LETTER

OF THE

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

COMMUNICATING,

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of February 27, 1871, information relative to claims incurred in suppressing Indian hostilities in Oregon and Washington Territories, and which were acted and reported upon by the commission authorized by act of August 18, 1856.

DECEMBER 4, 1871.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

November 15, 1871.

SIR: In reply to Senate resolution dated February 27, 1871, 3d session 41st Congress, as follows: "That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to furnish to the Senate, at the next session of Congress, a list of all claims that may be on file in the office of the Third Auditor incurred in the suppression of Indian hostilities in Oregon and Washington Territories, reported upon by the commission authorized in section eleven of 'An act making appropriations for certain civil expenses of the Government for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, approved August 18, 1856, and not reported upon by the Third Auditor, and how much, if anything, each claimant will be justly entitled to if paid at the same rates allowed for similar services and supplies under the act of March 2, 1861, I have the honor to submit herewith a copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary by the Third Auditor of the Treasury, dated the 14th instant, together with a · statement prepared by him showing the names of the claimants and the amount due each, provided the claims shall be sufficiently supported by evidence.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. S. BOUTWELL, Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Schuyler Colfax, President of the United States Senate.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
November 14, 1871.

SIR: The accompanying list has been prepared in pursuance of the Senate resolution of 27th February, 1871, the official copy of which, inclosed by you, is herewith returned.

The list is not confined to the cases in which the parties entitled have actually presented their claims to this office, but includes the whole list of "Hathaway vouchers" acted on by the commission, but omitted to be considered by the Third Auditor in his report of February 7, 1860, to the House of Representatives. Mr. Senator Corbett, who introduced the resolution, verbally stated to me that its intent was to procure a statement showing all such vouchers, regardless of whether or not the parties had actually filed their claims in this office, it being well known that many of them had refrained from so doing, because the Auditor (Mr. Atkinson,) had decided that there existed no authority to settle them.

Taking as a basis (as directed by the resolution) the scale of rates and prices applied in the settlements heretofore made of claims which originated in that war, the sums set opposite the several names indicate the amounts due, provided the claims shall be found to be sufficiently sup-

ported by evidence.

I am, of course, not prepared to express any opinion as to the merits of any of them, as there has been no authority to adjudicate them, and, indeed, the great majority of them have not been filed.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. M. GANGEWER, Acting Auditor.

Hon. George S. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury.

Amount.	Name.	Amount.	
	Lewis, F. Lee.	\$100 00	
. 262 50		181 00	
. 34 66	Lindsey, John B	219 65	
		220 80	
		188 00	
		673 33	
. 212 75		100 00	
. 100 00		57 33	
		212 75	
. 28 00		156 66	
. 193 00		242 50	
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		569 75 176 66	
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254 00	McQuinn Alexander H	245 00	
254 00		245 00	
		173 33	
		250 00	
		197 00	
		29 25	
106 66		18 20	
. 113 33		133 33	
17 90	Nedrau, Christian	316 00	
. 133 33	Powers, D. R. R	37 16	
. 40 40		244 00	
		262 00	
		200 00	
		183 00	
		232 30	
	Stanley, Joseph	250 00	
. 262 50		18 50	
. 231 25		100 00	
		133 33	
		29 25 176 66	
190 00		133 33	
	Springer Tohn	157 50	
	Stevens Benjamin D	116 66	
		124 00	
270 66	Taylor E.J	30 45	
		103 33	
		176 66	
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Towner, Hir Towner, Hir Taylor, E. J. Taylor, E. J.	H am am	- 133 33\frac{1}{3} - 66 66\frac{2}{3} - 100 00 - 177 00	Williams, John	250 00 100 00 596 66
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This list has been prepared in pursuance of Senate resolution of 27th February, 1871, and is transmitted by Third Auditor to Secretary of Treasury, per letter of November —, 1871.