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**Letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an estimate of appropriation, submitted by the Secretary of the Interior for the purpose of carrying into effect the Act of March 3, 1891, entitled "An act for the protection of the lives of miners in the Territories."**

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PROTECTION OF LIVES OF MINERS IN THE TERRITORIES.

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L E T T E R

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*An estimate of appropriation, submitted by the Secretary of the Interior for the purpose of carrying into effect the act of March 3, 1891, entitled "An act for the protection of the lives of miners in the Territories."*

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MARCH 21, 1892.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*March 19, 1892.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, an estimate for an appropriation of \$15,000, submitted by the Secretary of the Interior this day, for the purpose of carrying into effect the act of March 3, 1891. (26 Stat., 1104), entitled "An act for the protection of the lives of miners in the Territories."

Respectfully, yours,

O. L. SPAULDING,  
*Acting Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, March 19, 1892.*

SIR: At the request of the Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit herewith an estimate of \$15,000 to carry into effect an act entitled "An act for the protection of the lives of miners in the Territories," approved March 3, 1891.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,  
*Secretary.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

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*Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, by the Department of the Interior.*

Protection of lives of miners in the Territories:

For this amount, being necessary to carry into effect an act entitled "An act for the protection of the lives of miners in the Territories," approved March 3, 1891, 26 Stats., p. 1104 (see A and B, herewith)..... \$15, 000

A.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, CENSUS OFFICE,  
*Washington, September 22, 1891.*

SIR: In reply to your communication of the 2d instant requesting a statement of the Territories of the United States producing more than 1,000 tons of coal, I have the honor to state that at the Eleventh Census there were three such Territories, namely, Indian Territory, New Mexico, and Utah. These Territories produced during 1889, in the order named, 752,832, 486,463, and 236,651 short tons of coal.

Very respectfully,

R. P. PORTER,  
*Superintendent of Census.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GENERAL LAND OFFICE,  
*Washington, D. C., February 12, 1892.*

SIR: Replying to your letter of the 9th instant, requesting a statement showing the traveling expenses incurred by some one of the agents of this office during the period of a year while traveling within the Territories of New Mexico, Utah, and the Indian Territory, in order that the same may be used as a basis for estimating the amount required to pay the salary and traveling expenses of mine inspectors to be appointed under act of March 3, 1891, I respectfully state that it is not practicable to give the amount of expenses incurred by any one agent in the Territories named, as it seldom happens that an agent is kept in any one locality for a year at a time. I, however, submit the following, which I think will answer your purpose, viz:

Under the appropriation for "Protecting public lands, 1891," the average expenditure of an agent per month was \$265, which included his salary, at the rate of \$1,500 per annum, and a per diem allowance of \$3 per day in lieu of subsistence; also his traveling expenses, consisting of railroad and sleeping-car fare, fees to porters on sleepers, charges for transfer of self and baggage between depot and hotels, team hire, stage fare, etc.; also an occasional item for assistance.

Under the act referred to the mine inspectors will be entitled to receive a salary and traveling expenses, which included subsistence, the salary to be at the rate of \$2,000 per annum, whereas the agent receives \$1,500 per annum, making a difference of \$41.66 per month greater expenditure for the inspector than for the agent. Again, the agent receives \$3 per day, in lieu of subsistence; the inspectors would probably stop at first-class hotels and pay on an average \$3.50 per day, making a second increase over that of the agent of \$15 per month.

Now, by taking the average per month of an agent and adding the increase of the inspector's salary and subsistence you will get a fair estimate of the amount necessary to carry out the provisions of the act.

Average of agent per month.....	\$265. 00
Add difference in salary between agent and inspector.....	41. 66
Add difference in cost of subsistence between agent and inspector.....	15. 00
	321. 66
Making average cost of inspector per month.....	321. 66
	12
Average cost for inspector for one year.....	3, 859. 92

I do not think the inspector's traveling expenses would exceed that of an agent.

Very respectfully,

THOS. H. CARTER,  
*Commissioner.*

Hon. E. M. DAWSON,  
*Chief Clerk, Department of Interior.*