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REPORT

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

With the Annual Report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

DECEMBER 6, 1836.

Read, and ordered to be printed, and that 1,500 additional copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

December 6, 1836.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit to the Senate the annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, showing the operations of that office for the past year.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

LEVI WOODBURY,
Secretary of the Treasury.

HON. M. VAN BUREN,

Vice President United States, and President of the Senate.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

December 1, 1836.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to present statements exhibiting the operations of the several land offices for the year 1835, and the first, second, and third quarters of the year 1836, indicating the quantity of land sold; the amount of cash and scrip received in payment therefor; the amount of the incidental expenses; and the amount of moneys paid into the Treasury by the receivers of public money during the said periods—tables marked A and B.

Transmitted, herewith, are also copies of the estimates of appropriations required by this branch of the public service during the ensuing year, viz:

For the General Land Office, paper marked C.

The act of 4th July, 1836, entitled "An act to reorganize the General Land Office," having omitted to make provision for the payment of the salaries of the officers and clerks which it authorized to be employed,

the paper marked C also indicates the amount required to be appropriated to meet payment for those salaries to 31st December, 1836.

For the offices of the Surveyors General, paper marked D.

For surveying the public lands, paper marked E.

Document marked F is composed of a circular letter addressed to the Surveyors General on the 1st September, 1836, together with their replies thereto, in relation to their estimates for the ensuing year, and the progress and present condition of the public surveys. F No. 2 is a compilation of those estimates.

In the surveying district composed of the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, the amount of lands surveyed, and of lands yet to be offered for sale, remain the same as represented in the last annual report of the late Commissioner. The new surveys in those districts, to be effected under instructions recently issued, embrace all the former small Indian reservations ceded under treaties made this year with the Pottawatamie, Chippewa, and Wyandot Indians, and all that portion of Michigan, not heretofore surveyed, which borders upon Lake Michigan, south of Thunder-bay river and north of Grand river, estimated at about 275 townships.

In Wisconsin Territory, formerly designated Michigan west of Lake Michigan.—In addition to the returns of the 65 townships in the Green-bay district alluded to in the report of last year, and which have since been received, the office has been advised of the completion of the balance of the surveys in this district, amounting to 119 townships and fractional townships, making in the aggregate about 184 townships and fractional townships, surveyed and yet to be offered for sale, being all the lands in the Wisconsin Territory, east of the Mississippi river, to which the Indian title has been extinguished. The necessary instructions have been issued for the survey of the Sac and Fox cession west of the Mississippi river, and binding on the river, which was ceded by treaty of the 21st of September 1832, and estimated to contain 250 townships, and also for laying off the towns named in the act of the last session of Congress, approved on the 2d day of July, which are situated on this tract.

In Missouri and Illinois.—Since the date of the report of the late Surveyor General (20th January, 1836) was submitted to Congress, (now forming Doc. No. 215, H. R. 1st session 24th Congress,) no returns of surveys have been made to this office, with the exception of the two townships on Rock river, Illinois, which were surveyed for the Polish exiles. The communication from the present Surveyor General, dated 3d November, 1836, and the accompanying papers, marked A, B, and C, afford all the information received respecting the present situation of the field and office work of the surveying district composed of those two States. The present Surveyor General having only recently entered upon the duties of his office, cannot be expected yet to have had the time and opportunity of entering fully into the state of the arrears. He remarks, in his communication above referred to, "that the only work now going on in the field is as follows:

"By Joseph Montgomery, who is completing the surveys under his contract of 1834.

"By D. A. Spaulding, who is finishing his contract of the 9th June, 1835.

"And by Jesse Applegate, under his contract of the 25th day of May, of the present year."

It being doubtful, from the foregoing report, whether the field work of the three contracts it enumerates constitute all the field work to be completed of the outstanding contracts, or simply the amount of field work at present prosecuting; the Surveyor General has been again written to for more precise information.

On referring to pages 10 and 11 of the Surveyor General's report of January 30, 1836, it appears that the returns of 36 townships in Missouri, and of 134 townships in Illinois, from the field notes of which the plats had been constructed, were at that date in his office. This is all the certain information now in possession of this office, in relation to the returns of the field work of the contracts exhibited in the lists.

In Arkansas.—Nearly all the lands that have been surveyed and returned to this office have been offered for sale. The outstanding contracts for surveying at the commencement of the present year embraced the exteriors of 69 townships and the subdivisions of 60 townships, as will appear by the last annual report of the Surveyor General then in office, which accompanied the report of the Commissioner of December 5, 1835, (see Doc. H. R. 1st sess. 24th Congress,) to which, in the absence of the expected report of the present incumbent, I beg leave to refer. The surveys recommended in the Surveyor General's report just referred to, constitute the new surveys which have been ordered this year, and amount in all to 110 townships and fractional townships, selected in different parts of the State, with a view to the public accommodation; of these, 60 townships are to be subdivided for market.

In Louisiana.—There are in this State, prepared for market, but not yet offered for sale, 250 townships and fractional townships, situated chiefly in the southeastern district and in the north end of the Opelousas (southwestern) district, near the great raft of Red river, and 110 townships known to be surveyed, the returns of which have not yet been received. In addition to the survey of private claims, &c., already in progress, the Surveyor General has been instructed respecting the survey of the tract recently ceded by the Caddo Indians, on the great raft of Red river, which it is said may be estimated at a million of acres.

In Mississippi.—With the exception of about 40 townships situated chiefly in the Chocchuma district and upon the south boundary of the Chickasaw cession, all the lands in this State north of the 31st degree of latitude have been surveyed; and, excepting eight townships recently returned, have been brought into market. The expected report of the newly-appointed Surveyor General for this State, on the condition of the surveys in his district and the details of his office, has not been received; but, as soon after its arrival as practicable, the instructions alluded to in the Commissioner's report of last year relative to the examination of the errors in locating and surveying the confirmed private claims south of the 31st degree of latitude will be renewed.

The expectations expressed in the Commissioner's report of last year, in regard to the progress of the surveys in the Chickasaw cession of 1832, have been fulfilled. The plats of 307 townships and fractional townships (including the portion of the cession in Alabama) have been returned to this office; and 249 of them having been proclaimed for sale,

58 townships and fractional townships remain to be offered. The survey of the remainder of the cession, estimated to be about equal to 30 is nearly completed, and will be finished, it is expected, in a short time after the running of the line separating this cession from the Choctaw cession of 1830, now in progress, is completed. These townships are situated near that line, and in the southwestern part of the cession, near the Mississippi.

In Alabama.—With the exception of the Cherokee lands recently ceded, and a few islands in Tennessee river, and fractions of townships situated chiefly upon the unsettled eastern boundary of the State, and those south of the 31st degree of latitude, all the lands have been surveyed and offered for sale. The eastern boundary line of the State not having been yet determined, so far as this office is informed, the instructions have been withheld for closing the public surveys upon that line, for which special appropriation of \$1,000 was made at the last session of Congress, which, therefore, has not been expended. As these surveys must remain unfinished, to the serious injury of a large number of settlers on the lands and in their immediate vicinity, until the line in question is recognised by the proper authorities, it is hoped that early steps may be taken in its final adjustment, either by recognising the line said to have been already run and marked under the authority of the State of Georgia, or by causing a new line to be run.

In Florida.—In consequence of continued Indian hostilities, the surveying operations in this district have been suspended, and will have to remain so until the removal of the Seminole Indians shall be effected. There are, at present, 211 townships and fractional townships prepared for market, but not offered for sale, all of which are situated east of the Suwanee, and north of the Withlacoocbee rivers. The surveys in the western portion of the Territory have, for the most part, been completed, and the lands brought into market.

Interspersed throughout the different surveying districts, there are a number of *small tracts, portions of townships, islands, swamps susceptible of being reclaimed, &c.*, which, from various causes, were not surveyed at the time of the survey of the contiguous lands. The present enhanced value of most of those tracts appears to render them matter of public interest, which is increasing every year; and it is regretted that the frequent attempts to effect the survey of them have hitherto failed, by reason of the inadequacy of the present maximum of compensation.

The frequent inquiries and great interest manifested in relation to lands of this description, induced this office, in the circular letter of 1st September last, to call the attention of the Surveyors General to the subject, and to require them to estimate, specifically for the cost of all such work. In pursuance of such instruction, it will be perceived from the accompanying documents, that the Surveyor General of *Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan*, and the Surveyor General of *Florida*, have both estimated for surveying unfinished portions of townships, islands, lakes, &c., at an average of *five dollars per mile*, and the Surveyors General of *Alabama and Louisiana* have both estimated for similar description of work, at a price not exceeding *eight dollars per mile*; and it will be perceived that

these specific estimates are taken into view in the estimate of surveying expenses for the next year, submitted by this office.

The paper marked G, herewith transmitted, is a statement showing the amount of forfeited land stock issued and surrendered at the United States land offices to the 30th September, 1836; also the amount of military land scrip surrendered to the same period:

The paper marked H is an exhibit of the periods to which the monthly accounts of the registers and receivers of the public land offices have been rendered; and showing the balance of cash in the receivers' hands at the date of the last monthly accounts current; and the periods to which the receivers' quarterly accounts have been rendered.

Land scrip and Virginia military surveys.—Since the last annual report from this office, the second section of the act entitled "An act making appropriation for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the year 1835," has been complied with; by the issuing of scrip in satisfaction of all the Virginia military warrants surrendered to the 1st day of September of that year, with the exception of about thirty-eight thousand acres, on warrants suspended by reason of defects in the title papers, but which; it is expected, will be speedily completed. Considerable progress has also been made, during the same period, in the issuing of patents on surveys founded on Virginia military warrants, and the office indulges the hope that all the remaining cases will be disposed of prior to the date of the next annual report.

The issuing of patents for lands sold—pre-emption claims.—The pre-emption claims under the act of 19th June, 1834, and those under the different acts of 1814, 1816, 1830, 1832, and 1833, have had a tendency to delay the issuing of the patents for lands sold in nearly all the United States land offices. The late law granted to the settlers the term of two years from the date of its passage, at any time during which they might establish their claim and make payment therefor; but, in case the lands were proclaimed for public sale during the continuance of the pre-emption term, the pre-emption was required to be established before the commencement of such public sale.

The ordinary private entries being permitted to proceed during the whole term of operation of the pre-emption law, it has resulted that numerous instances exist where the land to which pre-emption claims have been satisfactorily established are discovered to have been previously entered at ordinary private sale. The consequence has been that no patents for lands sold in any of the land districts during the pre-emption term (from 19th June, 1834, to 19th June, 1836) could, with safety, be issued until after the receipt of the June returns for 1836, affording evidence of the entire amount of pre-emption claims admitted under the law. In addition to this cause of delay in the issuing of patents, it has been made the duty of this office to review the whole of the evidences on which pre-emption claims were admitted, in order to ascertain that the provisions of the law had been fairly complied with in each case; a labor which has occupied a large share of attention, and which has so far progressed as to admit of the release of the certificates of purchase for the purpose of patenting, in the Helena and Fayetteville districts, in Arkansas; in all the districts of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Missouri; the

districts of Cahaba and Demopolis, in Alabama; the Green bay district in Wisconsin, and the Mount Salus (now Jackson) district in Mississippi; so that, with some few exceptions, the patents for lands sold in the enumerated districts will be no longer delayed by pre-emption claims.

The number of certificates of purchase issued at the land offices during the year ending on the 30th of September last, is found to be 184,949.

The present aggregate number of certificates of purchase remaining in this office, on which patents are to be issued, is ascertained to be 263,017. Of these it may be remarked that a large portion includes several tracts, instances being numerous where they require the issuing of from ten to twenty separate patents.

Recorder's office.—Since the commencement of operations in the office of the Recorder of the General Land Office, in August last, with a much smaller force than is intended to be permanently allotted to the duties of that bureau; (of writing, recording, and transmitting patents,) there have been written therein 21,724 patents, and 21,661 have been recorded; in addition to which there have been otherwise prepared, since the act of reorganization, 4,680 patents, all of which will bear date subsequent to that act.

Much interruption of the regular course of business in that bureau resulted from the unavoidable necessity, connected with general official convenience, of frequently detaching from it, at different periods, many of the persons there employed for the purpose of assigning them to duty on other branches of the office. From this cause, it may be said, the bureau has but recently been operating with an unchanged, regular force; and that if no necessity for the interruption alluded to had existed, a heavier amount of work would have been accomplished during the same period.

Since the date of the last annual report, the number of patents actually transmitted, together with those now in immediate course of transmission, to the district land offices, is 80,940, bearing date prior to the act of reorganization.

The absence of the *Solicitor* provided for this office by the act of reorganization, has, no doubt, prevented as rapid a progress in deciding cases of conflicting pre-emption claims as might have resulted under the complete organization of the pre-emption bureau. I am happy, however, in being enabled to state that, since the adjournment of Congress, a very considerable number of cases of contested pre-emption claims have been settled or placed in proper train for final decision, many of which were peculiarly complicated.

The registry of the sales of public lands (a labor indispensably necessary in order to impose a test to the accuracy of the operations of the land offices) has progressed with unexampled rapidity since the increased means of executing the duties of this office have been placed at his disposal.

The impediments to the issuing of patents for sales of public lands in the Louisiana districts, hitherto existing; are in rapid process of being removed, so far as operations in this office are concerned; and this subject will receive that degree of special attention which its importance imperatively demands.

In conclusion, I have to state that, under the provisions of the Chickasaw treaties of the 20th October, 1832, and 24th May, 1834, the sales of the lands ceded thereby commenced at Pontitoc, Mississippi, on the first Monday in January last, and by the returns made to this office, it appears that, up to the 30th September last, they amounted to the sum of \$1,080,118 61. The operations at that office are not included in any of the statements herewith furnished, as the nett proceeds of the sales constitute a fund for the benefit of that tribe, and are not available to the Treasury for the general purposes of the Government.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. MOORE,

Acting Commissioner of the General Land Office.

HON. LEVI WOODBURY,

Secretary of the Treasury.

A.

STATEMENT of Public Land sold; of cash and scrip received in payment therefor; of incidental expenses thereon; and of payments into the Treasury on account thereof, in the year 1835.

Land Offices.	Lands sold after deducting erroneous entries.		Amount received in cash.	Amount received in scrip.		Amount of incidental expenses.	Amount paid into the Treasury during the year.
	Quantity.	Purchase money.		Forfeited land stock.	Military land scrip.		
	Acres.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.
OHIO.							
Marietta - - - -	18,465 29	23,094 11	22,828 67	15 44	250 00	1,611 00	19,238 98
Zanesville - - -	81,441 12	101,321 13	84,820 01	609 46	15,891 66	3,600 06	90,082 51
Steubenville - -	4,817 94	6,022 42	6,022 42	-	-	1,224 46	5,100 00
Chillicothe - - -	23,943 29	29,911 44	26,456 01	459 60	2,995 83	1,797 08	10,700 00
Cincinnati - - -	31,256 96	38,986 60	33,364 73	5,321 87	300 00	2,132 10	29,839 54
Wooster - - - -	8,537 61	10,672 02	10,559 30	112 72	-	1,519 37	9,363 18
Lima and Waupaukonetta - -	226,381 15	282,976 44	274,018 24	1,060 21	7,897 99	8,963 07	260,275 13
Bucyrus - - - -	266,592 23	333,240 28	319,821 13	-	13,449 15	6,708 79	307,159 49
Total	661,435 59	826,224 44	777,890 51	7,579 30	40,754 63	25,555 93	731,778 83
INDIANA.							
Jeffersonville - - -	69,198 40	86,420 81	84,187 45	817 81	1,415 55	2,994 57	86,050 25
Vincennes - - - -	135,002 65	168,769 86	168,065 79	704 07	-	4,844 17	134,683 55
Indianapolis - - -	274,692 05	343,368 36	320,539 40	79 61	22,749 35	7,005 24	331,611 19
Crawfordsville - - -	236,779 08	295,985 18	294,635 18	-	1,350 00	7,381 95	290,929 01
Fort Wayne - - - -	296,738 01	502,809 47	501,201 14	-	1,608 33	7,347 08	453,230 60
Laporte - - - -	474,494 66	678,217 88	677,917 88	-	300 00	7,653 74	503,127 78
Total	1,586,904 85	2,075,571 56	2,046,546 84	1,601 49	27,423 23	37,226 75	1,799,632 38

ILLINOIS.								
Shawneetown	-	10,299 12	12,873 92	12,285 72	468 20	120 00	1,222 14	4,650 00
Kaskaskia	-	19,870 66	24,838 90	23,935 50	403 40	500 00	1,552 43	19,241 00
Edwardsville	-	345,794 98	432,406 92	429,082 52	295 20	3,029 20	6,103 89	341,617 00
Vandalia	-	29,165 82	36,462 50	36,269 17	160 00	33 33	2,156 43	46,778 11
Paléatine	-	38,376 84	47,971 29	47,921 29	-	50 00	1,916 08	30,333 34
Springfield	-	478,976 56	599,331 88	598,596 32	80 00	655 56	8,718 81	584,170 65
Danville	-	155,784 21	194,607 01	193,882 01	-	725 00	6,258 86	181,369 66
Quincy	-	367,337 99	382,154 82	380,319 82	-	1,835 00	6,891 02	453,670 05
Galena	-	280,979 73	368,206 19	367,506 19	-	700 00	6,916 58	333,780 00
Chicago	-	370,043 38	505,845 04	505,449 78	95 26	300 00	7,593 42	465,515 22
Total		2,096,629 29	2,604,698 47	2,595,248 32	1,502 06	7,948 09	49,299 66	2,461,125 03
MISSOURI.								
St. Louis	-	52,327 99	65,410 26	64,717 98	442 28	250 00	2,357 86	59,733 14
Fayette	-	98,995 52	123,888 36	123,879 82	8 54	-	3,854 66	103,273 57
Palmyra	-	385,705 51	482,188 97	480,722 89	16 08	1,450 00	6,981 16	452,450 40
Jackson	-	36,518 60	45,809 08	45,809 08	-	-	2,366 23	41,500 00
Lexington	-	87,956 85	109,980 14	109,980 14	-	-	4,014 03	95,806 84
Springfield	-	676 00	845 00	845 00	-	-	527 13	-
Total		662,180 47	828,121 81	825,954 91	466 90	1,700 00	20,101 07	752,763 95
ALABAMA.								
St. Stephen's	-	94,999 92	118,750 11	118,653 37	96 74	-	2,498 24	66,680 17
Cahaba	-	396,751 81	496,188 68	495,091 33	1,097 35	-	7,583 46	488,422 06
Huntsville	-	38,803 08	48,509 01	47,794 93	714 08	-	2,839 97	45,490 00
Tuscaloosa	-	243,030 82	303,798 83	303,798 83	-	-	7,434 07	360,000 00
Sparta	-	34,518 78	43,160 24	43,160 24	-	-	1,958 20	35,217 58
Demopolis	-	428,389 39	536,657 68	536,641 68	16 00	-	8,617 60	759,625 00
Montgomery	-	289,572 75	362,208 19	362,208 19	-	-	7,071 42	337,501 88
Mardisville	-	60,941 32	76,176 52	76,176 52	-	-	3,194 47	61,298 12
Total		1,587,007 87	1,985,449 26	1,983,525 09	1,924 17	-	41,197 43	2,154,234 81

STATEMENT A—Continued.

Land Offices.	Lands sold after deducting erroneous entries.		Amount received in cash.	Amount received in scrip.		Amount of incidental expenses.	Amount paid into the Treasury during the year.
	Quantity.	Purchase money.		Forfeited land stock.	Military land scrip.		
	Acres.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.
MISSISSIPPI.							
Washington	104,963 48	131,078 45	130,506 03	572 42	-	3,333 64	130,670 81
Augusta	187,474 90	234,341 51	230,641 51	-	3,700 00	5,312 62	141,000 00
Mount Salus	958,812 65	1,224,489 45	1,224,167 42	322 03	-	6,849 67	935,839 96
Chocchuma	339,866 41	432,020 61	432,020 61	-	-	7,175 27	245,020 00
Columbus	1,340,063 71	1,813,695 53	1,813,547 32	148 21	-	5,731 40	1,925,000 00
Total	2,931,181 15	3,835,625 55	3,830,882 89	1,042 66	3,700 00	28,402 60	3,377,530 77
LOUISIANA.							
New Orleans	105,167 77	131,459 92	131,459 92	-	-	3,632 77	100,166 57
Opelousas	39,488 21	49,360 26	49,360 26	-	-	208 50	39,604 87
Ouachita	158,509 12	198,136 76	197,962 76	174 00	-	5,326 15	192,400 00
St. Helena	22,790 78	28,488 47	28,488 47	-	-	1,647 13	15,000 00
Total	325,955 88	407,445 41	407,271 41	174 00	-	10,814 55	347,171 44
ARKANSAS.							
Batesville	75,067 00	93,833 74	93,833 74	-	-	3,138 79	49,585 00
Little Rock	33,935 42	42,419 35	42,419 35	-	-	2,511 46	37,361 68
Washington	70,735 92	88,428 33	88,428 33	-	-	4,034 49	145,636 88
Fayetteville	15,332 26	19,165 28	19,165 28	-	-	2,185 58	80,839 52
Helena	434,937 15	544,081 29	544,081 29	-	-	8,221 88	390,848 50
Total	630,027 75	787,927 99	787,927 99	-	-	20,092 20	654,271 58

MICHIGAN.									
Detroit	-	405,170 44	506,479 76	506,063 18	361 17	55 41	11,818 80	494,243 75	
Monroe	-	666,415 03	833,018 71	832,918 71	-	100 00	7,076 23	802,000 00	
Bronson	-	745,662 34	932,076 70	932,076 70	-	-	7,787 20	844,264 19	
Total		1,817,247 81	2,271,575 17	2,271,058 59	361 17	155 41	26,681 93	2,140,507 94	
WISCONSIN.									
Mineral Point	-	109,171 52	136,540 38	136,540 38	-	-	3,837 82	141,244 40	
Green Bay	-	108,372 39	180,168 69	180,168 69	-	-	6,241 88	160,003 30	
Total		217,543 91	316,709 07	316,709 07	-	-	10,129 70	301,247 70	
FLORIDA.									
Tallahassee	-	48,364 31	60,455 38	60,455 38	-	-	2,052 95	37,336 32	
St. Augustine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total		48,364 31	60,455 38	60,455 38	-	-	2,052 95	37,336 32	

RECAPITULATION.

Ohio	-	661,435 59	826,224 44	777,890 51	7,579 30	40,754 63	25,555 93	731,778 83
Indiana	-	1,586,904 85	2,075,571 56	2,046,546 84	1,661 49	27,423 23	37,226 75	1,799,632 38
Illinois	-	2,096,629 29	2,604,698 47	2,595,248 32	1,502 06	7,948 09	49,299 66	2,461,125 03
Missouri	-	662,180 47	828,121 81	825,954 91	466 90	1,700 00	20,101 07	752,763 95
Alabama	-	1,587,007 87	1,985,449 26	1,983,525 09	1,924 17	-	41,197 43	2,154,234 81
Mississippi	-	2,931,181 15	3,835,625 55	3,830,882 89	1,042 66	3,700 00	28,402 60	3,377,530 77
Louisiana	-	325,955 85	407,445 41	407,271 41	174 00	-	10,814 55	347,171 44
Arkansas	-	630,027 75	787,927 99	787,927 99	-	-	20,092 20	652,271 58
Michigan	-	1,817,247 81	2,271,575 17	2,271,058 59	361 17	155 41	26,681 93	2,140,507 94
Wisconsin	-	217,543 91	316,709 07	316,709 07	-	-	10,129 70	301,247 70
Florida	-	48,364 31	60,455 38	60,455 38	-	-	2,052 95	37,336 32
Grand total		12,564,478 85	15,999,804 11	15,903,471 00	14,651 75	81,681 36	271,554 77	14,757,600 75

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B.

STATEMENT of Public Lands sold; of cash, Treasurer's receipts, and scrip received therefor; of incidental expenses thereon; and of payments into the Treasury on account thereof, in the 1st, 2d, and 3d quarters of the year 1836.

Land Offices.	Lands sold, after deducting erroneous entries.		Amount received in cash, and Treasurer's receipts.		Amount recev'd in forfeited land stock & military scrip.		Amount of incidental expenses.	Amount paid into the Treasury during the three quarters of the year.
	Quantity.	Purchase money.	Cash.	Treasurer's receipts.	Forfeited land stock.	Military land scrip.		
OHIO.	Acres.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.
Marietta - - -	61,117 00	76,460 25	76,460 25	-	-	-	1,878 94	51,622 59
Zanesville - - -	115,417 41	139,321 96	120,516 17	-	130 80	18,674 99	3,804 83	101,452 48
Steubenville - - -	3,167 76	3,959 70	3,824 70	-	135 00	-	942 76	2,908 96
Chillicothe - - -	84,046 62	105,058 28	101,418 87	-	168 91	3,470 50	3,027 46	109,500 00
Cincinnati - - -	95,816 76	119,770 95	116,483 32	-	2,387 63	900 00	3,263 36	78,230 80
Wooster - - -	7,512 64	9,390 80	9,370 80	-	20 00	-	995 99	7,160 51
Huyrus - - -	225,474 03	341,247 64	328,115 75	-	11,131 89	2,000 00	5,046 35	358,280 35
Lima - - -	373,852 44	467,474 24	442,870 84	-	139 87	24,463 53	7,267 33	427,029 44
Total - - -	966,404 66	1,262,683 82	1,199,060 70	-	14,114 10	49,509 02	26,227 02	1,136,185 13
INDIANA.								
Jeffersonville - - -	219,486 66	274,364 73	270,281 81	-	40 00	4,042 92	4,744 42	265,715 43
Vincennes - - -	441,495 03	551,900 86	548,990 83	-	260 03	2,650 00	5,746 00	555,687 50
Indianapolis - - -	243,969 27	304,991 62	236,672 14	-	351 00	67,968 48	4,854 12	230,378 23
Crawfordsville - - -	292,474 83	365,671 59	334,524 55	-	-	31,147 04	5,107 81	332,769 88
Fort Wayne - - -	1,000,425 34	1,253,202 75	1,243,249 55	1,200 00	78 20	8,675 00	6,601 41	1,241,360 05
Laporte - - -	392,362 91	491,026 58	480,392 21	-	-	10,634 37	6,966 02	633,707 37
Total - - -	2,590,214 04	3,241,158 13	3,114,111 09	1,200 00	729 23	125,117 81	34,019 78	3,259,618 46

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ILLINOIS.								
Shawneetown	120,371 18	150,546 88	149,206 88	-	1,240 00	100 00	4,248 55	148,034 75
Kaskaskia	127,173 64	158,957 05	158,643 30	-	313 75	-	4,092 93	152,059 76
Edwardsville	409,965 05	512,688 53	508,595 62	-	80 00	4,012 91	3,843 06	576,705 36
Vandalia	201,349 11	271,919 41	261,246 08	-	80 00	10,593 33	6,687 11	238,364 40
Palestine	88,957 46	111,196 83	109,796 83	-	-	1,400 00	3,254 73	124,370 74
Springfield	339,102 69	498,895 30	486,309 36	-	-	12,585 94	4,427 53	482,762 02
Danville	214,667 57	268,353 84	196,752 98	-	-	71,600 86	6,474 34	160,020 00
Quincy	454,715 96	568,513 35	567,063 35	-	-	1,450 00	5,035 04	575,416 77
Galena	414,066 58	517,536 94	517,111 94	-	-	425 00	6,962 48	367,844 32
Chicago	186,285 41	232,861 07	232,761 07	-	-	100 00	5,391 40	237,754 42
Total	2,556,594 65	3,291,469 20	3,187,487 41	-	1,713 75	102,268 04	50,417 17	3,063,332 54
MISSOURI.								
St. Louis	152,608 87	190,761 70	190,485 09	-	135 99	140 62	4,663 27	177,824 50
Fayette	213,173 01	266,483 00	266,195 02	-	162 98	125 00	5,593 96	234,707 83
Palmyra	608,946 44	761,221 70	755,621 70	-	-	5,600 00	6,981 43	765,642 04
Jackson	119,354 42	150,311 48	149,800 54	-	-	510 94	4,227 36	139,200 00
Lexington	182,228 41	228,070 76	227,470 76	-	-	600 00	5,932 64	178,080 17
Springfield	4,128 03	5,271 64	5,271 64	-	-	-	2,105 48	-
Total	1,280,439 18	1,602,120 28	1,594,844 75	-	298 97	6,976 56	29,414 16	1,495,454 54
ALABAMA.								
St. Stephen's	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	262,500 00
Cohab	378,631 00	473,889 87	473,627 60	-	262 27	-	4,663 35	466,286 30
Huntsville	60,572 56	75,717 65	74,527 56	-	1,190 09	-	2,986 22	80,486 68
Tuscaloosa	209,437 05	261,795 94	261,795 94	-	-	-	7,048 49	265,000 00
Sparta	110,107 01	137,657 50	137,657 50	-	-	-	3,800 00	117,462 58
Demopolis	217,494 61	271,868 81	271,868 81	-	-	-	6,004 07	298,500 03
Montgomery	145,145 70	181,432 26	181,432 26	-	-	-	4,619 13	187,583 81
Mardisville	59,655 54	74,569 43	74,569 43	-	-	-	2,494 32	77,225 83
Total	1,181,043 47	1,476,931 46	1,475,479 10	-	1,452 36	-	31,615 58	1,755,045 23

* No returns.

† Returns received to 31st August only.

STATEMENT B—Continued.

Land Offices.	Lands sold, after deducting erroneous entries.		Amount received in cash, and Treasurer's receipts.		Amount recev'd in forfeited land stock & military scrip.		Amount of incidental expenses.	Amount paid into the Treasury during the three quarters of the year.
	Quantity.	Purchase money.	Cash.	Treasurer's receipts.	Forfeited land stock.	Military land scrip.		
MISSISSIPPI.								
	Acres.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.
Washington	142,276 92	177,849 11	177,033 62	-	816 09	-	4,364 97	172,665 81
Augusta	270,807 26	336,247 66	333,947 66	-	-	2,300 00	3,150 80	393,500 00
Mount Salus and Jackson	344,494 04	430,918 05	430,718 05	-	-	200 00	1,671 16	690,015 02
Chocchuma	146,491 10	183,113 73	183,113 72	-	-	-	4,696 13	341,850 00
Columbus	785,722 71	966,652 89	951,873 97	-	78 92	14,700 00	5,046 51	1,288,466 85
Total	1,689,792 03	2,094,781 43	2,076,686 42	-	895 01	17,200 00	20,929 57	2,886,497 68
LOUISIANA.								
New Orleans*	265,598 37	332,254 62	332,254 62	-	-	-	5,814 55	76,443 95
Opelousas	122,076 28	152,594 99	152,408 32	-	186 67	-	3,925 51	135,700 00
Ouachita	248,164 30	310,205 92	310,203 92	-	-	-	6,699 49	300,250 14
St. Helena	126,188 50	157,735 62	157,735 62	-	-	-	4,221 42	159,070 00
Total	762,027 45	952,791 15	952,604 48	-	186 67	-	20,660 97	671,464 09
ARKANSAS.								
Batesville	42,851 68	53,689 61	53,689 61	-	-	-	2,383 56	54,622 28
Little Rock	255,454 00	319,317 73	319,317 73	-	-	-	8,502 49	316,769 69
Washington	246,618 76	308,273 62	308,273 62	-	-	-	6,760 27	304,425 00
Fayetteville	109,384 73	136,730 79	136,730 79	-	-	-	4,604 91	88,957 00
Helena	164,790 36	205,987 93	205,687 93	-	-	300 00	5,655 71	238,921 80
Total	819,099 52	1,023,999 68	1,023,699 68	-	-	300 00	27,906 94	1,003,695 77

MICHIGAN.								
Detroit	1,355,094 32	1,694,401 34	1,666,711 15	-	-	27,690 19	6,685 72	1,562,432 18
Monroe	455,477 65	573,930 73	570,530 73	-	-	3,400 00	7,069 78	510,000 00
Bronson and Kalamazoo	1,461,867 32	1,827,334 24	1,826,034 24	-	-	1,300 00	9,135 51	1,908,803 20
Ionia	125,070 79	156,446 76	156,446 76	-	-	-	2,739 28	-
Genesee	97,919 39	122,452 87	122,452 87	-	-	-	1,080 18	73,542 18
Total	3,495,429 47	4,374,565 94	4,342,175 75	-	-	32,390 19	26,710 47	4,054,777 56
WISCONSIN.								
Mineral Point	310,971 89	388,759 64	371,632 11	-	-	17,127 53	7,279 03	336,363 56
Green Bay	203,761 49	255,631 58	253,994 08	-	-	1,637 50	6,979 39	206,422 06
Milwaukee	34,881 53	43,848 56	41,548 56	2,000 00	-	300 00	877 50	-
Total	549,614 91	688,239 78	667,174 75	2,000 00	-	19,065 03	15,135 92	542,785 62
FLORIDA.								
Tallahassee	43,770 98	54,713 71	54,713 71	-	-	-	2,058 45	48,723 26
St. Augustine†	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	43,770 98	54,713 71	54,713 71	-	-	-	2,058 45	48,723 26
Received by the Treasurer of the United States								131,350 00

* Returns received to 30th June only.

† No sales.

STATEMENT B—Continued.

RECAPITULATION.

States and Territories.	Lands sold, after deducting erroneous entries.		Amount received in cash, and Treasurer's receipts.		Amount rec'd in forfeited land stock & military scrip.		Amount of incidental expenses.	Amount paid in to the Treasury during the three quarters of the year.
	Quantity.	Purchase money.	Cash.	Treasurer's receipts.	Forfeited land stock.	Military land scrip.		
	Acres.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.
Ohio	966,404 66	1,262,683 82	1,199,060 70	-	14,114 10	49,509 02	26,227 02	1,136,185 13
Indiana	2,590,214 04	3,241,158 13	3,114,111 09	1,200 00	729 23	125,117 81	34,019 78	3,259,618 46
Illinois	2,556,594 65	3,291,469 20	3,187,487 41	-	1,713 75	102,268 04	50,417 17	3,063,332 54
Missouri	1,280,439 18	1,662,120 28	1,594,844 75	-	298 97	6,976 56	29,414 16	1,495,454 54
Alabama	1,181,043 47	1,476,931 46	1,475,479 10	-	1,452 36	-	31,615 58	1,755,045 23
Mississippi	1,689,792 03	2,094,781 43	2,076,686 42	-	895 01	17,300 00	20,929 57	2,886,497 68
Louisiana	762,027 45	952,791 15	952,604 48	-	186 67	-	20,660 97	671,464 09
Arkansas	819,099 52	1,023,999 68	1,023,699 68	-	-	300 00	27,906 94	1,003,695 77
Michigan	3,425,422 47	4,374,565 94	4,342,175 75	-	-	32,390 19	26,710 47	4,054,777 56
Wisconsin	549,614 91	688,269 78	667,174 75	2,000 00	-	19,065 03	15,135 92	542,785 62
Florida	43,770 98	54,713 71	54,713 71	-	-	-	2,058 45	48,723 26
Received by the Treasurer of the United States	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	131,350 00
Grand total	15,934,430 36	20,063,454 58	19,688,037 84	3,200 00	19,390 09	352,826 65	285,096 03	20,048,929 88

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, December 1, 1836.

JNO. M. MOORE, Acting Commissioner.

C.

Estimate of the expenses of the General Land Office, for the year 1837, under the act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836, for the reorganization thereof, and an account of deficiency in appropriation for 1836.

Salary of the Commissioner,	\$3,000 00
Salary of the principal clerk of the public lands,	1,800 00
Salary of the principal clerk on private land claims,	1,800 00
Salary of the principal clerk of the surveys,	1,800 00
Salary of the recorder,	1,500 00
Salary of the solicitor,	2,000 00
Salaries of the clerks, draughtsman, and assistant draughtsman,	95,100 00
Messengers, assistant messengers, and packers,	3,350 00
Total salaries for 1837,	\$110,350 00
The salaries of the Commissioner, other officers, and persons employed in the General Land Office during the year 1836, under its former and present organization, is estimated to amount to	\$51,524 99
On the 1st of January, 1836, the agent for paying salaries had a balance in his hands of \$138 89; and as by the act of the 9th of May, 1836, there was appropriated towards the payment of salaries in the General Land Office, the sum of \$23,590, there was applicable to that object, for the present year, the sum of	23,590 89
Thus leaving a deficiency now required to be appropriated on account of the salaries for the year 1836, no appropriation having been made by the act of the 4th of July, 1836, of	27,886 10
Total for 1836 and 1837,	\$138,436 10
For the cost of 150,000 pieces of parchment for patents, including the cost of printing the same, at 17 cents per piece, and also the cost of books for patent records,	29,250 00
For tract-books, the various other articles of books and stationary, furniture, expense of advertising land sales, and all other items of contingent expenses, including office-rent for the additional building required,	10,000 00
For attending to the fixtures of the additional building occupied by this office, regulating the night-watch, and superintending the purchase of fuel and other articles required for the same,	250 00
Three watchmen, at \$400 each,	1,200 00
One day-laborer,	365 00
Total,	\$179,301 10

D.

Estimate of the salaries for the offices of the Surveyors General, for the year 1837.

Salary of the Surveyor General northwest of Ohio	\$2,000 00	
Salary of the clerks in his office, per act of the 9th of May, 1836	6,300 00	
Salary of the clerks employed in transcribing the field-notes for the General Land Office	3,200 00	
		<u>\$11,500 00</u>
Salary of the Surveyor General for Illinois and Missouri	2,000 00	
Salary of the clerks in his office, per act of the 9th of May, 1836	5,820 00	
		<u>7,820 00</u>
Salary of the Surveyor General for Arkansas	1,500 00	
Salary of the clerks in his office, being \$1,800 less than the amount appropriated by the act of the 9th of May, 1836	2,800 00	
		<u>4,300 00</u>
Salary of the Surveyor General for Louisiana	2,000 00	
Salary of the clerks in his office, per act of 9th of May, 1836, with an additional sub-mission of \$300	4,000 00 300 00	
		<u>6,300 00</u>
Salary of the Surveyor General for Mississippi	2,000 00	
Salary of the clerks in his office, per act of the 9th of May, 1836	6,000 00	
		<u>8,000 00</u>
Salary of the Surveyor General for Alabama	2,000 00	
Salary of the clerks in his office, per act of the 9th of May, 1836	2,000 00	
		<u>4,000 00</u>
Salary of the Surveyor General for Florida	2,000 00	
Salary for the clerks in his office, being \$500 less than the amount appropriated by the act of the 9th of May, 1836	3,000 00	
Salary of the clerks employed in transcribing the field-notes for the General Land Office	2,000 00	
		<u>7,000 00</u>

The field-notes in the office of the Surveyor General for Alabama have all been transcribed for transmission to this office; and in the other offices where no special appropriation is asked for that object, the regular force will be employed upon that duty, so far as the current business will admit.

Submitted by the Surveyor General for Louisiana :

To defray the expenses of completing the copies of confirmations and orders of survey, and procuring from the offices of the registers copies of

plats, sketches, and other evidences necessary to a correct location of the private claims, as explained in his letter accompanying the report from the General Land Office, \$2,000.

For office-rent and fuel in the offices of the Surveyors General, \$2,500.

E.

Estimate of the appropriations required for surveying the public lands during the year 1837.

Referring to the estimates of the Surveyors General that will be submitted with the annual report from this office for the probable extent of the surveying operations in the year 1837, it is respectfully submitted that, in addition to the existing unexpended balances of appropriations for surveying public lands, there be appropriated, for 1837, an aggregate amount for that object, to be duly apportioned among the several surveying districts, according to the exigencies of the public service, of \$150,000 00

Also, that for the completion of unfinished portions of townships, islands, lakes, &c., the surveying of which cannot be effected at the present maximum rates of mileage allowed by law, the following appropriations be made, agreeably to the accompanying estimates of the Surveyors General,

Viz.

For Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, to be applied not exceeding \$5 per mile	3,040 00
For Florida, to be applied not exceeding \$5 per mile	6,000 00
For Louisiana, to be applied not exceeding \$8 per mile	20,000 00
For Alabama, in addition to \$2,500 remaining unexpended for the same object, appropriated by act of the 9th of May, 1836, and both appropriations to be applied not exceeding \$8 per mile	1,000 00

As the estimates have not been received from the Surveyor for Illinois and Missouri and from the Surveyor for Mississippi, reference is made to the annual report of the General Land Office, and to the documents accompany the same, from the first-named officer, for a view of the present situation of the business in his district and office, and to the same report for a statement of the work to be performed in Mississippi.

Should it be decided to extend the surveying operations in the districts under the charge of those officers during the next year, such portion of the general appropriation now asked for as may be required by the circumstances in each case, will be apportioned to those districts.

Whenever the required estimates for those offices are received, they will be submitted.

F.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

September 1, 1836.

SIR: You are requested to furnish this office with an estimate, for the year 1837, of the amount of the surveying which the *public* interest requires to be performed within your surveying district, together with a separate estimate of the expenses of your office for the same year, accompanied by a statement exhibiting the manner in which the appropriation of 1836 for extra clerk-hire has thus far been applied, and the amount which will be required the ensuing year for the prosecution of the work now in progress under that appropriation.

I have likewise to call your attention, particularly to the surveys within your district, comprising portions of townships, islands, &c., remaining unfinished or unsurveyed from various causes, but chiefly on account of the maximum price allowed by law being inadequate to pay for the work. In many of these cases the lands have become valuable, and should be surveyed where the enhanced price would justify it. With a view, therefore, to obtain a special appropriation for that purpose, I have to request that you will report a list of all such of these tracts as are deemed worth surveying at augmented prices, specifying the number of miles, and, as nearly as you may be enabled to judge, the cost per mile for surveying the same, making the amount a separate item in your general estimate.

As these estimates are to be laid before the Secretary of the Treasury in time to enable him to submit them to Congress at the beginning of the approaching session, it will be necessary that you should furnish them before the close of this month, if possible.

I am, &c.

ETHAN A. BROWN,

Commissioner.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Cincinnati, September 21, 1836.

SIR: In obedience to the instructions contained in your letter of the 1st instant, I have the honor to submit to you an estimate of the expenses of this office for the year 1837, with a statement of "the manner in which the appropriation of 1836, for extra clerk-hire has thus far been applied and the amount which will be required the ensuing year for the prosecution of the work now in progress under that appropriation."

The act of 9th of May last, "providing for the salaries of certain officers therein named," &c., authorizes the Surveyor General of Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, to employ two clerks, at a sum not exceeding two thousand three hundred dollars, and is allowed the further sum of four thousand dollars for additional clerk-hire.

The additional force here provided for, was probably intended to be employed (in part) in transcribing the field-notes of the public surveys in this office, for preservation at the seat of Government.

This work was commenced early in the present year, and on which three or four clerks were employed most of their time for near three months.

The increase, however, of the current business, arising out of the surveys in the Milwaukee district, Wisconsin Territory, which could not be laid over without injury to the public interests, required all the force of the office. The transcribing the field-notes will be resumed and continued whenever and as often as the important current duties of the office will permit. This course, which the necessity of the case seemed to call for, will, I trust, be approved of by you.

It is probable that the amount of public surveys to be made in this district the ensuing year, will fully equal that of any former. The experience of the past has shown that the amount of business growing out of the surveys which in that case would devolve upon this office, cannot be performed by a less number of clerks than are now employed in it. In view of the important object in transcribing the field-notes for preservation at the seat of Government, it is very desirable that that work should be prosecuted as expeditiously as may be consistent with a correct and prompt discharge of our current duties. The expediency, therefore, of making a liberal appropriation at once, for that object, so as to accomplish it at an early period, must be apparent; particularly as no provision has been made, nor measures taken by the Government to provide fire-proof rooms in which to keep the field-notes, books, and papers of this office, which (the field-notes and plats especially) it is of incalculable importance to the people of this surveying district, and indeed to the whole nation, should be safely kept and preserved.

If it should be your intention to recommend to Congress, at its approaching session, the printing of all the field-notes of the public surveys in this office, as recommended in my communication of the 19th of March last, still, should that measure be adopted, the same increase of allowance for clerk-hire will be necessary; for much of the field-notes will have to be arranged and transcribed for the press, and the proofs of the whole work read in this office.

In my communication to the Committee of Ways and Means of the 5th of March last, on the subject of the course of business in this office, (a copy of which was transmitted to you,) I recommended the expediency of providing by law for compensation for a messenger for this office. This expense is now borne by the Surveyor General; otherwise, the appropriate duties of messenger would devolve on the clerks themselves, at a loss of time.

The justice and propriety of making provision by law, also, for office-rent and fuel for this office, has from time to time, for many years past, been urged. I renew my claim to be relieved from these burdens; and cannot but hope that the justice of the claim will be readily admitted and provided for.

Let it be remembered that the salary of the Surveyor General is the same now that it was when the office was first created, forty years ago; while the expenses of the office, in the items above mentioned, have greatly increased, as well as the duties and responsibilities of the officer himself.

With the foregoing brief views, I beg leave to submit the following estimate for the expenses of this office for the year 1837:

For two clerks, (chief clerk and principal draughtsman,) as provided by act of 9th May, 1836	-	-	-	\$2,300 00
For additional clerk-hire, per said act	-	-	-	4,000 00
For compensation for <i>extra</i> clerks, to transcribe the field-notes of the public surveys, for preservation at the seat of Government	-	-	-	3,200 00
For compensation for messenger for the office	-	-	-	300 00
For stationary and office furniture	-	-	-	350 00
For postage on letters and packets	-	-	-	650 00
For office-rent and fuel	-	-	-	250 00
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				\$11,050 00

All which is respectfully submitted.

Very respectfully, sir,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT T. LYTLE.

Hon. ETHAN A. BROWN,

Commissioner of General Land Office, Washington.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Cincinnati, September 21, 1836.

SIR: In compliance with the instructions in your letter of the 1st instant, I have the honor to submit the following estimate of the amount of surveying which the public interest requires to be performed within this surveying district for the year 1837, and the amount of appropriation which may be necessary for that purpose. The appropriations for this object, for the current year, in this district, are:

For surveys in Ohio, -	-	-	-	\$650 00
Do in Michigan peninsula, -	-	-	-	15,000 00
Do in Michigan west of the lake, and in Wisconsin Territory, -	-	-	-	50,000 00
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Total, -	-	-	-	\$65,650 00

Out of this sum, there will have been expended within the current year, for surveys in Milwaukee district, (Wisconsin Territory,) in Indiana, and in Ohio, including incidental expenses, stationary, postage, &c., about

- 23,000 00

Leaving an unexpended balance of this year's appropriation of

\$42,650 00

Of which balance there is applicable to the surveys in Wisconsin Territory, about

- 27,650 00

And in Michigan peninsula, -

- 15,000 00

\$42,650 00

The survey of a series of townships, including exterior lines and meanders of rivers, lakes, &c., will average about eighty miles per township; and in that portion of this district which is to be the scene of our future operations, the surveys cannot be made for a less price than three dollars per mile—the maximum allowance:

Estimating, then, the Sac and Fox cession west of the Mississippi, in Wisconsin Territory, at two hundred and fifty townships, and the Ottawa and Chippewa cession, in Michigan peninsula, at two hundred and seventy-five townships, the quantity of surveying in the former will be twenty thousand miles, at an expense of \$60,000; and in the latter, twenty-two thousand miles, at an expense of \$66,000.

Assuming that the entire of these two tracts may be surveyed next year, together with a portion of the Ottawa and Chippewa cession in the northern peninsula of Michigan, between the straits of Mackinaw and Lake Superior, there will be wanted the following sums for the prosecution of the public surveys in this surveying department, for the ensuing year; subject, however, to such modifications as the views of the Department, in regard to the amount of surveys which may be ordered for that year, may render expedient:

For surveying the public lands in Michigan peninsula, in addition to the appropriation for 1836,	\$51,000 00
For surveying the public lands in the northern peninsula of Michigan, (between the straits of Mackinaw and Lake Superior,)	20,000 00
For surveying the public lands in Wisconsin Territory, in addition to the unexpended balance of the appropriation for 1836,	32,350 00
For surveying unfinished portions of townships, rivers, lakes, islands, &c., in the old surveys, referred to in the accompanying list and report on that subject,	3,040 00
	\$106,390 00

All which is respectfully submitted,

I am, very respectfully, sir,

Your obedient servant,

ROBT. T. LYTLE.

Hon. ETHAN A. BROWN,

Commiss'r Gen. Land Office, Washington.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Cincinnati, September 21, 1836.

SIR: In compliance with your instructions of the 1st instant, I report to you a list (subjoined) of portions of townships, islands, &c., which remain unfinished or unsurveyed, from various causes, and which are deemed worth surveying at augmented prices.

Miles.

In Ohio—

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| 1. Meanders of the Scioto river, in townships 4 and 5 S. R. 9 E. 1st meridian, | 4 |
| 2. Survey of sundry islands in the Miami and Maumee rivers, | 25 |
| 3. Survey of numerous small lakes in various parts of the State, preventing the sale of the lands around them, | 40 |

In Indiana—

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| 4. A small tract in township 4 N. R. 2 E. 2d meridian, on White river, | 1 |
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5. Meanders of White river, in townships 2 and 4 N. R. 7 W.,	-	15
6. Survey of sundry islands in the St. Joseph's, Maumee, Wabash, Tippecanoe, Eel, and White rivers,	- - - - -	50
7. Survey of numerous small lakes in different parts of the State, preventing the sale of the lands around them,	- - - - -	100
In Michigan—		
8. Meanders of river au Sable and Lake Erie, in townships 7 and 8, S. R. 8 E.,	- - - - -	3
9. Survey of sundry islands in the Huron, Raisin, St. Clair, St. Joseph's, Kalamazoo, Grand, and other rivers,	- - - - -	70
10. Survey of numerous small lakes in old surveys, preventing the sale of the lands around them,	- - - - -	300
Total number of miles,	- - - - -	<u>608</u>

The foregoing comprise all the unsurveyed portions of land of the description referred to by you, which are now recollected, time not permitting an examination of the plats of the whole district, to make out a minute list.

The contents of the fractional sections on White river, in townships 2 and 4 north, range 7 west, 2d meridian, Indiana, [item 5,] have been several times called for by the register of the land office at Vincennes, but which could not be furnished for want of the survey. There are other portions of that river, and of the east fork of White river, of which there are no meanders in this office: on which account sub-divisions of a number of unsold fractional sections on these rivers could not be furnished to the register.

Inquiries are frequently made at this office concerning unsurveyed islands in the several rivers named in the foregoing list. All of these which contain land fit for cultivation, or which would be saleable on account of timber or other advantages, ought to be surveyed and prepared for sale.

The unsurveyed small lakes scattered over a large portion of this surveying district are very frequently referred to as preventing the sale of the sections or parts of sections in which they are situated. This subject, in reference to lakes of this description in Michigan, was laid before the Commissioner of the General Land Office many years ago, by the Surveyor General. A portion of his correspondence on that subject accompanies this, marked (A,) (B,) (C.)

From the detached situation and small amount of these several surveys, and the loss of time in travelling from one to another, and the difficulty of finding old corners and lines, and connecting the new surveys with them, I am of opinion that it would require an average of at least five dollars per mile to induce a competent surveyor to undertake such work.

Estimating, then, the whole of the surveys of the description alluded to at six hundred and eight miles, and at an average expense of five dollars per mile, it would require an appropriation of three thousand and forty dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Very respectfully, sir,
Your obedient servant,

ROBT. T. LYTLE

Hon. ETHAN A. BROWN,
Commiss'r Gen. Land Office, Washington.

(A.)

Extract of a letter from Edward Tiffin, Surveyor General, to John Biddle, Register of the Land Office at Detroit, Michigan Territory.

“SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

“Chillicothe, April 9, 1825.

“SIR: I have received your letter of the 24th of March, ultimo, on the subject of the small lakes being included in the calculation of the contents of the public lands in Michigan Territory, &c.

“From the information I had from the surveyors of the public lands in Michigan several years ago, I then addressed a letter to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, recommending the survey of the small lakes, for the purpose of excluding them from the estimate of the quantities of the land; and I was instructed by Mr. Meigs to survey and exclude such lakes as might be *five or six miles* or more in circumference, and having good saleable land on their margin. These instructions I gave to the surveyors for their government, and, under them, a considerable number of lakes have been surveyed, many of which are not half the extent of those authorized by the Commissioner to be excluded.

“I agree with you in opinion that all the small lakes having saleable land around them ought to be surveyed, and excluded in the estimates of the contents of the public lands; and, for the purpose of obtaining instructions to this effect, I shall again lay the subject before the Commissioner of the General Land Office, with a copy of your letter, and urge the necessity of the remedy sought for.”

(B.)

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Chillicothe, April 9, 1825.

SIR: I enclose you a copy of a letter from the register of the land office at Detroit, received this morning, urging the necessity of surveying the small lakes with which the Territory of Michigan abounds, for the purpose of excluding them from the estimate of the contents of the public land. Several years ago, Mr. Meigs, former Commissioner of the General Land Office, authorized me to survey such lakes, bounded by saleable land, as are five or six miles in circumference. This has been done. But there are a vast number of *smaller* lakes, which remain *unsurveyed* for want of authority from Government; by which means, a great quantity of excellent land on the margin of those lakes, is effectually excluded from market. By surveying those lakes, and excluding them from the estimate of the quantity of land in the sections where situated, I am of opinion that the public interests would be greatly subserved in the increase of sales.

Look, if you please, at the general plat of the public lands in Michigan Territory, on which most of the small lakes intersected by the section lines are shown.

I respectfully and earnestly recommend this subject to your consideration, and request your instructions thereon.

Yours, respectfully,

E. TIFFIN.

GEO. GRAHAM, Esq.,

Commissioner of the General Land Office.

(C.)

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Chillicothe, December 26, 1825.

SIR: Referring to your letter to me of the 23d of May last, and to my letter-book, I discover that the "estimate of the probable expense of surveying such lakes, included in the surveys of the townships heretofore made and returned as have not been surveyed, and which it may be deemed expedient to survey," has been, inadvertently, neglected to be furnished to you. The estimate called for is herewith enclosed; and I hope that it will be received in time to be made an item in the appropriation asked for for the ensuing year.

I am, &c.

E. TIFFIN.

GEORGE GRAHAM, Esq.,

Commissioner General Land Office, Washington.

Estimate of the probable expense of surveying such lakes in the surveyed townships of United States lands in the Territory of Michigan as have not been surveyed, and which it may be deemed expedient to survey.

In the returns of the deputy surveyors of the surveys of the United States lands, those lakes only over or very near which their lines pass, are noted in their field-books. But it is represented by those who have surveyed in Michigan that, in those parts of the Territory where small lakes abound, there are numerous lakes, deep and incapable of being drained, which are situated in the interior of the sections. Having this fact in view, and carefully examining the township plats, on which are laid down such lakes as are noted by the surveyors, I think it probable that there will be, at least, *three hundred and fifty miles* of surveying in the *unsurveyed* lakes, which come under the description mentioned in the letter of the Commissioner of the General Land Office to me, of the 23d of May last, and which, at the present price allowed for surveying, (viz: two dollars and fifty cents per mile,) would require an appropriation of *eight hundred and seventy-five dollars*, which estimate is respectfully submitted.

E. TIFFIN.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, *December 26, 1825.*

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Cincinnati, October 6, 1836.

SIR: In my annual estimate for salaries for 1837, communicated to you on the 21st September last, the following item was inadvertently left out; and which you will be pleased to insert in the proper place in that estimate:

"For compensation to the Surveyor General - - - \$2,000."
And that sum will be added to the total amount.

Very respectfully, sir,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT T. LYTLE

Hon. ETHAN A. BROWN,

Commissioner General Land Office, Washington.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS,

Surveyor General's Office, November 3, 1836.

SIR : In compliance with your letter requiring a report of the business of this office, both in the field and in the office, I submit the following statement thereof.

The only work now going on in the field is as follows :

By Joseph Montgomery, who is completing the surveys under his contract of 1834 ;

By D. A. Spaulding, who is finishing his contract of the 9th of June, 1835 ;

And by Jesse Applegate, under his contract of the 25th day of May of the present year.

The force of the office is engaged as follows :

1. Examining the field-notes of the surveys returned, under the contracts specified in the papers marked A, B, and C, accompanying another communication of this day.

2. Constructing plats of the new surveys, making the requisite copies thereof, and calculating the areas of the fractional sections.

3. Calculating the areas and subdividing the fractional sections of the old surveys, and preparing plats thereof for the district land offices, and for the General Land Office, under the act of Congress of the 5th of April, 1832.

4. Recording and copying field-notes of the old surveys, at which three clerks are employed.

5. Furnishing such information and copies of such plats and notes of surveys and other papers as the various wants of the public require.

6. Preparing orders of survey, and the necessary plats and descriptions for the survey of private claims, confirmed by the late act of Congress.

7. Renewing the mutilated and worn-out plats for the district land-offices ; at which one clerk is engaged under the appropriation of \$5,000, by an act of Congress approved 27th of June, 1834, to enable the respective Surveyors General to furnish the several land offices with renewed township plats. See page 56 of the acts of the first session of the 23d Congress.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,

DANIEL DUNKLIN.

To ETHAN A. BROWN, Esq.,

Commissioner of the General Land Office, Washington.

CLASS A.

STATEMENT of the surveys contracted for, and authorized by instructions under the general appropriation for surveying public lands, and which have not been examined, sanctioned, and fully paid for by the Surveyor General; and showing the estimated amount that will be wanted to adjust the accounts which will probably be presented during the present quarter and early in the first quarter of 1837.

	Names of contracting deputy surveyors, and of persons authorized to execute surveys under instructions.	Dates of contracts and instructions.	Estimated amount of the surveys not examined and sanctioned by the Surveyor General.		Dollars advanced by Mr. Langham.	Estimated amount of dollars unpaid.	Estimated amount of accounts which will probably be presented during the present quarter, or early in the first quarter of 1837.
			Miles.				
1	William S. Hamilton,	July 19, 1833,	800	\$2,400 00	-	\$2,400 00	
2	James W. Stephenson,	August 18, 1833,	700	2,100 00	-	2,100 00	
3	Charles R. Bennet and Luther H. Bowen,	September 2, 1833,	60	180 00	-	180 00	
4	Elias Barcroft,	October 12, 1833,	78	234 00	-	234 00	
5	Joseph C. Browne,	June 10, 1833,	1,004	3,012 00	\$2,520 00	432 00	\$432 00
6	Joseph C. Browne,	February 10, 1834,	35	105 00	-	105 00	105 00
7	Elias Barcroft,	November 8, 1834,	35.43	106 31	-	106 31	106 31
8	John R. Porter,	October 9, 1834,	45.08	135 24	-	135 24	135 24
9	John M. Robinson,	October 24, 1833,	120	360 00	-	360 00	360 00
10	John M. Robinson,	October 15, 1834,	252	756 00	-	756 00	756 00
11	Lisbon Applegate,	April 10, 1835,	16	48 00	-	48 00	
12	Edward McDonald,	April 3, 1835,	248.44	745 34	-	745 34	745 34
13	Erskine Stansberry,	April 3, 1835,	791	2,373 00	300 00	2,073 00	2,073 00
14	Jesse Applegate,	June, 1835,	528	1,584 00	-	1,584 00	1,584 00
15	E. T. Christy,	April 10, 1835,	300	900 00	-	900 00	900 00
16	D. A. Spaulding,	June 9, 1835,	800	2,400 00	300 00	2,100 00	2,100 00
17	Joseph C. Browne,	September 21, 1835,					
18	James Finley,	Surveying and connecting	4	12 00		12 00	12 00

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19	Isaac Woods,	} private claims with public surveys in Missouri under instructions of 1835 and 1836,						
20	George C. Harbison,							
21	Win. Bartlett,							
22	John Rodney,		130	390 00	-	390 00	390 00	
23	Allen Pirsinger,							
24	J. W. Brattle,	} Correcting some surveys in Illinois bounty tract in 1836,	80	240 90	1	240 00	240 00	
25	Hans Patten,							
26	J. D. Manlove,							
27	Charles R. Bennet,	1836,	60	180 00	1	180 00	180 00	
			6,086.95	18,260 89		\$3,180 00	15,080 89	\$10,118 89

Making an estimated aggregate of \$10,118 89, which will be wanted to adjust the accounts that will probably be presented and allowed during the current quarter, and early in the first quarter of 1837.

CLASS B.

STATEMENT of the surveys contracted for under the appropriation of \$20,000, for surveying the lands in Illinois to which the Indian title was extinguished by the treaty with the Pottawatomies of the 20th of October, 1832, and ratified on the 11th of January, 1832, and which have not been examined, sanctioned, and fully paid for, by the Surveyor General. (See pages 44 and 45 of the acts of the 2d session of the 22d Congress for the appropriation, and page 1 of the appendix to the said acts for the treaty.)

Names of Contractors.	Dates of Contracts.	Estimated amounts of the surveys not examined and sanctioned by the Surveyor General.		Dollars advanced by Mr. Langham.	Estimated am't of dollars unpaid.	Estimate of what it is supposed will be wanted during the present (4th) quarter of 1836, or early in the 1st quarter of 1837.
		Miles.	Dollars.			
1 Enoch Moore,	12th August, 1833,	708	2,124 00	-	2,124 00	2,124 00
2 William L. D. Ewing,	15th August, 1833,	750	2,250 00	1,823 38	426 62	426 62
3 Edward Smith,	27th September, 1833,	9.57	28 72	-	28 72	28 72
4 Daniel W. Beckwith,	29th October, 1833,	32	96 00	-	96 00	96 00
		1,499.57	4,498 72	1,823 38	2,675 34	2,579 34

Making an estimated aggregate of \$2,579 34, which will be wanted to adjust the accounts that will probably be presented and allowed during the present quarter, and early in the first quarter of 1837.

CLASS C.

STATEMENT of the surveys contracted for under the appropriation of \$20,000, for surveying a portion of the public lands in the southwestern part of the State of Missouri, to which the Indian title was extinguished in 1832, and which have not been examined, sanctioned, and fully paid for by the Surveyor General. (See page 59 of the acts of the 1st session of the 23d Congress for the appropriation.)

	Names of Contractors.	Dates of Contracts.	Estimated amounts of the surveys not examined and sanctioned by the Surveyor General.		Amount of dollars advanced.	Estimated am't unpaid, and for which, it is expected, accounts will be presented during the present quarter, and 1st quarter of 1837.
			Miles.	Dollars.		
1	Elias Barcroft,	6th November, 1834,	792	2,376 00	1,200 00	\$1,176 00
2	Jesse Applegate,	16th November, 1834,	414	1,242 00	-	1,242 00
3	Joseph Montgomery,	9th December, 1834,	762	2,286 00	-	2,286 00
		27th December, 1834,				
4	E. T. Christy,	11th December, 1834,	774	2,322 00	-	2,322 00
5	Wm. Drinker,	23d December, 1834,	762	2,286 00	-	2,286 00
6	R. T. Holiday,	2d April, 1835,	762	2,286 00	-	2,286 00
7	Edward McDonald,	3d April, 1835,	513.55	1,540 66	-	1,540 66
			4,779.55	14,338 66	1,200 00	\$13,138 66

Making an aggregate of \$13,168 66, which it is estimated will be wanted to pay the accounts that will probably be presented and allowed during the current quarter, and early in the first quarter of 1837.

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Arkansas, September 22, 1836.

SIR: Your letter of the 29th August ultimo, requesting the "usual estimates" for the year 1837, was received on yesterday, and in compliance therewith, I have the honor to submit the following as the probable expenses of this office for the year designated, viz:

For surveying public lands,	-	-	-	-	\$25,000 00
For salary of Surveyor General,	-	-	-	-	1,500 00
For salary of regular clerks,	-	-	-	-	1,800 00
For salary of extra clerks,	-	-	-	-	1,000 00
For postage,	-	-	-	-	125 00
For stationary,	-	-	-	-	125 00
For office furniture and printing,	-	-	-	-	100 00
For house-rent and fuel,	-	-	-	-	300 00
					\$29,950 00

I am sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

EDWARD CROSS.

T. L. SMITH, Esq.,

Register United States Treasury, Washington City.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Donaldsonville, October 20, 1836.

SIR: Before offering the estimates required by your letter of the 1st ultimo, permit me to make a few remarks in reference to the description of surveys that the public interest requires, and to explain the reasons why the service of the current year will fall short of the amount anticipated by the last appropriation. The early part of the season was unusually wet and unfavorable to such surveying as remains to be executed in this State, being ridges of rich alluvial land, adapted to cultivation, separated by cypress swamp, subject to inundation; and when it was possible to survey, the attention of most of the deputies, as well as those employed in the office, was required to give effect to the law allowing pre-emptions of the back tracts, which expired on the 15th of June last, and which unfortunately required a resurvey and renewal of the maps for most of the tracts that were entered.

But a small portion of that part of the appropriation intended to cover the expenses of resurveys and the location of claims could be used, in consequence of this office not being provided with sufficient data to enable us to identify the ancient boundaries of the tracts, the copies of the confirmations and orders of survey being incomplete, the records and plats on which the confirmations are based being in the offices of the registers, and not in this office, and the original records appertaining to the office of Surveyor General before the cession of the country, having been withheld.

For the residue of the appropriation, there are contracts for surveys part of which will be completed in all the month of December, and the

balance perhaps not before March or April. It is presumed, therefore, that the balance that may remain will be carried to the account of next year's payments.

While on this subject I have to inform you that the contracts taken under the last appropriation have been, almost without exception, unprofitable to the deputies, and in many instances they have sustained considerable loss; partly owing to the season, but principally on account of the difficulty of the work that they had contracted to perform.

Considering the advanced price of labor and provisions, the difficulties and delays to be encountered, and the increased outfit and extra hands necessary to survey the alluvial lands in this State, I am of opinion that six dollars per mile would be very moderate compensation for the districts of this description of work that have been performed within the last year; and those remaining being still more difficult and remote, and the islands and detached parts of townships that the public interest requires should be surveyed, will, I have no doubt, in many instances, require eight dollars per mile to ensure faithful execution.

To illustrate this more fully, permit me to remark, that the prices of labor and provisions in this country have increased at least one hundred per cent. within the last two years, and the demand for engineers and surveyors has even exceeded that ratio; but, on the other hand, the demand for the description of land above referred to has increased to such an extent as to make it almost certain that the additional price would exceed the increased expense a hundred-fold.

As I before remarked, much of our time has been employed during the current year in attending to the location of the back tracts which were entered by claimants owning the lands fronting on water-courses: the law making it necessary that the shape of those tracts should be changed, our duties have been extremely difficult and embarrassing. This has made it necessary occasionally to require the assistance of the extra clerks. The residue of their time has been employed in performing the following works:

In the district north of Red river, 18 townships have been protracted and calculated, and the maps and descriptive notes made out in triplicate, and the descriptive notes of two others made in triplicate, and the field-notes recorded.

In the southwestern district, 13 townships have been protracted and calculated; 26 township maps and the descriptive notes made out in triplicate, and the field-notes of 14 recorded.

In St. Helena district, 7 townships have been protracted and calculated, and made out in triplicate.

To afford this office the means of locating the private claims correctly, and to decide on the correctness of former locations and the surveys of the adjacent lands, which have not yet been approved, the copies of confirmations and orders of survey should be made complete, and copies of all plats, sketches, and other evidences, relating to the location of the claims, should be obtained from the offices of the several registers.

In conclusion, I beg leave to submit to you the following copy of the estimates for the year 1837, which I have sent to the Register of the Treasury, to wit:

For surveying the public and private land claims in Louisiana,	\$20,000
Completing the surveys of the townships in the parishes of Rapids and Avoyelles, and bordering on the Teche; the islands south of Grand lake, and Lake Palourde, Pecan island, and other islands west of the Atchafalaya; the lands bordering on lake Pontchartrain, and the isthmus south of Lake Bourne, say 2,500 miles, at \$8 per mile,	20,000
To defray the expenses of completing the copies of confirmations and orders of survey, and procuring from the offices of the registers copies of plats, sketches, and other evidences necessary to a correct location of private claims,	2,000
Salary of Surveyor General,	2,000
Regular clerks' salary,	1,500
Extra clerks' salary, necessary to bring up the arrears of work in the office,	2,800
Postage on letters and packages,	100
Stationary, &c.,	25
Office-rent and fuel,	22
	\$48,870

I am, sir, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

H. T. WILLIAMS,

Surveyor General.

E. A. BROWN, Esq.,

Commissioner General Land Office.

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,

Florence, Alabama, September 20, 1856.

SIR: I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant calling on this office for the estimates for the year 1857.

The expenses of this office will require:

For the salary of the Surveyor General,	\$2,000
For the salary of clerk and draughtsman, \$1,000 each,	2,000
Contingent expenses, &c.,	200

Congress has appropriated the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars heretofore, "for additional clerk-hire, in order to bring up the arrears, and transcribing the field-notes of said office, for the purpose of having them preserved at the seat of Government." Of this sum \$1,993 06 will have been expended at the close of the present quarter. The field-notes have been all copied for the General Land Office, and sent to Washington. I am now having them copied into strong books for record and preservation in this office. The fund remaining will be amply sufficient for that purpose. No extra clerk-hire beyond the present means will be needed during the year 1857, unless it is the intention of the Government to have the Cherokee lands surveyed entire, and brought into market during the next year; but I do not presume such will be the case.

Should those lands be surveyed during the next year, the sum of twenty thousand dollars will be required for that service.

The following portions of townships remain unsurveyed in the Cahaba land district, to wit:

In township No. 6, of range No. 8,	-	estimate 21 miles
“ 15, “ 8,	-	“ 11 “
“ 18, “ 8,	-	“ 4 “
“ 20, “ 8,	-	“ 10 “
“ 18, “ 12,	-	“ 4 “
“ 8, “ 11,	-	“ 2 “
“ 8, “ 19,	-	“ 9 “
“ 6, “ 10,	-	“ 8—69 miles,

The islands in the Alabama and Tombeckbe rivers are perhaps worth surveying. I have no correct means of ascertaining the number or the quantity of miles to survey them and connect them with the surveys on the main shore, but would presume something like fifty miles more or less,

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Total 119 miles.

The above work could not be done for or contracted for less than eight dollars per mile, as it lies in very detached situations. I should presume that an appropriation of one thousand dollars, and the Surveyor General being authorized to contract at a price not exceeding eight dollars per mile, would finish all remnants of work in the State.

He should also be authorized by law to contract for the surveying and locating of all private claims south of the 31st degree of latitude, at a price not exceeding eight dollars per mile. An appropriation was made at the last session of Congress for finishing all work south of that line; but unless the Surveyor General be empowered to give an adequate compensation, the work can never be done.

RECAPITULATION.

Salary of Surveyor General, -	\$2,000
Clerk and draughtsman, \$1,000 each, -	2,000
Contingent expenses, -	200
Survey of the Cherokee lands, -	20,000
Survey of all unfinished townships, islands, &c., -	1,000
Total,	<u>\$25,200</u>

All of which is submitted.

With great respect, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES H. WEAKLEY.

E. A. BROWN, Esq.,

Commissioner General Land Office.

JACKSON, TENNESSEE,

October 6, 1836.

SIR: Your letter of the 1st ultimo has been transmitted to me, and I hasten to comply with your request, so far as circumstances will permit.

The prosecution of the public surveys during the ensuing year must depend entirely on the removal of the Seminole Indians, and you will readily acknowledge, from past experience, that this desirable event is mixed with much uncertainty. I shall assume however their certain removal as the grounds of this estimate.

Estimate, Surveyor's office of Florida, for the year 1837.

Surveying public lands at the price established by law, -	\$10,000
Surveying public lands on the Suwanee and Appalachicola rivers and adjacent islands, with some scrap surveying, believed to be valuable, and all of difficult execution, five dollars per mile—supposed amount, -	6,000
Surveying private land claims, awarded by the Supreme Court of the United States, heretofore suspended by Indian hostilities, together with other confirmed claims, arising in the progress of public surveys on the 2d parallel—supposed amount, -	4,000
Salary Surveyor General \$2,000, three clerks \$3,000, -	5,000
Extra clerk-hire for copying field-notes for General Land Office, (without the former appropriations unexpended,) -	2,000
Total amount of estimate,	<u>\$27,000</u>

On the subject of former appropriations for copying field-notes, I have to remark (as previously advised) that the situation of the country precluded the employment of clerks for that service. They could not be found to undertake that duty at what I considered a reasonable compensation, therefore none other than a small amount of former appropriations have been disbursed on that account, and which you will find in my salary account for the 1st quarter of 1836, (or the one preceding, as I write from memory.) Shortly before I left Tallahassee, I had occasion to call your attention to this subject, requesting information of the amount paid for transcribing field-notes by the Surveyor Generals of Mississippi and Louisiana, and that my corresponding clerk would, in conformity with that information, endeavor to procure clerks in my absence under forms of contracts left with him. If this information has not been furnished, I will thank you to advise me thereof, addressed to Tallahassee, whither I contemplate setting out in a few days, with my health (as I believe) re-established.

I regret to say that recent advice informs that my clerks have been very sick since my departure in July, and much sickness prevalent in that country.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT BUTLER.

E. A. BROWN, Esq.,

Commissioner General Land Office.

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*Compilation from the accompanying estimates of the Surveyors General
for surveying the public lands for the year 1837.*

By the Surveyor General at Cincinnati—		
For surveying in Michigan peninsula, in addition to the appropriation for 1836,	\$51,000	
For surveying in northern peninsula,	20,000	
For surveying in Wisconsin Territory, in addition to the unexpended balance of appropriation for 1836,	32,250	
For surveying unfinished portions of townships, islands, lakes, &c. at an average expense of \$5 per mile,	3,040	
	<hr/>	\$106,290
By the Surveyor General for Arkansas—		
For surveying the public lands,		25,000
By the Surveyor General for Florida—		
For surveying the public lands in the event of the removal of the Seminole Indians,	10,000	
For surveying islands and small detached portions of the public lands, at a price not exceeding \$5 per mile,	6,000	
For surveying private land claims, as confirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States,	4,000	
	<hr/>	20,000
By the Surveyor General for Alabama—		
For surveying the Cherokee lands in Alabama, if intended to be surveyed in 1837,	20,000	
For surveying unfinished portions of townships, islands, &c. at a price not exceeding \$8 per mile,	1,000	
	<hr/>	21,000
By the Surveyor General for Louisiana—		
For surveying the public lands and private claims,	20,000	
For surveying unfinished portions of the islands, &c. at a price not exceeding \$8 per mile,	20,000	
For expenses attending the survey of the private claims; in procuring copies of plats, diagrams, &c. from the registers,	2,000	
	<hr/>	42,000

G.

STATEMENT showing the amount of forfeited land stock issued and surrendered at the United States land offices to the 30th September, 1836; also, the amount of military land scrip surrendered to the same period.

Land offices.	State or Territory.	FORFEITED LAND STOCK.		MILITARY LAND SCRIP.
		Total amount issued at the land offices to the 30th of September, 1836.	Total amount surrendered at the land offices to the 30th of September, 1836.	Total amount surrendered at the land offices to the 30th of September, 1836.
Marietta - - -	Ohio - - -	\$5,370 93	\$5,501 35	\$874 25
Zanesville - - -	Do - - -	23,891 72	43,741 73	262,520 44
Steubenville - - -	Do - - -	48,474 07	29,872 57	1,824 93
Chillicothe - - -	Do - - -	51,792 96	27,763 69	85,818 52
Cincinnati - - -	Do - - -	141,984 71	132,420 38	11,654 93
Wooster - - -	Do - - -	13,123 00	15,303 44	1,700 00
Lima - - -	Do - - -	-	11,185 40	83,837 07
Bucyrus - - -	Do - - -	-	22,805 61	91,298 21
Total - - -	- - -	\$284,637 39	\$288,594 17	\$539,528 35
Jeffersonville - - -	Indiana - - -	\$28,789 09	\$35,094 58	57,352 73
Vincennes - - -	Do - - -	40,756 49	27,605 56	3,825 00
Indianapolis - - -	Do - - -	-	3,552 67	393,935 89
Crawfordsville - - -	Do - - -	-	4,604 60	105,825 97
Port Wayne - - -	Do - - -	-	226 21	18,940 21
Laporte - - -	Do - - -	-	200 00	12,096 03
Total - - -	- - -	\$69,545 58	\$71,283 62	\$591,975 83

Shawnetown	Illinois			
Kaskaskia	Do	\$25,308 88	\$19,140 07	\$1,888 81
Edwardsville	Do	11,734 81	5,795 10	1,038 75
Vandalia	Do	10,274 64	11,758 35	44,812 80
Palestine	Do	-	2,602 99	23,661 98
Springfield	Do	-	642 05	2,800 00
Danville	Do	-	3,349 01	65,834 47
Quincy	Do	-	-	80,213 36
Galena	Do	-	-	2,838 44
Chicago	Do	-	95 26	900 00
Total		\$47,318 33	\$43,382 83	\$224,085 63
St. Louis	Missouri	\$6,297 41	\$7,550 80	\$390 62
Fayette	Do	12,305 70	11,438 66	125 00
Palmyra	Do	-	2,628 24	7,066 08
Jackson	Do	-	-	510 94
Lexington	Do	-	147 27	600 00
Total		\$18,603 11	\$21,764 97	\$8,692 64
St. Stephen's	Alabama	\$51,957 48	\$35,919 47	
Cahaba	Do	38,374 36	50,411 34	
Huntsville	Do	63,004 47	51,589 22	\$100 00
Tuscaloosa	Do	-	10,701 29	
Sparta	Do	-	1,654 63	
Demopolis	Do	-	2,959 67	
Mardisville	Do	-	424 60	
Total		\$153,336 31	\$153,660 22	\$100 00
Washington	Mississippi	\$61,232 41	\$34,545 13	
Augusta	Do	-	-	3,700 00
Mount Salus and Jackson	Do	473 36	24,524 00	1,903 33
Columbus	Do	78 92	227 13	14,700 00
Chocchuma	Do	-	-	
Total		\$61,784 69	\$59,296 26	\$20,303 33

STATEMENT G—Continued.

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Land offices.	State or Territory.	FORFEITED LAND STOCK.		MILITARY LAND SCRIP.
		Total amount issued at the land offices to the 30th of September, 1836.	Total amount surrendered at the land offices to the 30th of September, 1836.	Total amount surrendered at the land offices to the 30th of September, 1836.
Opelousas	Louisiana	\$3,291 28	\$3,275 82	
Ouachita	Do	-	174 00	
Total		\$3,291 28	\$3,449 82	
Detroit	Michigan	\$1,101 59	\$10,713 72	\$53,220 59
Kalamazoo	Do	-	16 00	7,900 00
Monroe	Do	-	-	17,382 32
Ionia				
Genesee				
Total		\$1,101 59	\$10,729 72	\$78,503 91
Helena	Arkansas	-	-	\$300 00
Green Bay	Wisconsin	-	-	\$1,637 50
Mineral Point	Do	-	-	17,127 53
Milwaukee	Do	-	-	300 00
Total		-	-	\$19,065 03

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Tallahassee

Florida

\$11,200 00

Grand total of stock issued at the land offices

\$639,618 28

→ Add—amount of stock issued at the Treasury under the fourth section of the act of the 23d of May, 1828, for moneys forfeited [on lands sold at New York in 1787] by Edgar and Macomb

29,782 75

Aggregate

\$669,401 03

\$663,361 61

\$1,482,554 72

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, December 1, 1836.

JOHN M. MOORE, Acting Commissioner.

H.

EXHIBIT of the periods to which the monthly accounts of the Registers and Receivers of the Public Land Offices have been rendered, showing the balance of cash in the Receivers' hands at the date of their last monthly accounts current, and the periods to which the Receivers' quarterly accounts have been rendered.

Land Offices.	State or Territory.	Monthly returns.		Admitted balance of cash in hands of Receivers, per last monthly account current.	Period to which the Receivers' quarterly accounts have been rendered.
		Period to which rendered by Register.	Period to which rendered by Receiver.		
Marietta	Ohio	October 31, 1836	October 31, 1836	\$1,337 48	September 30, 1836.
Zanesville	Do	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	14,958 41	Do 30, do.
Steubenville	Do	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	240 56	Do 30, do.
Chillicothe	Do	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	16,683 78	Do 30, do.
Cincinnati	Do	September 30, do	September 30, do	36,227 16	Do 30, do.
Wooster	Do	October 31, do	October 31, do	2,285 09	Do 30, do.
Lima	Do	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	-	Do 30, do.
Bucyrus	Do	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	367 55	Do 30, do.
Jeffersonville	Indiana	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	-	Do 30, do.
Vincennes	Do	September 30, do	Do 31, do	36,659 57	Do 30, do.
Indianapolis	Do	Do 30, do	Do 31, do	7,287 75	Do 30, do.
Crawfordsville	Do	Do 30, do	September 30, do	8,957 07	Do 30, do.
Fort Wayne	Do	October 31, do	October 31, do	255,487 07	Do 30, do.
Laporte	Do	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	35,065 84	Do 30, do.
Shawneetown	Illinois	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	987 64	Do 30, do.
Kaskaskia	Do	September 30, do	September 30, do	8,728 03	Do 30, do.
Edwardsville	Do	October 31, do	October 31, do	6,430 62	Do 30, do.
Vandalia	Do	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	16,215 08	Do 30, do.
Palestine	Do	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	8,790 65	Do 30, do.
Springfield	Do	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	7,193 84	Do 30, do.
Danville	Do	September 30, do	September 30, do	53,877 10	Do 30, do.
Quincy	Do	Do 30, do	Do 30, do	4,036 49	Do 30, do.
Galena	Do	April 30, do	July 31, do	110,926 34	March 31, do.
Chicago	Do	October 31, do	October 31, do	22,221 65	September 30, do.
St. Louis	Missouri	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	-	Do 30, do.
Payette	Do	September 30, do	Do 31, do	51,896 35	Do 30, do.
Palmyra	Do	Do 30, do	August 31, do	22,958 90	March 31, do.

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Jackson	Do	30, do	September 30, do	9,611 30	September 30, do.
Lexington	Do	30, do	Do 30, do	61,693 24	Do 30, do.
Springfield	Do	August 31, do	Do 31, do	5,042 02	Do 30, do.
St. Stephen's	Alabama	February 29, do	August 31, 1835	30,483 69	Do 30, 1835.
Cahaba	Do	August 31, do	August 31, 1836	62,910 73	June 30, 1836.
Huntville	Do	October 31, do	October 31, do	22,647 39	September 30, do.
Tuscaloosa	Do	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	-	Do 30, do.
Sparta	Do	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	62,314 41	Do 30, do.
Demopolis	Do	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	29,290 73	Do 40, do.
Montgomery	Do	August 31, do	Do 31, do	-	Do 30, do.
Mardisville	Do	October 31, do	Do 31, do	13,645 06	Do 30, do.
Washington	Mississippi	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	7 77	Do 30, do.
Augusta	Do	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	9,926 72	Do 30, do.
Jackson	Do	September 30, do	September 30, do	-	Do 30, do.
Chocchuma	Do	Do 30, do	Do 30, do	21,187 95	June 30, do.
Columbus	Do	August 31, do	August 31, do	116,545 71	August 31, do.
New Orleans	Louisiana	May 31, do	June 30, do	277,231 66	June 30, do.
Opelousas	Do	October 31, do	October 31, do	1,462 69	September 30, do.
Ouachita	Do	Do 31, do	September 30, do	9,072 01	Do 30, do.
St. Helena	Do	September 30, do	Do 30, do	6,542 26	Do 30, do.
Detroit	Michigan	October 31, do	October 31, do	215 00	Do 30, do.
Kalamazoo	Do	July 31, do	July 31, do	2,055 26	Do 30, do.
Monroe	Do	June 30, do	Do 31, do	13,460 96	Do 30, do.
Genesee	Do	September 30, do	September 30, do	2,185 72	Do 30, do.
Ionia	Do	October 31, do	October 31, do	878 45	Do 30, do.
Mineral Point	Wisconsin	Do 31, do	September 30, do	37,496 18	Do 30, do.
Green Bay	Do	Do 31, do	October 31, do	62,352 44	Do 30, do.
Milwaukee	Do	September 30, do	September 30, do	40,671 06	Do 30, do.
Batesville	Arkansas	October 31, do	October 31, do	42,270 80	Do 30, do.
Little Rock	Do	Do 31, do	Do 31, do	7,448 84	Do 30, do.
Washington	Do	February 29, do	September 30, do	30,308 49	Do 30, do.
Fayetteville	Do	August 31, do	August 31, do	50,094 99	Do 30, do.
Helena	Do	July 31, do	September 30, 1835	11,607 72	Do 30, do.
Tallahassee	Florida	October 31, do	October 31, 1836	14,951 70	Do 30, do.
St. Augustine	Do	No sales.			

* Received at the Treasury for March.

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JOHN M. MOORE, Acting Commissioner.