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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMUNICATING,

In obedience to law, a list of property belonging to the United States in his possession.

DECEMBER 12, 1878.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 11, 1878.

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 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 ending 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,

C. SCHURZ,
Secretary.

Hon. WILLIAM A. WHEELER,
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 1st day of December, A. D. 1878, in accordance with the act of Congress approved July 15, 1870.

Articles of property.	Office.							Total.	
	Secretary's.	Patent.	Pension.	Land.	Indian.	Census.	Auditor railroad accounts.		Education.
Awnings	33	75	112	55	10		4		289
Book-cases	17	43	17	28	18			5	128
Book-racks	16	28	8	22	15	1	1	2	93
Book-rests		38		20	11				69
Carpets	18	46	26	43	11		2	5	152
Carriages	1		1	1					3
Coal-hods	13	14		42	8				80
Curains		4	5	2					11
Chairs	150	487	398	300	84	3	5	41	1,468
Clocks	13	54	13	8	4	1	1	2	96
Desks	50	263	185	253	60	2	7	23	843
Desk-covers	6		2	22					30
Drop-lights	3	18	7	7	3			3	41
Engravings	2	11		4	4				25
File-cases	22	112	79	205	15	3	3	5	444
Fire-extinguishers	4		2					2	8
Fire-screens	9	30	26	37	3				105
Flag (United States)	1								1
Hat-racks	1	28	2				1	1	35
Hose-carriage	1								1
Hand-stamps	7	36	20	14	5		1	2	85
Horses	2		1	1					4
Harness (sets)	2		1	1					4
Iron safes	4	3	1	2					10
Letter-presses	9	31	6	10	3	1	1	1	62
Lamps	7	2		6	2				17
Lounges	2	4	2	3	1			2	14
Lawn-mowers	3								3
Map-racks	1	2	2	2	2		1		12
Mail-bags	3	4	2	2	1				10
Mats	8		2	4					14
Mattings	12	25	8	40	4		1		80
Mirrors	17	55	31	37	11		1	4	156
Paintings	6	3		8	8				26
Paper-racks	1			1					2
Pigeon-hole cases	15	189	187	77	20			1	489
Push-carts	1	2	1						4
Photographs		16	10	3	3			2	34
Printing-presses		3	1						4
Rugs	12	10	1	15	1			1	40
Sealing-presses	1	1		2				1	5
Sofas	5	1	4	4					15
Soap-dishes	15	38		30	15		2	4	104
Scales (pairs)	11	7		20	5			3	50
Shades (window)	29	78	134	76	17		4		338
Shovels and tongs	4	21		30	2				57
Spittoons	37	242	179	160	29		4	6	657
Step-ladders	12	74	14	37	10			6	154
Stoves	1	9		3				1	14
Stools	2	310	10	3	3		2		330
Tables	31	85	188	51	24		2	17	398
Towel-racks	10	15	8	3	4		1	8	49
Truck-wagon	1								1
Type-writing machines	6	20	9	7	1		1	3	47
Thermometers	10	20	2	16	7	1		3	58
Umbrella-stands	3	8		2	4				17
Ventilators		12	12	26				1	51
Wash-stands	1	12	15	25	1				54
Wash-basins	2	10	15	24	1				52
Wash-pitchers	14	7	4	4	8		1	2	40
Water-pitchers	4	47	12	11	5			2	81
Water-coolers	4	25	12	4	3			2	46
Water-cooler stands		25	43	32	7			5	158
Water-buckets	48	23							71
Wardrobes	5	15	6	4	1	1		2	34

B.—*List of property purchased for the use of the Department of the Interior during the year ending November 30, 1878.*

134 awnings.	9 pigeon-hole cases.
20 book-cases.	32 soap-dishes.
18 book-racks.	91 shades (window).
1 carriage.	5 shovels and tongs.
18 carpets.	73 spittoons.
116 chairs.	3 stoves.
7 clocks.	20 stools.
2 coal-hods.	35 tables.
78 desks.	16 towel-racks.
1 drop-light.	3 thermometers.
45 file-cases.	2 type-writing machines.
5 fire-screens.	10 water-pitchers.
7 hand-stamps.	7 water-coolers.
1 horse.	1 wardrobe.
2 letter-presses.	7 wash-pitchers.
1 lounge.	38 water-buckets.
6 lamps.	6 wash-basins.
6 mats.	2 water-cooler stands.
55 mattings.	1 wash-stand.
20 mirrors.	6 fire extinguishers.

C.—*List of property sold by the Department of the Interior during the year ending November 30, 1878.*

1 arm chair.	1 lot paper-linings.
4 book-racks.	1 pigeon-hole.
8 carpets.	2 rolls cocoa matting.
1 cooler-stand.	55 rolls matting.
1 desk.	1 stool.
14 desk-tops.	45,776 pounds waste paper.