets, to be vacated by the War Department offices .....	Submitted .....				\$1,000.00		
For carpets, matting, oil-cloth, furniture, shelving, etc., for said rooms, including labor and other necessary expenses of removal from the rented buildings now occupied by the Second Auditor's Office .....	do .....				5,500.00		
For fuel, lights, and other necessary expenses of said building from March 1, 1888, to June 30, 1888 .....	do .....				1,500.00	\$8,000.00	
<i>Salaries of Employés, Building Corner Seventeenth and F Streets—</i>							
That such balance of the appropriation made by the act of March 3, 1887 (24 Stat., 618), for salaries of employés of the building corner of Seventeenth and F streets as shall remain unexpended at the time of the vacation, as required by said act, of the offices of the War Department therein, is hereby authorized to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and the building placed under his control.							
NOTE.—In relation to the above items for the building corner Seventeenth and F streets, see Appendix C.							
<i>Agricultural Experiment Stations—</i>							
To carry into effect the provisions of an act approved March 2, 1887, entitled "An act to establish agricultural experiment stations in connection with the colleges established in the several States under the provisions of an act approved July 2, 1862, and of the acts supplementary thereto" .....							
	March 2, 1887	24	440	1-10		585,000.00	
NOTE.—See Appendix D.							
<i>Suppressing Counterfeiting and other Crimes—</i>							
To supply a deficiency in the appropriation for suppressing counterfeiting and other crimes, to meet the expenses of investigating certain claims of Indian soldiers and their heirs for arrears of pay and bounty, being for the service of the fiscal year 1888 .....							
	June 11, 1862	12	533	5	} .....	3,000.00	\$60,000.00
	March 3, 1863	12	713	8			
	Appropriated.	24	524	1			
NOTE.—See letter of Second Auditor in Appendix E.							
Total miscellaneous objects .....						822,811.00	72,500.00
Total Treasury Department .....						1,918,508.35	230,754.25
<b>WAR DEPARTMENT.</b>							
<i>Salaries, Office of the Surgeon-General—</i>							
From January 1, 1888, to June 30, 1888, in new building for Army Medical Museum and Library:							
One engineer, at \$1,400 per annum .....	Submitted .....				700.00		
One assistant engineer, for night duty, at \$900 .....	do .....				450.00		
Two firemen, at \$55 per month .....	do .....				660.00		
Two laborers, at \$55 per month .....	do .....				660.00		
	Appropriated.	24	617	1		2,470.00	512,080.00
NOTE.—These items have been included in the annual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889, but it is highly desirable that they be authorized for the remainder of the present fiscal year.							

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<b>WAR DEPARTMENT—Continued.</b>							
<b>MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.</b>							
<i>Pay, etc., of the Army—</i>							
For mileage to officers, when authorized by law, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1888.....	Feb. 9, 1887	24	396	1	.....	\$40,308.76	\$85,000.
<p>NOTE.—This deficiency is due to the fact that the burden of transportation of officers traveling under orders contemplating mileage was, by operation of G. O. No. 50, C. S., cast upon the appropriation for payment of mileage for the reason that Congress, although it cut down the appropriation from \$130,000 for the previous fiscal year to \$85,000 for the current year, and added new legislation looking to the transportation of officers by the Quartermaster's department, failed to make an appropriation in specific terms for the use of that department for that purpose. The amount asked for (\$40,308.76) is based upon the number of miles traveled during the past fiscal year and the disbursements for the same purpose during the first four months of the current year. It is hoped that the early attention of Congress will be invited to this deficiency, as the amount now available for payment of officers' mileage accounts will be exhausted about December 31, 1887, and much hardship will fall upon the officers to whom prompt settlement can not be made for money expended from their private means to execute public business.</p>							
<i>Signal Service of the Army—</i>							
For expenses of the Signal Service of the Army, as follows: } Purchase, equipment, and repair of field electric telegraphs; signal equipments and stores; binocular glasses, telescopes, heliostats, and other necessary instruments, including absolutely necessary meteorological instruments for use on target ranges; telephone apparatus and maintenance of same, being for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888..... } Reduced by the Acting Secretary of War to.....	July 21, 1860 Feb. 22, 1862 July 28, 1886 Aug. 7, 1882 June 30, 1886 Feb. 9, 1887	12 12 14 22 24 24	66 344 335 319 99 401	1 1, 2 22 1 1 2	} \$10,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
<p>NOTE.—In the estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, for "Signal Service" (see page 99 of House Ex. Doc. No. 5, Forty-ninth Congress, second session) the Secretary of War requested \$5,000 for that service. Congress appropriated only \$3,000, and the Acting Secretary of War recommends that an additional \$2,000 be granted.—<i>War Department, December 19, 1887.</i></p> <p>To fill requisitions on file in this office for the purpose of signaling in the field, on the Indian frontier, and for practice in garrison. The absolute necessity for the proper signal equipment of the Army, demonstrated by the Indian campaigns in Arizona, has been emphasized the present month by a new campaign in the Northwest, which entailed immediate requisition upon this office for men, means, and instruments from the commanding general of that department. The appropriation for the past year is about \$2 a month for each military post of the country, which would barely pay for the oil and flags necessary for proper signal practice, leaving no available surplus for active field operations. The supplies remaining from the war have been practically exhausted during the present year, and this deficiency is absolutely necessary to put the signaling apparatus of the Army in even respectable condition. The requirements of instruments for target ranges have been, to a certain extent, neglected, and requisitions for necessary supplies remain unfilled owing to the lack of funds.—<i>A. W. Greely, Chief Signal Officer, November 26, 1887.</i></p>							
<b>ENGINEER DEPARTMENT.</b>							
<i>Examinations and Surveys at South Pass, Mississippi River—</i>							
Annual expenses of ascertaining the depth of water and width of channel secured and maintained from time to time at South Pass of the Mississippi River, to enable the Secretary of War to report to Congress during the maintenance of the work, as required by Congress (act of March 3, 1875, 18 Stat., p. 366), \$27,470.							
<p>NOTE.—An estimate (\$27,470) was submitted to Congress December 5, 1887 (see page 182 of House Ex. Doc. No. 5, Fiftieth Congress, first session), of which \$8,800 is immediately required to pay the employes on the work, who have been serving voluntarily without pay since September 1, 1887, and who are dependent upon their monthly pay for their monthly subsistence and living.</p>							



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<p>WAR DEPARTMENT—Continued.</p> <p>ENGINEER DEPARTMENT—continued.</p> <p><i>Mississippi River Commission—</i>                      Salaries and traveling expenses of the Mississippi River Commission, and for salaries and traveling expenses of assistant engineers, and for office expenses and contingencies, being for the period from April 30, 1886, to close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, and to be at once available .....</p>							
	July 7, 1884 Submitted	23	220	1	} -----	\$25,000.00	
<p>NOTE.—The necessity for the amount above estimated (which is in lieu of the amount \$100,000 requested January 17, 1887, on page 13 of House Ex. Doc. No. 89, Forty-ninth Congress, second session) is explained in the letter of October 8, 1887, from the president of the Mississippi River Commission, a copy of which appears in Appendix "F." The three Commissioners from civil life have been serving without pay since April 30, 1886, and there have been three meetings of the Commission for which the Commissioners have not been reimbursed for mileage and traveling expenses. The estimate is for twenty-six months' salary at \$750 per month, and it is estimated that each meeting requires \$900 to pay for mileage and traveling expenses.—<i>J. O. Duane, Brigadier-General, Chief of Engineers, December 8, 1887.</i></p>							
<p>SIGNAL SERVICE.</p> <p><i>Observation and Report of Storms—</i>                      To be expended by the Secretary of War: For expenses of meteorological observation and report by telegraph, signal, or otherwise, announcing the probable approach and force of storms, for the benefit of commerce and agriculture of the United States, as follows:                      For expenses of storm, cautionary, off-shore, cold-wave, and other signals, on the sea, lake, and gulf coasts of the United States, and in the interior, announcing the probable approach and force of storms, including the pay of observers, services of operators, lanterns and flags, being for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888 .....</p>							
	Feb. 9, 1870. Appropriated.	16 24	369 532	1 1	} \$1,000.00		
<p>NOTE.—The action of replacing worn-out signal flags and the changes in signals, caused by the Chief Signal Officer in carrying out the provisions of the joint resolution of Congress, approved February 9, 1870, which directed that this office should announce the probable force as well as the direction of storms, necessitates this deficiency to immediately and properly equip the signal stations of the country with necessary flags.                      In the estimates for 1888 (see page 211 of House Ex. Doc. No. 5, Forty-ninth Congress, second session) the sum of \$11,000 was requested for this item, and Congress appropriated only \$10,000; \$1,000 additional is required.</p>							
<p>For the maintenance and repair of the military telegraph line connecting the signal stations along the Atlantic coast of the United States, including services of operators, repairmen, materials, and general service, being for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, \$9,944, which is reduced by the Acting Secretary of War to .....</p>							
	Same acts					2,000 00	
<p>NOTE.—In the estimates for 1888 for this item the Secretary of War requested \$8,000. (See page 211 of House Ex. Doc. No. 5, Forty-ninth Congress, second session.) Congress appropriated in the act of March 3, 1887 (24 Statutes, page 532) but \$6,000, and the Acting Secretary of War recommends that \$2,000 additional be appropriated. (<i>War Department, December 19, 1887.</i>)                      This amount is necessary for furnishing, delivering, and laying 7 nautical miles of submarine cable to connect Martha's Vineyard, Mass., with the mainland, and for building necessary land connections on Nantucket and connecting islands to the mainland. The present cable, which crosses Vineyard Sound from Cedar Tree Neck, Martha's Vineyard, to Naushon Island, has three times been broken by ship's anchors since it was laid in 1885, and has been strained and otherwise damaged in a number of places from the same causes. It cannot last much longer. Vessels frequently anchor near the line of the present cable from necessity, and the only remedy is to lay a cable where vessels do not anchor, or at least very seldom. This section of cables and land lines is of vast importance to the 40,000 sailing vessels which yearly pass through the water-ways of Vineyard Sound, and to nearly 30,000 people who inhabit this island during the summer season. There is no other means of telegraphic communication with this island, and complaints are frequent and bitter whenever the present defective cable is not in working order. There has been spent on this cable in repairs \$2,517.58 during the past eleven months, which shows that, even disregarding the question of permanent communication, the present cable will in time prove more expensive than a new one.—<i>A. W. Greeley, Chief Signal Officer, November 26, 1887.</i></p>							

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<b>WAR DEPARTMENT—Continued.</b>							
<b>SIGNAL SERVICE—continued.</b>							
<i>Observation and Report of Storms—Continued.</i>							
For rent, hire of civilian employes, furniture, light, stationery, ice, stoves and fixtures, repairs, rent of telephones, text-books, lumber, and other expenses of offices maintained as stations of observation outside of Washington, D. C., being for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888.....	Appropriated.	24	532	1	\$5,000.00		
<p><i>NOTE.</i>—This amount is necessary to properly provide for the present stations of observation during the current fiscal year. Congress, in 1883, reduced the amount allowed for rent, stationery, light, ice, furniture, text-books, and all expenses from an annual allowance of \$310 per station of observation to \$250 per year. This reduction has necessitated in every year the discharge of janitors and cleaners in the middle of the fiscal year and the refusal of ice, stoves, stationery, and furniture for the proper equipment and management of said stations. At present all janitors and cleaners are under orders for discharge on January 1, 1888. For four years past the dilapidated and badly worn furniture of this service has steadily deteriorated in appearance and quality, since the reduced appropriations have not permitted its being replaced by new furniture. The offices of the country in general, as shown by the official inspection reports, are, in many cases, in an unfit and improper condition. In the last four years the repair of old furniture and the purchase of new has averaged but \$1 per month for each station. There are now a number of offices that could be moved into Government buildings and others could be moved by April 1, 1888, and thus save rent in future, but for lack of funds this is impossible, as the expense in each case would be about \$250. The estimate for the items was \$40,000 (see page 211 of House Ex. Doc. No. 5, Forty-ninth Congress, second session), but Congress appropriated only \$35,000, which is insufficient. Five thousand dollars more should be allowed.</p>							
For river and flood observations, and expenses in connection therewith, being for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888.....	.....do.....	24	532	1	1,000.00		
<p><i>NOTE.</i>—This amount is very necessary, in order to carry on the work without impairing the efficiency of the service. Five hundred dollars of the present appropriation has necessarily been spent in building new gauges and extraordinary repairs to old ones. The office has been obliged to close one river station, owing to inability to repair the gauge and keep the station open without incurring an absolute deficiency. The present appropriation permits of no extraordinary expenditures, which are certain to come with every spring flood, and which can only be met by cutting off the service entirely for the last part of the fiscal year. The sum of \$10,000 was requested for this item on page 211 of House Ex. Doc. No. 5, Forty-ninth Congress, second session. Congress appropriated \$9,000, and \$1,000 additional should be allowed.</p>							
For maintenance and repair of military telegraph lines, including rent of offices, salaries of civilian operators and repairman, lights, stoves, and fixtures, supplies, and general repairs, being for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, \$5,000.....	.....do.....	24	532	1			
<p><i>NOTE.</i>—This amount is for furnishing, delivering, and laying three and one-half (3½) nautical miles of submarine cable at the mouth of the Columbia River, in Oregon and Washington Territory. The present cable failed in July, 1886, and being deeply embedded in the sand, could not be raised for repairs with the means at the command of this office. Congress at its last session appropriated \$500 for repairing this cable. Due advertisement was made for bids to perform the work within that sum, but not a bid was received. An independent bid was made to do the work for \$5,000, but could not be accepted. This office has also used, without avail, its best efforts to secure the repair of this cable, by obtaining the aid of the light-house steamer, and of apparatus pertaining to the Engineer Corps, U. S. Army, as a supplement to the \$500 appropriated. The importance of this cable to shipping interests is well known, aside from its value in affording telegraphic communication with Fort Canby, Wash.—<i>A. W. Greeley, Chief Signal Officer, November 26, 1887.</i> The Acting Secretary of War, in view of the withdrawal of the troops from Fort Canby, and for other reasons, omits the item \$5,000.—<i>War Department, December 19, 1887.</i></p>							
For the construction and maintenance of a military telegraph line from San Francisco, Cal., to a point at or near Point Keyes, Cal., via Point San José, Cal., being for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888.....	.....do.....	24	532	1	2,474.75	\$11,474.75	\$268,500.00
<p><i>NOTE.</i>—The original estimates submitted by this office amounted to \$5,000, which Congress saw fit to reduce to \$2,500. After the purchase of the necessary wire, brackets, insulators, etc., there remained a balance of \$1,924 for the purchase of poles and the construction of the line over the designated route. Advertisement was made for proposals to furnish, deliver, and set up the poles and to string the wire, and the lowest bid for these items amounted to \$4,098.75, leaving a deficiency of \$2,174.75 for construction proper, and \$300 for equipment, maintenance, and sundries.</p>							

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<b>WAR DEPARTMENT—Continued.</b>							
<b>SIGNAL SERVICE—continued.</b>							
<i>Signal Service, Medical Department—</i>							
For medical attendance and medicines for officers and enlisted men of the Signal Corps, being for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, \$1,200, which is reduced by the Acting Secretary of War to..	Appropriated..	24	534	1	.....	\$700.00	\$2,000.00
<p><small>NOTE.—This amount is needed to settle accounts which may be incurred for absolutely indispensable medical attendance and medicines, as authorized by law and regulations, to officers and men of the Army, and is based upon the experience of prior years. The entire amount, including the deficiency, is less than 55 cents per month for each officer and man.—A. W. Greeley, Chief Signal Officer, November 26, 1887.</small></p> <p><small>In the estimates for 1888 (page 213 of House Ex. Doc. No. 5, Forty-ninth Congress, second session) the sum of \$2,000 was requested for "Signal Service, Medical Department, 1888," and that amount was appropriated in the act of March 3, 1887 (24 Statutes, page 534). In the estimates for 1889 (page 225 of House Ex. Doc. No. 5, Fiftieth Congress, first session) \$2,700 is asked for that fiscal year, and the Acting Secretary of War recommends that \$700 additional be appropriated for 1888.—War Department, December 19, 1887.</small></p>							
Total War Department .....						81,953.51	870,580.00
<b>INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.</b>							
<b>MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS.</b>							
<i>Interstate Commerce Commission—</i>							
To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to properly carry out the objects of the "Act to regulate commerce," approved February 4, 1887, during the remainder of the current fiscal year, the original appropriation being insufficient .....	Feb. 4, 1887	24	387	18-23	.....	15,000.00	100,000.00
<i>Current Expenses, Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb—</i>							
For current expenses for the year ending June 30, 1888, in addition to the amount already appropriated .....	Appropriated.	24	522	1	.....	5,000.00	52,500.00
<p><small>NOTE.—See Appendix Ss, on page 330 of Book of Estimates for the fiscal year 1889.</small></p>							
<i>Support of Freedmen's Hospital and Asylum—</i>							
For subsistence. (See comparative statement in Appendix "J") .....	do .....	24	528	1	\$1,800.00		
For repairs to steam-boilers. (See certificate of steam-boiler inspector in Appendix "J") .....	Submitted .....				900.00		
Total miscellaneous objects .....						2,700.00	22,000.00
<b>PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE.</b>							
<b>OFFICES OF SURVEYORS-GENERAL.</b>							
<b>(See Appendix G.)</b>							
<i>Salaries, Office of Surveyor-General of Arizona—</i>							
Salaries of clerks in his office for fiscal year 1888 .....	Mar. 3, 1887	24	626	1	.....	2,000.00	1,500.00
<p><small>NOTE.—The additional estimate of \$2,000 is submitted for the reason that the appropriation of \$1,500 for the present year is so small that it will result in arrears of office-work on surveys already under contract out of last year's appropriation.</small></p>							
<i>Salaries, Office of Surveyor-General of California—</i>							
Salaries of clerks in his office for fiscal year 1888 .....	do .....	24	627	1	.....	3,500.00	5,000.00
<p><small>NOTE.—The additional estimate of \$3,500 is made for the reason that this amount is necessary for the regular office-work on public surveys, the amount appropriated being entirely too small for the surveying service.</small></p>							
<i>Salaries, Office of Surveyor-General of Colorado—</i>							
Salaries of clerks in his office for fiscal year 1888 .....	do .....	24	627	1	.....	2,000.00	3,000.00
<p><small>NOTE.—The additional estimate of \$2,000 is considered necessary for the performance of the regular office-work upon public surveys, the amount appropriated for this service being inadequate.</small></p>							

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<b>INTERIOR DEPARTMENT—Continued.</b>							
<b>PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE—Continued.</b>							
<b>OFFICES OF SURVEYORS-GENERAL—continued.</b>							
<i>Salaries, Office of Surveyor-General of Dakota—</i> Salaries of clerks in his office for fiscal year 1888.....	ar. 3, 1887	24	627	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00	
NOTE.—The additional estimate of \$3,500 is based upon the fact that surveys are already under contract in Dakota, and not returned to the surveyor-general's office, to the amount of over \$23,000, and the small amount of \$3,000 appropriated for clerk-hire for the current year must result in large arrears of office work at the end of the fiscal year.							
<i>Salaries, Office of Surveyor-General of Florida—</i> Salaries of clerks in his office for fiscal year 1888.....	do	24	627	1	600.00	1,800.00	
NOTE.—The small appropriation of \$1,800 only allows the employment of one clerk, while the business of the office requires the services of at least one clerk to index the Spanish archives and make Spanish copies or proper translations of the several volumes which, the surveyor-general reports, will otherwise soon be useless for reference, owing to constant handling for many years.							
<i>Salaries, Office of Surveyor-General of Idaho—</i> Salaries of clerks in his office for fiscal year 1888.....	do	24	627	1	750.00	1,500.00	
NOTE.—This additional estimate is deemed necessary to perform current office work on public surveys, to index the original field-notes preparatory to binding, and to construct maps or working diagrams for the office, showing accurately the surveys already executed.							
<i>Salaries, Office of Surveyor-General of Louisiana—</i> Salaries of clerks in his office for fiscal year 1888.....	do	24	627	1	1,500.00	3,000.00	
NOTE.—The additional sum of \$1,500 is required to cover the expenses of bringing up the arrears of office work, including the preparation of patent plats of private land claims, certificates of location under act of June 2, 1858, continuing and completing the exhibit of private land claims, and the necessary examination and research to confirm private land claims for survey and location.							
<i>Salaries, Office of Surveyor-General of Montana—</i> Salaries of clerks in his office for fiscal year 1888.....	do	24	627	1	2,500.00	3,000.00	
NOTE.—The further sum of \$2,500 is needed to pay the salaries of clerks to be employed upon the returns of surveys now under contract, amounting to over \$23,000, and the small amount appropriated for clerk-hire for the current fiscal year (\$3,000) must result in large arrears of office work at the end of the fiscal year.							
<i>Salaries, Office of Surveyor-General of Nevada—</i> Salaries of clerks in his office for fiscal year 1888.....	do	24	627	1	1,500.00	1,500.00	
NOTE.—The additional estimate of \$1,500 is made to cover the expenses of office work consequent upon the appropriation of \$90,000 for the survey of public lands within the State of Nevada, the returns of which will be made during the current fiscal year.							
<i>Salaries, Office of Surveyor-General of New Mexico—</i> Salaries of clerks in his office for fiscal year 1888.....	do	24	627	1	5,250.00	3,000.00	
NOTE.—The additional estimate for clerk-hire, amounting to \$5,250, is submitted for the reason that surveys are under contract in this district to the extent of \$24,350, and the small amount appropriated for clerk-hire (\$3,000) for the present fiscal year must result in arrears of office work at the end of the year. The estimate also includes the compensation of a keeper of archives to take charge of the transportation, classification, and indexing of the great number of documents pertaining to private land claims now on file in the surveyor-general's office.							
<i>Salaries, Office of Surveyor-General of Oregon—</i> Salaries of clerks in his office for fiscal year 1888.....	do	24	627	1	1,000.00	2,000.00	
NOTE.—The additional estimate of \$1,000 is to include pay for some arrears of office work resulting from the small appropriation for clerk-hire during the present and the last fiscal year on surveys now under contract.							
<i>Salaries, Office of Surveyor-General of Utah—</i> Salaries of clerks in his office for fiscal year 1888.....	do	24	628	1	2,500.00	1,000.00	
NOTE.—This estimate is made for the reason that there are now contracts outstanding in Utah for the survey of the public lands to the amount of \$17,000 without money to pay for the necessary clerical services.							

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<b>OFFICES OF SURVEYORS-GENERAL—continued.</b>							
<i>Salaries, Office of Surveyor-General of Washington—</i> Salaries of clerks in his office for fiscal year 1888.....	Mar. 3, 1887	24	628	1	.....	\$4,500.00	\$3,000.00
NOTE.—This estimate is submitted to cover arrears of office work already existing, and which will be increased at the end of the present fiscal year owing to the inadequacy of the appropriations for last year. The present arrears in the work of the office includes recording and indexing the past official correspondence, furnishing the United States local land offices in Washington with descriptive lists of corners, soil, and timber, etc., as required by section 2395, Revised Statutes. Contracts for surveys to the amount of \$9,675 in that Territory have been entered into by the surveyor-general.							
<i>Salaries, Office of the Surveyor-General of Wyoming—</i> Salaries of clerks in his office for fiscal year 1888.....	Mar. 3, 1887	24	628	1	.....	2,000.00	1,500.00
NOTE.—This estimate for clerk hire is made to include pay for arrears of office work, consisting of furnishing to the local United States land offices descriptive lists of corners, quality of soil, timber, etc., as required by paragraph 8, section 2395, Revised Statutes, of which there are many townships in arrears.							
Total salaries, public land offices.....						33,100.00	33,800.00
<b>EXPENSES OF COLLECTING THE REVENUE FROM THE PUBLIC LANDS.</b>							
<i>Salaries and Commissions of Registers and Receivers—</i> For salaries and commissions of registers and receivers, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1887.....	Aug. 4, 1886	24	239	1	.....	38,409.38	490,000.00
NOTE.—The appropriation herein asked for is to pay the several amounts found to be due for services rendered during the fiscal year 1887, and is to cover deficiencies already existing. (See statement in Appendix H.)							
<i>Contingent Expenses of Land Offices—</i> For clerk-hire, rent, and other incidental expenses of the several land offices, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1888.....	Mar. 3, 1887	24	526	1	.....	35,000.00	120,000.00
NOTE.—The estimate of \$155,000 submitted for contingent expenses of the several land offices was reduced by Congress to \$120,000, a sum inadequate to meet the ordinary expenses thereof, and this office is compelled to refuse many applications for allowances to cover the cost of furniture, binding, repairs, and clerk hire absolutely necessary to properly conduct the public business. The amount submitted is deemed absolutely necessary.							
<i>Expenses of Hearings in Land Entries—</i> For expenses of hearings held by order of the General Land Office, to determine whether alleged fraudulent entries are of that character or have been made in compliance with law, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1888.....	Mar. 3, 1887	24	526	1	.....	10,000.00	20,000.00
NOTE.—The sum of \$20,000, appropriated for the current fiscal year, is almost exhausted, there being a balance of only \$5,000 available for the seven months of the year remaining. Unless an appropriation is made, many hearings must be postponed until after the first of July, 1888, involving the United States in useless expenses in obtaining the attendance of witnesses and publication of notices.							
<i>Transcripts of Records and Plats—</i> For furnishing transcripts and plats, and paying therefor, five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1888....	Mar. 3, 1887	24	527	1	.....	5,000.00	5,000.00
NOTE.—The sum of \$5,000 appropriated for the above purpose for the current fiscal year will be exhausted by February next, and before one-half of the work required by the current demands of the fiscal year has been accomplished. The adjustment of railroad land grants has largely increased this class of work, and there is now a trained force employed which will have to be dismissed and important and pressing work neglected unless the additional appropriation is allowed. Attention is called to the fact that this is not an expense to the United States. The copies furnished are paid for by the persons authorized by law to obtain them. The appropriation asked for is to enable a part of the money received to be used in payment of work done.							
Total expenses of collecting the revenue from public lands.....						88,409.38	635,000.00

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<b>INTERIOR DEPARTMENT—Continued.</b>							
<b>SURVEYING THE PUBLIC LANDS.</b>							
<i>Surveying the Public Lands—</i>							
For surveys and resurveys of public lands at rates to be fixed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, not exceeding ten dollars (\$10) per mile for standard and meander lines; eight dollars (\$8) for township and six dollars (\$6) for section lines; one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); and of the sum hereby appropriated not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) may be expended for the examination of surveys in the field to test the accuracy of the work and to prevent payment for fraudulent and imperfect surveys returned by deputy surveyors; for inspecting mineral deposits, coal fields, and timber districts; and for making such other surveys or examinations as may be required for identification of lands for purposes of evidence in any suit or proceedings in behalf of the United States, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1888.....	.....	R. S.	438	2395	} .....	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00
	Mar. 3, 1887	24	527	2413			
<i>Preservation of Abandoned Military Reservations—</i>							
For care and preservation of abandoned military reservations transferred to the control of the Secretary of the Interior under the provisions of an act of Congress approved July 5, 1884, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1888.	July 5, 1884	23	103	2	} .....	2,640.00	2,000.00
	Mar. 3, 1887	24	527	1			
NOTE.—The amount herein estimated is the sum actually required to pay the salaries of the custodians now employed, and if not provided for their services must be dispensed with on February 1, 1888, thus subjecting the property to loss from trespassers and intruders. For further information in relation to the foregoing items for the public land service see letter of Commissioner of General Land Office in Appendix "G."							
Total surveying the public lands .....						102,640.00	52,000.00
Total public lands service .....						224,149.38	720,800.00
<b>INDIAN AFFAIRS.</b>							
<i>Telegraphing and Purchase of Indian Supplies—</i>							
To pay the expenses of purchasing goods and supplies for the Indian service, including rent of warehouse, and pay of necessary employes, advertising at rates not exceeding regular commercial rates, inspection, and all other expenses connected therewith, including telegraphing, being a deficiency for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888.....	Appropriated.	24	464	1	.....	5,000.00	40,000.00
<i>Transportation of Indian Supplies—</i>							
To pay necessary expenses of transportation of goods, provisions, and other articles for the various tribes of Indians, including pay and expenses of transportation agents, being a deficiency for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888.....	.....do .....	24	464	1	.....	40,000.00	250,000.00
This amount, for necessary expenses of transportation of such goods, provisions, and other articles for the various tribes of Indians, including pay and expenses of transportation agents, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1887.....	.....do .....	24	43	1	.....	10,000.00	250,000.00
<i>Traveling Expenses of Indian School Superintendent—</i>							
Necessary traveling expenses of one Indian school superintendent, including incidental expenses of inspection and investigation; provided, that he shall be allowed \$4 per day for traveling expenses when actually on duty in the field, exclusive of cost of transportation and sleeping-car fare, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1888.....	.....do .....	24	451	1	.....	1,000.00	1,000.00
NOTE.—The duties of the Indian school superintendent require him to visit and inspect the operations of the various Indian schools, and to report thereon to the Department as to their management, with the view of correcting any existing abuses and bringing the whole service to a well-ordered and more uniform system. The amount (\$1,000) appropriated for his traveling expenses for the fiscal year 1888 will not be more than sufficient to bear such expenses for the period of six months, and unless a further sum is appropriated for that purpose the Indian school superintendent will not be able to continue his examination of the schools or to perform the proper duties of his office.							
Total Indian affairs .....						56,000.00	541,000.00

Estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888—Continued.

General object (title of appropriation), detailed object of expenditure, and explanations.	Date of acts, resolutions, or treaties authorizing or providing for the expenditures.	Reference to Stats. at Large or to Revised Statutes.			Estimated am't which will be required for each detailed object of expenditure.	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation.	Amount appropriated for the fiscal year for which the appropriation is required.
		Vol. or R. S.	Page.	Sec.			
<b>INTERIOR DEPARTMENT—Continued.</b>							
<b>PENSIONS.</b>							
<i>Fees and Expenses of Examining Surgeons, Army Pensions—</i> For fees and expenses of examining surgeons, etc., being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1887.....	July 2, 1886	24	122	1	.....	\$35,000.00	\$821,000.00
NOTE.—See letter of Commissioner of Pensions in Appendix I.							
Total Interior Department.....						337,849.38	2,257,300.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.</b>							
<i>Contingent Expenses, Department of Justice—</i> For law and miscellaneous books for Department library, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1887.....	Appropriated.	24	207	1	.....	1.00	1,500.00
For stationery for the Department of Justice, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1887.....	do				.....	11.25	1,500.00
For miscellaneous expenses, Department of Justice, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1887.....	do				.....	46.80	7,160.00
For miscellaneous expenses, Department of Justice, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1886.....	do	23	424	1	.....	244.04	7,160.00
For miscellaneous expenses, Department of Justice, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1885.....	do	23	192	1	}.....	68.88	8,630.10
	do	24	273	1			
<i>Building, Department of Justice—</i> For fitting up fire-proof record-rooms to preserve the records of the Department, being for the fiscal year 1887.....	do	24	251	1	\$1,500.00		
For repairs to heating apparatus, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1887.....	do				2.50		
Total Department of Justice proper.....						1,502.50	5,300.00
						1,874.47	31,250.10
<b>JUDICIAL.</b>							
<i>Fees of Jurors, United States Courts—</i> To supply a deficiency in the appropriation for fees of jurors, United States courts, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888.....	June 30, 1879 Mar. 3, 1887	21 24	43 541	1-3 1	}.....	150,000.00	450,000.00
<i>Fees of Witnesses, United States Courts—</i> To supply a deficiency in the appropriation for fees of witnesses, United States courts, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888.....	June 30, 1879 Mar. 3, 1887	21 24	43 541	1-3 1	}.....	300,000.00	550,000.00
<i>Pay of Bailiffs, etc., United States Courts—</i> To supply a deficiency in the appropriation for pay of bailiffs, etc., United States courts, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888.....	June 30, 1879 Mar. 3, 1887	21 24	43 541	1-3 1	}.....	75,000.00	100,000.00
NOTE.—See letter of the Attorney-General in relation to the above three items in Appendix K.							
Total Department of Justice—judicial.....						525,000.00	1,100,000.00
Total Department of Justice.....						526,874.47	1,131,250.10

PAYMENT OF JUDGMENTS, COURT OF CLAIMS.

Number.	Name of claimant.	Date.	Amount.	When presented for payment.	When payable if not appealed.
14552	Peter Collier.....	Mar. 14, 1887	\$5,000.00	Mar. 21, 1887	June 12, 1887
15422	George R. Watkins.....	Mar. 17, 1887	9,981.32	Mar. 23, 1887	June 15, 1887
14744	William E. Singleton.....	Mar. 14, 1887	70.75	Apr. 1, 1887	June 12, 1887
12843	John H. Dialogue, surviving partner of Wood, Dialogue & Co.....	Apr. 4, 1887	21,764.51	Apr. 11, 1887	July 3, 1887
13384	do.....	do	11,226.24	do	Do.
13413	Eliza M. Jenkins, as administratrix of William J. Jenkins and as administratrix de bonis non of Eliza H. Chaplin.....	Apr. 25, 1887	167.29	May 9, 1887	July 24, 1887
15295	State of Louisiana.....	May 2, 1887	*71,385.14	do	July 31, 1887
13182	Patrick H. Drake and William P. Ward.....	May 5, 1885	483.53	May 12, 1887	Aug. 3, 1887
14676	Frank Ives.....	Feb. 17, 1887	337.00	June 6, 1887	May 18, 1887
14916	Grafton C. Kennedy.....	do	295.00	do	Do.

\* With interest at 5 per cent. from May 9, 1887, the judgment having been appealed by defendants and affirmed by the Supreme Court.

Estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888—Continued.

PAYMENT OF JUDGMENTS, COURT OF CLAIMS—Continued.

Number.	Name of claimant.	Date.	Amount.	When presented for payment.	When payable if not appealed.
14730	Almond G. Richmond	May 23, 1887	\$10.00	June 6, 1887	Aug. 21, 1887
14741	William A. J. Fowlkes	do	40.00	do	Do.
14881	Francis M. Galbraith	do	42.00	do	Do.
14897	William D. Ramey	do	164.00	do	Do.
14944	James H. Neil	do	124.00	do	Do.
15049	John M. Stewart	do	187.00	do	Do.
15119	Henry C. Hastings	do	60.00	do	Do.
15343	Edgar L. Gregory	do	26.00	do	Do.
15344	Richard M. Jones	do	28.00	do	Do.
15347	Charles S. Chesney	do	335.00	do	Do.
15348	Erie J. Leech	do	219.00	do	Do.
15349	Benj. S. Pedigo	do	54.00	do	Do.
15350	J. Crocket Givens	do	70.00	do	Do.
15358	Thomas F. Bowman	do	422.00	do	Do.
15381	Charles A. Womble	do	117.00	do	Do.
15438	Walter S. Thomas	do	72.00	do	Do.
15439	Harry R. Probasco	do	195.00	do	Do.
15440	William J. Kneeshaw	do	22.00	do	Do.
15446	Robert S. Friend	do	119.00	do	Do.
15552	John H. Kimmons	do	103.00	do	Do.
14986	Charles H. Bill	May 31, 1887	60.00	do	Aug. 29, 1887
15359	Frederick Parsons	do	79.00	do	Do.
15363	Thomas A. Gillespie	do	75.00	do	Do.
15459	State of Alabama	May 16, 1887	*18,285.03	June 9, 1887	Aug. 14, 1887
15460	State of Mississippi	do	*41,453.91	do	Do.
14951	Henry L. Hallett	May 24, 1887	3,517.00	June 14, 1887	Aug. 22, 1887
14954	B. Gildersleeve	do	805.00	do	Do.
14958	A. B. Wilson	do	99.00	do	Do.
14977	William B. Smithson	do	79.00	do	Do.
15045	Stephen Wheeler	do	325.00	do	Do.
15053	G. L. Ogden	do	215.00	do	Do.
15198	Henry R. Edmunds	do	158.00	do	Do.
15222	Henry C. Goodell	do	364.00	do	Do.
15321	James C. Strong	do	441.00	do	Do.
15322	do	do	100.00	do	Do.
15325	W. S. Carr	do	72.00	do	Do.
15342	W. F. Watkins	do	135.00	do	Do.
15345	William Bowling	do	525.00	do	Do.
15374	Daniel S. McMasters	do	57.00	do	Do.
15461	John R. Puryear	do	203.00	do	Do.
15567	Joseph L. Fairchild	do	246.00	do	Do.
15576	Eugene O. Locke	do	46.00	do	Do.
15617	Charles A. Powell	do	173.00	do	Do.
15634	Samuel B. Craill	do	77.00	do	Do.
15662	Bushrod W. Bell	do	229.00	do	Do.
15663	Robert Barber	do	540.00	do	Do.
15664	Elbert Wallace	do	51.00	do	Do.
15665	James F. Hurst	do	310.00	do	Do.
15676	John T. Green	June 2, 1887	728.00	do	Aug. 31, 1887
15554	J. C. Fowler	May 31, 1887	255.00	June 22, 1887	Aug. 29, 1887
15555	Almon Hall	do	346.00	do	Do.
15556	J. G. Hawthorne	do	124.00	do	Do.
15558	James B. Gaston	do	696.00	do	Do.
15560	S. M. Walker	do	555.00	do	Do.
15561	P. A. Hoyne	do	112.00	do	Do.
15361	The Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company	June 2, 1887	15,433.22	Nov. 23, 1887	Aug. 31, 1887
	Total		210,088.94		

\* With interest at 5 per cent. from June 9, 1887—governed by the affirmance of the Supreme Court in the Louisiana case.

RECAPITULATION.

	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation.	Amount appropriated for the fiscal year for which the appropriation is required.
Treasury Department	\$1,918,508.35	\$230,754.25
War Department	81,953.51	870,580.00
Interior Department	337,849.38	2,257,300.00
Department of Justice	526,874.47	1,131,250.10
Court of Claims—judgments	210,088.94	
Total	3,075,274.65	4,489,884.35



## APPENDIX A.

*In relation to the estimates for "Contingent expenses, Treasury Department," \$4,000, on page 6, and "Repairs to Treasury Building," \$4,000, on page 3.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
Washington, D. C., December 8, 1887.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend that the following items be incorporated in the urgent deficiency bill for presentation to Congress as necessary for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, to provide against probable deficiencies in the appropriations made for this Department, viz:

Contingent expenses, Treasury Department, miscellaneous items, 1888 .....	\$4,000
For repairs to Treasury Building, Washington, D. C. ....	4,000

Of the amount appropriated (\$10,000) for miscellaneous items, 1888, but \$2,600 remain for use during the remaining seven months of the fiscal year, owing to the demand for articles purchasable from that appropriation and the necessity for moving files and removing rubbish incident thereto in the early part of the current fiscal year.

The introduction of type-writing machines for the transcription of Department records, although effecting a reduction in the force of employes and a consequent saving in one sense, involves an expenditure of money beyond the power of the Department to authorize at the present time, as the articles are manufactured under patents and represent an outlay of about \$100 for each machine. Requisitions are now in my hands for numerous type-writing machines for use of the various bureaus in this Department, from which I am constrained to withhold my approval, owing to the limited balance of money remaining to the credit of the appropriation named, although the necessity for their purchase is established.

In recommending an additional appropriation of \$4,000 for repairs to the Treasury Building, I should first call your attention to the amount appropriated for that purpose during the fiscal year now current, which is but \$8,000, although the estimates submitted by you to Congress covered the sum of \$21,000, for actual and necessary work which the Department deemed it advisable to undertake in order to keep the building and its premises in proper repair and preservation. Of the amount appropriated, nearly one-half, or \$4,000, has already been expended, notwithstanding that the force of mechanics and laborers has been largely reduced and work which should be done has been deferred.

At the present time there is an urgent demand for the painting of many rooms now dark and smoke-stained, for the relaying of wooden flooring, the re-tiling of main corridors, and extensive repairs which can not be done with the limited means at the disposal of this office.

Its postponement can but increase the damage to the Treasury Building, through lack of proper repairs, and finally involve an additional expenditure in excess of that which would be required to perform the work if proper funds were available for immediate use.

A patch here and there would prove but a temporary expedient in the general and systematic plan necessary to the protection of a public building so extensive as this, and be outside the line of such business principles as should govern an individual property holder in the care of his possessions.

Very respectfully, yours,

E. B. YOUMANS,  
Chief Clerk.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

## APPENDIX B.

*In relation to the estimate for "Plans for public buildings." (See page 6.)*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISING ARCHITECT,  
Washington, December 17, 1887.

SIR: I have the honor to submit an estimate of the deficiency for the "Plans for public buildings" under the control of this office for the year ending June 30, 1888. There is a balance in the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation named and in excess of liabilities now existing, but a further appropriation of \$1,000 will be required during the remainder of the current fiscal year to perform the necessary work in connection with the duplication of the plans for public buildings.

I may state that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884, at which time, as shown by the report of this office for 1883, there were in course of construction thirty-two buildings, the appropriation was \$2,500, while for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, there are no fewer than seventy-nine public buildings authorized and in course of construction, but the appropriation remained \$2,500. The reason for an increase in the appropriation is, therefore, apparent.

A request was made in February last that the appropriation for the purpose named for the current fiscal year be increased to \$4,000, but it will be seen from the above that said request failed to secure such Congressional legislation, and I have now to submit that the sum of \$1,000 be included in the urgent deficiency estimate to be transmitted to Congress.

Respectfully, yours,

WILL. A. FRERET,  
Supervising Architect.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

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## APPENDIX C.

*In relation to the estimates for the building corner of Seventeenth and F streets. (See page 7.)*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,  
Washington, D. C., October 3, 1887.

SIR: Referring to the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation act of March 3, 1887 (24 Stat., 618), which directs that the offices and clerical force of the Chief of Engineers, Bureau of Military Justice, and Chief of Ordnance (now occupying part of the Winder Building, corner of F and Seventeenth streets), be removed to the State, War, and Navy Building on or before March 1, 1888, I have the honor to invite your attention to the fact that the removal of said offices will leave the Second Auditor's office the sole occupant of the building in question.

Assuming that the removal of the War Department Bureaus will involve the relinquishment of the control of the building by that Department, and assuming also that the appropriation of \$8,020 made by the act herein mentioned for "Salaries of employes, building corner Seventeenth and F streets, 1888" (Digest of Appropriations, 1888, p. 85), cannot legally be used for the payment of salaries of employes engaged elsewhere than in the Winder Building, I suggest that the Secretary of War be invited to assent to the transfer of so much of said appropriation as shall remain unexpended on March 1, 1888, from the War Department to the Treasury Department, and that such unexpended balance be disbursed by the disbursing clerk of this office.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. DAY,  
Auditor.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,  
Washington, D. C., December 6, 1887.

SIR: Chief Engineer Thom Williamson, U. S. Navy, superintendent of the State, War, and Navy Building, informs me that when the War Department bureaus vacate the Winder Building, corner of Seventeenth and F streets, on March 1, 1888, as they are required to do by the act of March 3, 1887 (24 Stat., 618), the rooms will not be fit for occupancy until they shall have been cleaned and kalsomined, the expense of which he estimates at \$1,000. Although it is understood that the Treasury Department will assume control of said building (see Estimates for 1889, p. 49), it has not yet been decided, so far as I am aware, what disposition will be made of the forty-eight rooms to be vacated (exclusive of the basement and the building in the rear occupied by the Ordnance Museum). In my judgment the entire building is not too large for the proper accommodation of this office and its extensive records and files. I have, therefore, the honor to suggest that the following items be included in any estimate to meet urgent deficiencies which you may transmit to Congress during the present session:

For cleaning and kalsomining the rooms in the building corner of Seventeenth and F streets, to be vacated by the War Department .....	\$1,000.00
For carpets, matting, oil-cloth, furniture, shelving, etc., for said rooms, including labor and other necessary expenses of removal from the rented buildings now occupied by the Second Auditor's office .....	5,500.00
For fuel, lights, etc., from March 1, to June 30, 1888 ..	1,500.00
Total .....	8,000.00

Respectfully yours,

WM. A. DAY,  
Auditor.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

## APPENDIX D.

*In relation to the estimate for "Agricultural experiment stations." (See page 7.)*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, FIRST COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
Washington, D. C., December 3, 1887.

SIR: You may remember that there was some trouble about what was supposed to be an appropriation made by the last Congress for agricultural experiment stations in the act of March 2, 1887. (See 24 Stat., 440.) It was contended by some that section 5 of said act made an appropriation of \$15,000 a year to each one of said stations; but when the question was presented to me, I decided that the act itself did not make an appropriation; that the fifth section only provided that Congress should, in the manner and to the amount therein specified, make appropriations from year to year. You may also remember that the agricultural convention which met in this city in the month of September waited upon you as well as myself, to confer as to the best method of effecting the purpose intended by the act; that said experiment stations were represented to have been established in many of the States, and that they were in need of money to meet obligations incurred under the belief that the act had made an appropriation. You will observe, also, that, under said fifth section, the first payment was stipulated to be made on the 1st of October; and in view of the fact that nine months of the present fiscal year are not provided for in any of the appropriation bills, I beg to suggest to you the propriety of calling the especial attention of Congress to the matter, in order that at an early day it may make an appropriation for said nine months in a special bill, or by appending the same to a deficiency bill, which will, in all probability, be passed very early in the session.

I am led to make these suggestions to you, from the fact that within the last few days I have received a letter from the chairman of the committee appointed by the late agricultural convention to look after this matter, asking me to call your attention to the subject, that an appropriation may be obtained from Congress at the earliest practicable moment.

Very respectfully,

M. J. DURHAM,  
Comptroller.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

STATE COLLEGE, CENTRE COUNTY, PA., December 8, 1887.

SIR: In reply to your verbal inquiry as to the number of States and Territories in which agricultural colleges or experiment stations have been so organized as to entitle them to the appropriation provided for by the act of Congress, approved March 2, 1887, commonly known as the "Hatch Act," I beg leave respectfully to say that at least one such college or station has been established and is in operation in each of the thirty-eight States and in the Territory of Dakota.

It is possible that one or more of the Territories besides Dakota may have established such institutions; but no information of such a fact has come to the notice of the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, and I have no reason to suppose it to exist.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. W. ATHERTON.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

## APPENDIX E.

*In relation to the estimate for "Suppressing counterfeiting and other crimes." (See page 7.)*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,  
Washington, D. C., December 5, 1887.

SIR: Referring to the inclosed extract from my annual report for 1885 (inclosure No. 1), in relation to suspended claims of Indian soldiers and their heirs for arrears of pay and bounty, I have the honor to suggest the necessity of an early appropriation of \$3,000, or so much thereof as may be required, to defray the expenses of investigating said claims.

Special attention was first called to this class of claims in October, 1884, when there were 1,224 on hand. (See inclosure No. 2.) The number having increased to 2,179, involving about \$250,000, and it being very desirable that some action should be taken toward a final disposition of these cases, you recently, on my recommendation, appointed a special agent possessed of the requisite legal acquirements, and detailed an expert clerk from this office, to proceed to the Indian Territory to investigate and report upon the claims in question, their expenses to be paid from the regular annual appropriation for "suppressing counterfeiting and other crimes."

The estimate for suppressing counterfeiting, etc., during the fiscal year 1888 was \$70,000, but the amount was cut down to \$60,000 (24 Stat., 524), which does not leave any margin for the expenses of the special investigation herein mentioned. Hence the importance of a supplemental appropriation of \$3,000.

Respectfully yours,

WM. A. DAY,  
Auditor.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Extract from Second Auditor's report 1885.]

## SUSPENDED CLAIMS OF INDIAN SOLDIERS.

In last year's report mention was made of claims of Indian soldiers who served in the late war, which have not been audited for want of means to verify or disprove the statements of the claimants and their witnesses. There are now about two thousand of these claims awaiting action, and claimants and their attorneys are pressing for early settlement; but I should not be justified either in certifying for payment or in disallowing any of them until their true merits shall have been ascertained by personal investigation. The fact that these soldiers and their heirs are "wards of the nation," as well as claimants, is an additional reason why speedy justice should be accorded to them; and I recommend that Congress be asked to appropriate the sum of \$3,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, in investigating the claims of Indian soldiers and their heirs for arrears of pay and bounty.

[Extract from Second Auditor's report 1884.]

## CLAIMS OF INDIAN SOLDIERS.

The 36,204 claims pending in the examining branch of the pay and bounty division include 1,224 claims of Indians who served in the war of the rebellion. No action has been taken in these cases other than to acknowledge their receipt and to call upon the Adjutant-General of the Army for the military history of the soldiers. The applications in many cases are very imperfect, and even in those that are correct in form no confidence is felt in the statements of the claimants and their witnesses, nor has this office any means of verifying or disproving said statements. In some instances questions of identity, heirship, etc., are involved that can only be determined by special investigation. I recommend that a small appropriation be placed at the disposal of this office to defray the actual and necessary expense of investigating these and other claims of like character.

## APPENDIX F.

*Explanation of estimate (on page 9) for the Mississippi River Commission.*

THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION, PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,  
Army Building, 33 W. Houston Street, New York, October 8, 1887.

SIR: The deficiency bill prepared at the second session Forty-ninth Congress contained an item of \$15,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Mississippi River Commission from April 30, 1886, when the regular appropriation for those objects was exhausted, to June 30, 1887. As the bill failed to become a law, it is now necessary to provide for this deficiency, and also for that accruing during the present fiscal year. I have, therefore, the honor to recommend that Congress be asked to make, at its coming session, a deficiency appropriation of \$25,000 for salaries and traveling and incidental expenses of the Mississippi River Commission for the period from April 30, 1886, to the close of the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Q. A. GILLMORE,  
Colonel of Engineers, Bvt. Maj. Gen., U. S. A.,  
President Mississippi River Commission.

The SECRETARY OF WAR,  
Washington, D. C.  
(Through the Chief of Engineers.)

## APPENDIX G.

*In relation to the several estimates for the public-lands service. (See pages 11-14).*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GENERAL LAND OFFICE,  
Washington, D. C., December 9, 1887.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for submission to Congress, estimates of the amounts required to supply sufficient funds with which to meet certain expenses incident to the proper administration of the public-land service.

In submitting these estimates I desire to call your attention to certain facts connected therewith. During the fiscal years 1886 and 1887 numerous contracts for surveys were entered into, the returns for which were to be made during 1887 and 1888, which would entail a great deal of work upon the offices of the surveyors-general. Congress, instead of providing for sufficient clerical assistance in the offices of the surveyors-general, reduced the estimates of this office more than one-half, or from \$86,300 in 1887 to \$35,300, and from \$80,000 in 1888 to \$32,100.

The appropriation for Contingent expenses of land offices was reduced from the estimate of \$155,000, submitted by this office, to \$120,000, a sum inadequate to the needs of the service.

This office is compelled almost every day to refuse allowances for clerk-hire, furniture, etc., necessary to a proper conduct of the local land offices and an efficient administration of the public-land laws.

The appropriation for "Surveying the public lands" was reduced from \$250,000 to \$50,000, thus compelling this office to refuse many applications for surveys for lands settled upon in good faith, and in pursuance of law, by persons whose entries can not be perfected until the necessary surveys are made.

The amount authorized for "Examinations" was reduced from \$50,000 to \$10,000, compelling the discharge of all but one of the agents employed in preventing payment for fraudulent surveys, and retarding the adjustment of accounts of deputy surveyors, whose work has been faithfully performed, but who can not be paid until the work in the field has been inspected.

The sum asked for to pay "Expenses of hearings" is necessary to enable this office to determine the nature of the charges of illegality and fraud brought against very many entries, which are now suspended and must so remain until the hearings are held.

The estimate of \$2,640 "For care and preservation of abandoned military reservations," transferred to the control of the Secretary of the Interior, is necessary to pay the salaries of the custodians now employed to June 30, 1888.

Unless this appropriation is made, the services of the custodians now employed must be dispensed with on February 1, 1888, leaving the property of the Government defenseless against trespass and injury.

The appropriation for the use of this office for the current fiscal year for furnishing transcripts of records and plats was \$5,000. This sum is already nearly expended and will be entirely gone by February next, when, without further appropriation, the clerks employed will have to be dismissed and much important work neglected, for which there is pressing demand. The adjustment of railroad grants has largely increased the calls for copies of plats and of lists of selections, and this demand can not be adequately met if the appropriation of moneys received for such work is not increased to meet the cost of doing the work.

The receipts from this source for the last fiscal year were \$12,493.85, and for the first five months of the present year have been \$5,000. An additional appropriation of \$5,000 for the remainder of the present year is indispensable.

As this is not an expense to the United States, but merely authority to use the money received for the work to pay the expense of doing it, I earnestly urge that the additional appropriation asked for may be allowed.

*Statement of estimates submitted by the General Land Office, and appropriations made for the fiscal years 1887 and 1888.*

Title of appropriation.	Amount estimated by General Land Office.	Amount appropriated by Congress.
Salaries and commissions of registers and receivers, 1887 .....	\$522,000.00	\$490,000.00
Contingent expenses of land offices, 1888 .....	155,000.00	120,000.00
Surveying public lands, 1888 .....	250,000.00	80,000.00
Salaries of clerks, offices of surveyors-general, 1888 .....	80,000.00	35,800.00
Total .....	1,007,000.00	725,800.00
These figures show a total reduction by Congress of .....		281,200.00

I also transmit herewith an estimate of the amount necessary to meet the deficiencies in the appropriation for salaries and commissions of registers and receivers for the fiscal year 1887. As the balance asked for has been earned, the exact amount now estimated should be appropriated.

I would respectfully ask that the additional estimates of appropriations for the current fiscal year be included in the "*immediate deficiency bill*," as the public service will be crippled unless the necessary funds are provided.

Your attention is called to the inclosed statement of estimates submitted and appropriations made.

Very respectfully,

S. M. STOCKSLAGER,  
*Acting Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

*Estimates and appropriations for salaries of clerks in the offices of surveyors-general, fiscal year 1888.*

Name of surveying district.	Amount estimated by the General Land Office, 1888.	Amount appropriated by Congress for 1888.	Additional amount required from January 1, 1888, to June 30, 1888.
Arizona .....	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$2,000
California .....	12,000	5,000	3,500
Colorado .....	5,000	3,000	2,000
Dakota .....	10,000	3,000	3,500
Florida .....	3,000	1,800	600
Idaho .....	3,000	1,500	750
Louisiana .....	6,000	3,000	1,500
Minnesota .....		2,000	
Montana .....	8,000	3,000	2,500
Nevada .....	3,000	1,500	1,500
New Mexico .....	10,500	3,000	5,250
Oregon .....	3,000	2,000	1,000
Utah .....	4,500	1,000	2,500
Washington .....	5,000	3,000	4,500
Wyoming .....	3,500	1,500	2,000
Total .....	80,000	35,800	33,100

## APPENDIX H.

*Statement of amounts due registers and receivers on account of salaries and commissions for fiscal year ending June 30, 1887. (Estimate on page 13.)*

Name of office.	Amount.	Name of office.	Amount.	Name of office.	Amount.	Name of office.	Amount.
Huntsville .....	\$951.65	Bismarck .....	\$375.00	Natchitoches .....	\$574.44	North Platte .....	\$487.50
Montgomery .....	600.00	Devil's Lake .....	536.44	New Orleans .....	375.00	Valentine .....	375.00
Camden .....	375.00	Deadwood .....	375.00	Detroit .....	10.00	Eureka .....	561.59
Dardanella .....	1,078.86	Fargo .....	533.65	East Saginaw .....	.04	Las Cruces .....	355.04
Harrison .....	375.00	Grand Forks .....	375.00	Marquette .....	600.00	Santa Fé .....	122.26
Little Rock .....	.09	Huron .....	375.00	Reed City .....	127.98	La Grande .....	375.00
Prescott .....	484.46	Mitchell .....	375.00	Benson .....	237.99	Lakeview .....	375.00
Humboldt .....	1,647.32	Watertown .....	375.00	Crookston .....	375.00	Oregon City .....	375.00
Independence .....	52.78	Yankton .....	375.00	Duluth .....	600.00	Roseburg .....	359.76
Los Angeles .....	600.00	Gainesville .....	409.39	Fergus Falls .....	1,297.62	The Dalles .....	375.00
Sacramento .....	375.00	Boisé City .....	139.21	Saint Cloud .....	350.44	Salt Lake City .....	375.00
San Francisco .....	375.00	Coeur d'Alene .....	85.32	Tracy .....	339.80	Olympia .....	375.00
Shasta .....	375.00	Hailey .....	697.70	Worthington .....	244.77	Spokane Falls .....	375.00
Stockton .....	821.20	Lewiston, Idaho .....	234.10	Jackson .....	375.00	Vancouver .....	306.72
Susanville .....	728.95	Blackfoot .....	213.31	Springfield .....	366.71	Walla Walla .....	375.00
Visalia .....	375.00	Concordia .....	285.31	Bozeman .....	259.61	North Yakima .....	377.08
Denver City .....	375.00	Garden City .....	1,124.76	Helena .....	375.00	Ashland .....	375.00
Durango .....	304.46	Kirwin .....	375.00	Miles City .....	16.70	Eau Claire .....	42.55
Glenwood Springs .....	1,421.48	Larned .....	451.32	Bloomington .....	375.00	Falls of Saint Croix .....	554.50
Gunnison .....	106.82	Oberlin .....	600.00	Grand Island .....	600.00	Wausau .....	397.78
Lamar .....	375.00	Salina .....	375.00	McCook .....	375.00	Cheyenne .....	375.00
Pueblo .....	375.00	Wa-Keeney .....	600.00	Neligh .....	375.00		
Aberdeen .....	375.00	Wichita .....	259.92	Niobrara .....	375.00		
							38,409.38

## APPENDIX I.

*In relation to the estimate for "Fees and expenses of examining surgeons, Army pensions." (See page 15.)*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF PENSIONS,  
Washington, D. C., December 13, 1887.

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to the fact that for the payment of "fees and expenses of examining surgeons, Army pensions, 1887," the appropriation made July 2, 1886, is exhausted, and that there remain unpaid accounts of surgeons amounting to \$35,000, which are chargeable to said appropriation.

I have the honor to request that the Secretary of the Treasury be asked to lay before Congress, at the earliest practicable date, the necessity for a deficiency appropriation for the sum of \$35,000, that said accounts may be adjusted.

It is proper in this connection to explain that this deficiency has resulted from the terms of the appropriation act of March 1, 1887, providing for the payment of invalid and other pensions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, and for other purposes, which limited the use of the sum of \$1,000,000, appropriated for the payment of fees and expenses of examining surgeons, to the payment of accounts for services rendered within the fiscal year for which the appropriation was made. Prior to the passage of this law, following the decision of the accounting officers of the Treasury Department, accounts of examining surgeons were payable when presented out of the appropriation then current, without regard to whether the service was rendered in that or the previous fiscal year.

Said law changed the entire practice, and as it was not anticipated, a deficiency to the amount indicated has resulted.

Had the limitation referred to not been added to said law, the accounts of examining surgeons earned prior to July 1, 1887, but not presented until after that date, would, under the decision of the accounting officers of the Treasury, have been paid out of the appropriation for the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

JOHN C. BLACK,  
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

APPENDIX J.

*In relation to the estimates for Freedmen's Hospital and Asylum. (See page 11.)*

FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL, Washington, D. C., November 23, 1887.

SIR: Owing to the increased contract price of meat, I find that it will be impossible to supply the hospital to the end of the fiscal year upon the amount appropriated for subsistence, \$22,000. The appropriation for this purpose used to be \$24,000, but as I did not expend this amount, I estimated a few years ago for only \$22,000, which amount then was ample, and last year I returned to the Treasury about \$300. The accompanying table will show the increased cost of meat for this year over that of last. It will require at least \$1,800 additional to carry us through. I respectfully request that this amount be included in one of the deficiency bills.

I inclose also report made by the inspector of steam-boilers, dated November 21, 1887, in which he states that the boilers we are using *must be thoroughly repaired*, and that it will not be safe to use them longer than six months. To place them in the condition they should be in, he estimated that it will cost \$900. I respectfully request that this amount, too, be included in one of the deficiency bills.

Very respectfully,

C. B. PURVIS, M. D.,  
*Surgeon-in-Chief.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington.*

*Table showing the number of pounds of fresh and salt meat used in the Freedmen's Hospital for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1887, and the price paid for the same, and what the cost will be for the present fiscal year ending June 30, 1888.*

Meats.	For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1887.			For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888.	
	Quantity.	Price.	Total.	Price.	Total.
	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>		<i>Cents.</i>	
Fresh beef .....	49,260	6.98	\$3,438.39	9	\$4,433.40
Corned beef .....	21,680	3.48	754.46	7	1,517.60
Mutton .....	13,778	6.98	961.70	9	1,240.02
Salt shoulders .....	12,000	5.49	658.80	6.12	734.40
Hams .....	4,800	10½	516.00	12½	588.00
Total cost .....			6,329.35		8,513.42
Increase of cost .....					2,184.07

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 21, 1887.

DEAR SIR: I have examined and tested the boilers in Freedmen's Hospital, and find them in such condition that it will be necessary to have them thoroughly repaired next summer. The cost of which, in my estimation, will be \$900.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. WILKERSON,  
*Steam-Boiler Inspector, D. C., 220 Seventh Street SE.*

Dr. C. B. PURVIS,  
*Surgeon-in-Chief Freedmen's Hospital.*



## APPENDIX K.

*In relation to certain deficiencies in the expenses of United States courts. (See page 15.)*

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, *Washington, December 12, 1887.*

SIR: You are respectfully requested to submit at an early day to the present session of Congress the following urgent deficiencies in the appropriations for defraying the expenses of United States courts for the fiscal year 1888, namely:

*Fees of jurors, 1888 (\$150,000).*

The original appropriation (\$450,000, reduced to \$10,846 on December 3, 1887) will probably be exhausted before March 1, 1888.

*Fees of witnesses, 1888 (\$300,000).*

The appropriation (\$550,000) has borne expenses that properly belonged to the fiscal year 1887, owing to a failure to pass a deficiency bill at the last session of Congress. The average expense per month from July 1, 1887, to December 1, 1887 (five months), is \$110,000. If the expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year shall equal this average there will be needed \$660,000, thus making the expenses of the appropriation for this fiscal year \$1,100,000.

*Pay of bailiffs, 1888 (\$75,000).*

The appropriation (\$100,000) was reduced on December 3, 1887, to \$2,624, being an average per month for the five preceding months of \$19,475. If these expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year are at the above rate the annual expenditure for the fiscal year will be \$200,000.

It is proper to state that the probable deficiency for jurors and the existing deficiency for witnesses, besides the cause above stated (the lapping over of expenses from the fiscal year 1887 to the fiscal year 1888), is owing to the great business carried on by the United States district court at Fort Smith, Ark. (where there has already been advanced for pay of witnesses during this fiscal year the sum of \$105,000), and to the increased litigation respecting timber trespasses, prosecutions in Utah under the Edmunds bill, and the increased number of places for holding courts created by the last session of Congress.

The above appropriations are recommended as urgent because of the exhaustion of one (witnesses), the practical exhaustion of another (bailiffs), and the early probable exhaustion of the third (jurors), and because of a statement made to the Department by a marshal that a judge of a court would suspend proceedings if there was no money available for the payment of witnesses. It is possible that before the urgent deficiencies are provided for, other courts may follow a similar course.

The above estimates of urgent deficiencies are in accordance with a suggestion of the First Comptroller of the Treasury to this Department on the 7th instant.

Very respectfully,

A. H. GARLAND,  
*Attorney-General.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.