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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING,

In obedience to law, an account of property belonging to the United States in the possession of that Department.

DECEMBER 2, 1872.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., December 2, 1872.

SIR: In accordance with the requirements of the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for inventories and accounts of the property of the United States in the public buildings and grounds belonging to the United States, in the District of Columbia," approved July 15, 1870, I have the honor to transmit herewith "a full and complete inventory of all the property belonging to the United States in the buildings, rooms, offices, and grounds" occupied by this Department and under its charge. The inventory consists of "A," a table showing the number of the various articles of property in each of the Bureaus of this Department, and the same aggregated; "B," a list of the articles of property purchased for the use of the Department during the year ended the 30th ultimo; and "C," a list of such property as has been sold by the Department during the same period.

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

B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate.

A.—*Inventory of property belonging to the United States in the buildings, rooms, offices, and grounds occupied by the Department of the Interior, taken on the 2d day of December, A. D. 1872, in accordance with the act of Congress approved July 15, 1870.*

Articles of property.	Offices.							Total.
	Secretary's.	Patent.	Pension.	Land.	Indian.	Census.	Education.	
Desks	30	233	209	182	49	60	14	777
Tables	14	182	114	57	3	130	6	506
Chairs	100	428	392	288	67	355	32	1,662
Stools		532		5	3	60		600
Cases	14	37	152	170		4	6	383

A.—Inventory of property belonging to the United States in the buildings, &c., of the Department of the Interior, &c.—Continued.

Articles of property.	Offices.							Total.
	Secretary's.	Patent.	Pension.	Land.	Indian.	Census.	Education.	
Book-cases	12	18	10	15	6	7	.....	68
Book-racks	9	6	3	15	5	2	.....	40
Wardrobes	6	2	1	4	1	1	.....	16
Mirrors	11	57	26	24	5	6	.....	130
Sofas	6	2	3	4	2	1	.....	19
Lounges	.....	2	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	5
Benches	.....	4	4	1	2	3	.....	14
Clocks	10	40	7	3	2	8	.....	71
Chests drawers	2	37	.....	7	2	3	.....	51
Book-rests	4	20	30	12	15	30	.....	112
Paper-racks	8	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	12
Map-racks	2	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	5
Pigeon-hole cases	8	38	6	27	37	.....	.....	116
Desk-trays	6	3	2	26	7	.....	.....	45
Desk-covers	6	45	2	21	2	.....	.....	78
Paintings	2	.....	1	.....	8	.....	.....	11
Engravings	2	.....	.....	4	3	.....	.....	9
Photographs	12	10	.....	3	2	.....	.....	27
Hat-racks	1	24	15	18	.....	60	.....	119
Towel-racks	6	26	9	1	12	1	.....	61
Umbrella stands	8	35	4	3	3	2	.....	56
Wash-stands	1	16	14	20	.....	15	.....	66
Wash-basins	1	16	12	21	.....	15	.....	65
Wash-pitchers	1	16	12	18	.....	.....	.....	47
Soap-dishes	12	47	33	25	9	15	.....	149
Tumblers	30	250	38	12	25	20	.....	387
Water-coolers	2	61	19	7	2	6	.....	100
Cooler-stands	2	49	7	4	.....	.....	.....	65
Water-pitchers	10	13	3	2	3	3	.....	34
Water-buckets	10	86	20	16	2	25	.....	163
Carpets	12	66	70	39	5	4	.....	205
Oil-cloths	4	50	.....	1	.....	2	.....	57
Mats	9	96	6	4	5	5	.....	131
Rugs	9	13	3	17	.....	.....	.....	48
Curtains	4	57	5	31	2	2	.....	101
Shades	10	42	53	11	.....	.....	.....	124
Awnings	13	78	77	54	9	24	.....	285
Iron safes	3	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	6
Letter-presses	3	2	5	5	1	2	.....	19
Hand-stamps	2	4	6	8	1	2	.....	23
Scales, pairs	1	2	2	1	.....	1	.....	7
Step-ladders	5	9	7	27	4	4	.....	57
Drop-lights	5	8	6	5	4	.....	.....	29
Ventilators	6	10	51	2	.....	.....	.....	69
Thermometers	8	10	10	12	.....	.....	.....	47
Brushes	12	196	6	11	3	5	.....	239
Spittoons	50	487	222	131	30	100	.....	1,025
Brooms	10	85	21	10	5	10	.....	141
Wisps	12	42	32	13	.....	.....	.....	105
Dusters	6	56	34	9	.....	.....	.....	107
Waste-baskets	24	120	248	110	18	40	.....	564
Stoves	.....	10	30	1	.....	3	.....	46
Wood-boxes	2	5	1	4	.....	.....	.....	13
Coal-hods	10	21	36	21	4	6	.....	101
Shovels and tongs	10	10	24	15	.....	2	.....	67
Fenders	6	9	.....	8	2	1	.....	30
Fire-screens	3	17	17	12	2	5	.....	62
Foot-stools	2	84	124	83	2	3	.....	299
Mail-bags	1	1	7	1	1	1	.....	13
Dust-pans	4	20	21	4	1	2	.....	56
Slop-basins	1	4	4	16	2	1	.....	29
Letter-baskets	10	22	61	43	1	1	.....	139
File-cases	5	37	50	73	7	.....	.....	172
Sealing-presses	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	3
Horses	3	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	7
Carriages	2	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	6
Harness, sets	2	1	2	1	.....	1	.....	7

B.—List of property purchased for the use of the Department of the Interior during the year ended November 30, 1872.

55 desks.	10 stoves.
14 tables.	28 coal-hods.
155 chairs.	8 shovels and tongs.
15 stools.	3 axes.
3 book-rests.	6 fire-screens.
3 book-cases.	106 spittoons.
2 file-cases.	56 buckets.
4 pigeon-hole sets.	5 wash-stands.
15 cases.	1 wash-basin.
1 map-rack.	31 soap-dishes.
6 letter-presses.	8 towel-racks.
25 letter-baskets.	3 slop-jars.
11 hand-stamps.	33 water-coolers.
105 waste-baskets.	180 tumblers.
3 coat-racks.	3 ice-picks.
184 brushes.	1 water-pitcher.
138 brooms.	3 drop-lights.
37 wisps.	2 clocks.
46 feather dusters.	71 awnings.
4 dust-pans.	1 horse.
8 mirrors.	2 carriages.
22 carpets.	2 sets harness.
2 rugs.	1 whip.
19 mats.	11 step-ladders.
35 oil-cloths.	2 pairs scales.
18 window-shades.	63 window-ventilators.
2 mail-bags.	38 thermometers.
13 hat-racks.	

C.—List of property sold by the Department of the Interior during the year ended November 30, 1872.

21 tables.	1 mat.
130 chairs.	1 oil-cloth.
10 book-cases.	21 curtains.
2 book-racks.	3 coat-racks.
7 cases.	16 stoves.
3 desks.	2 grates.
1 desk-bottom.	12 fenders.
4 desk-tops.	3 pieces zinc.
2 counters.	3 screens.
2 counter-tops.	14 spittoons.
1 file-holder.	4,704 pounds iron.
5 pigeon-hole sets.	6 coolers.
4 benches.	12 trestles.
23 stools.	14 window-sashes.
21 carpets.	38 glass doors.
6 lots carpet-lining.	213 wire doors.
20 lots matting.	1 lot old lumber.