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DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

Estimates of deficiencies in appropriations submitted by the Secretary of the Interior.

DECEMBER 13, 1893.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *December 11, 1893.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, estimates of deficiencies in appropriations, submitted by the Secretary of the Interior, amounting to \$27,910.49.

Respectfully, yours,

S. WIKK,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 8, 1893.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith certain estimates of deficiencies required for the service of this Department for the current fiscal year, and for prior years, and respectfully request that they be incorporated in the first urgent deficiency bill prepared by Congress.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. SIMS,
Acting Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 1, 1893.

SIR: I have the honor to call your attention to the fact that the appropriation for postage stamps to prepay postage on matter addressed to Postal Union countries will soon be exhausted. The amount of the appropriation for the present fiscal year is \$2,000, of which \$1,371.50 has already been expended, leaving a balance of only \$628.50.

The estimate of this appropriation, submitted by the Department, was \$2,500, which was, in my judgment, inadequate, but which the Secretary preferred should not be increased.

This appropriation would have been sooner exhausted, but for the fact that stamps to the value of \$459.50, purchased from the appropriation of last year, remained unused at its close, and were therefore available for the present year. The stamps now on hand will probably suffice to meet the requirements of the Department until January 15.

Stamps delivered to the Patent Office alone, for the prepayment of postage on foreign mail matter, for the first five months of the present fiscal year, amount in value to \$1,100. The whole appropriation is, therefore, insufficient to meet the demands of this single bureau of the Department. In this connection, I may say that the Patent Office uses these stamps chiefly in transmitting the Official Gazette to subscribers abroad, and inasmuch as it charges an extra price to such subscribers, because of this prepayment of postage, most of the amount thus expended is ultimately returned to the Treasury.

I estimate that an additional appropriation of \$2,000 will be required to enable this office to meet all the requisitions of the several bureaus and offices of the Department for postage stamps during the remainder of this fiscal year, and would therefore respectfully suggest that the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives be requested to include a provision for such an appropriation in its first urgency deficiency bill reported to the House.

Very respectfully,

JOHN G. AMES,
Superintendent of Documents.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

MEMORANDUM.

The records of the P. and M. division show that authority was granted by the Secretary of the Interior, on the respective dates, and to the several papers herein-after mentioned, to publish as advertisements the matter set opposite each paper, and that the service so authorized was properly rendered, to wit:

Schedule of lands within the Cheyenne and Arapaho Reservation open to settlement.—April 13, 1892, Times-Journal, Oklahoma City, Okla., published two times in daily edition; El Reno, Okla., published two times in daily edition; the Globe-Democrat, St. Louis, Mo., published two times in daily edition.

Proposals for fuel and ice, Department of the Interior.—April 12, 1892, Washington Post, published six times, daily edition.

Miscellaneous supplies, Interior Department.—April 12, 1892, New York Commercial Bulletin, six times; Evening Star, six times, twice a week, daily edition.

Proposals for supplies, Freedmen's Hospital.—April 15, 1892, Evening Star, six times, daily; Shipping and Commercial List, New York Price Current, four times.

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Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, and 1894, by the Department of the Interior, office of the Secretary.

General object. (Title of appropriation.) Detailed objects of expenditure, and explanations.	Estimated amount 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.
INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.			
Contingent expenses, Department of the Interior—			
For contingent expenses of the office of the Secretary of the Interior and the bureaus, offices, and buildings of the Interior Department, including the Civil Service Commission: For furniture, carpets, ice, lumber, hardware, dry goods, advertising, telegraphing, expressage, wagons and harness, food and shoeing for horses, diagrams, awnings, constructing model and other cases, cases for drawings, file-holders, repairs of cases and furniture, and other absolutely necessary expenses, including fuel and lights, viz (appropriated; vol. 26, p. 941, sec. 1.):			
For amount due the following-named newspapers for advertising proposals during the fiscal year 1892:			
Washington Post Co.....	\$6.00		
Evening Star Co., Washington, D. C.....	7.63		
Do.....	6.00		
Shipping and commercial list, New York Price Current.....	12.00		
Daily Times-Journal, Oklahoma.....	330.62		
El Reno Eagle, Oklahoma.....	555.20		
Globe Printing Co., St. Louis, Mo.....	324.90		
New York Daily Commercial Bulletin.....	12.00		
		\$1,254.35	\$75,000
Rent of buildings, Department of the Interior—			
For this amount to pay rent of the Union Building, on G street, between Sixth and Seventh streets NW., used as a model exhibit of Patent Office, fiscal year 1894 (appropriated; vol. 27, p. 707, sec. 1.).....			
		8,656.64	30,800
Postage to Postal Union Countries, Department of the Interior—			
For postage stamps to prepay matter addressed to Postal Union Countries (appropriated; vol. 27, p. 707, sec. 1.).....			
		2,000.00	2,000
Total Interior Department proper.....		11,920.99	107,800
PUBLIC BUILDINGS—UNDER INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.			
Annual repairs of the Capitol—			
For work at the Capitol and for general repairs thereof, including wages of mechanics and laborers (March 3, 1893, vol. 27, p. 591, sec. 1).....			
		10,000.00	20,000
Improving the Capitol grounds—			
For continuing the work of the improvement of the Capitol grounds and for the care of the grounds; one clerk; the pay of mechanics, gardeners, and laborers, and for artificial stone pavement (March 3, 1893, vol. 27, p. 591, sec. 1).....			
		3,000.00	12,000
Lighting the Capitol and grounds—			
For the payment of balance due Washington Gas Light Co. for gas service for months of May and June, 1893 (March 3, 1893, vol. 27, p. 591, sec. 1).....			
		2,989.50	24,000
Total public buildings.....		15,989.50	56,000
Total Interior Department.....		27,910.49	163,800