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ESTIMATES—FLORIDA WAR.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

Estimates of appropriations for the continuance of the Florida war.

JANUARY 21, 1841.

Laid before the House by the chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *December 17, 1840.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, estimates from the Paymaster General, the Quartermaster General, the Commissary General of Subsistence, the Surgeon General, and the officer in charge of the Ordnance Department, of the amounts required to continue effective military operations against the hostile Indians in Florida. The Paymaster General's estimate embraces a sum for arrearages of pay due to the force of Florida militia, which it became necessary to call out and to receive into the service during the summer and fall, in consequence of renewed activity on the part of the enemy, and of the insufficiency of the limited number of regular troops to protect the citizens from the ravages and barbarities of those treacherous and blood-thirsty Indians. This pay is now due, and, as the troops stand much in need of it, justice to them requires that it should be paid to them at the earliest possible day.

This is the season for active operations in Florida, and, as the amounts heretofore appropriated for the prosecution of the war have all been expended, except some small sums under a few of the subordinate heads of appropriation, the department is now without the means of carrying them on. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that further appropriations be made, with as little delay as practicable; and I beg leave to request the co-operation of the Committee of Ways and Means to procure them at as early a period as possible.

Very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

J. R. POINSETT.

HON. J. W. JONES,

Chairman Committee Ways and Means, H. R.

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
November 13, 1840.

SIR: In addition to the regular annual estimates of the Pay Department, I have the honor to lay before you one for the pay of militia ordered into service by the Governors of Georgia and Florida, within the year 1840; the President having subsequently sanctioned this service, places their claims on a footing with those of the militia regularly called into the service of the United States. Also, an estimate for militia, founded on the supposition that the services of two thousand will be required during the year 1841; of whom, fifteen hundred will be mounted.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

N. TOWSON,
Paymaster General.

To the Hon. J. R. POINSETT,
Secretary of War.

Estimate of the amount required for arrearages of pay for the militia called into service by the Governor of Florida in 1840.

No.		Amount.
1	Brigadier general -	\$1,303 20
3	Servants -	280 80
1	Colonel -	861 60
2	Servants -	187 20
1	Lieutenant colonel -	687 00
2	Servants -	187 20
1	Major -	590 40
2	Servants -	187 20
1	Adjutant -	592 20
1	Servant -	93 60
14	Captains -	9,643 20
14	Servants -	1,310 40
14	First lieutenants -	7,963 20
14	Servants -	1,310 40
14	Second lieutenants -	7,543 20
14	Servants -	1,310 40
1	Sergeant major -	239 65
1	Quartermaster sergeant -	239 65
14	First sergeants -	3,249 61
42	Sergeants -	8,992 83
56	Corporals -	10,591 28
28	Musicians -	5,137 72
897	Privates -	158,742 08
		<hr/> 221,244 02

Estimate of the amount required to pay a battalion of Georgia volunteers, called into the service of the United States, for three months in 1840.

No.		Amount.
1	Major - - - - -	\$295 60
2	Servants - - - - -	93 80
1	Surgeon - - - - -	295 60
2	Servants - - - - -	93 80
1	Adjutant - - - - -	296 80
1	Servant - - - - -	46 90
4	Captains - - - - -	1,380 80
4	Servants - - - - -	187 60
4	First lieutenants - - - - -	1,140 80
4	Servants - - - - -	187 60
4	Second lieutenants - - - - -	1,080 80
4	Servants - - - - -	187 60
4	First sergeants - - - - -	375 52
12	Sergeants - - - - -	1,018 56
16	Corporals - - - - -	1,149 34
8	Musicians - - - - -	552 56
320	Privates - - - - -	21,062 50
		<hr/> 29,446 08

RECAPITULATION.

For arrearages to militia called into service by the Governor of Florida	\$221,244 02
For pay of a battalion of Georgia volunteers for 3 months' service in 1840	29,446 08
	<hr/> 250,690 10

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
November 13, 1840.

N. TOWSON,
Paymaster General.

Estimate of the amount required to pay 1,500 mounted, and 500 foot volunteers, for the year 1841.

No.	Two regiments of mounted volunteers.	Amount.
2	Colonels - - - - -	\$3,444 00
4	Servants - - - - -	748 00
2	Lieutenant colonels - - - - -	2,746 00
4	Servants - - - - -	748 00
2	Majors - - - - -	2,360 00
4	Servants - - - - -	748 00
2	Adjutants - - - - -	1,782 00
2	Servants - - - - -	374 00
2	Quartermasters - - - - -	2,022 00
2	Servants - - - - -	374 00
2	Surgeons - - - - -	2,360 00
4	Servants - - - - -	748 00
2	Assistant surgeons - - - - -	1,688 00
2	Servants - - - - -	374 00
2	Sergeants major - - - - -	482 86
2	Quartermasters' sergeants - - - - -	482 86
4	Chief musicians - - - - -	969 32
20	Captains - - - - -	25,420 00
20	First lieutenants - - - - -	20,620 00
20	Second lieutenants - - - - -	19,420 00
20	First sergeants - - - - -	4,526 60
60	Sergeants - - - - -	11,375 40
80	Corporals - - - - -	11,229 60
40	Musicians - - - - -	5,163 60
1218	Privates - - - - -	141,336 72
	Forty cents per day for use and risk of horses - - - - -	227,468 00
		489,010 96

ESTIMATE—Continued.

No.	One battalion of foot volunteers.	Amount.
1	Major	\$1,180 00
2	Servants	374 00
1	Adjutant	891 00
1	Servant	187 00
1	Quartermaster	1,011 00
1	Servant	187 00
1	Surgeon	1,180 00
2	Servants	374 00
1	Sergeant major	241 43
1	Quartermaster sergeant	241 43
5	Captains	5,395 00
5	First lieutenants	4,195 00
5	Second lieutenants	3,895 00
5	First sergeants	1,131 65
15	Sergeants	2,843 85
20	Corporals	2,807 40
10	Musicians	1,290 90
429	Privates	49,781 16
		<hr/> 77,206 82

RECAPITULATION.

For pay of two regiments of mounted volunteers	-	-	\$489,010 96
For pay of one battalion of foot volunteers	-	-	77,206 82
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Total	-	-	566,217 78

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
November 10, 1840.

N. TOWSON,
Paymaster General.

NOTE.—Subsistence and forage of the rank and file are not included in the above estimate, as it is presumed these allowances will be estimated for by the proper departments.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington City, November 14, 1840.

SIR: I have the honor to submit an estimate of the amount which will probably be required for the service of this department in prosecuting the war in Florida. Taking the expenditures of the year ending the 30th of September as the standard, about eleven hundred thousand dollars will be required for the year 1841; and at least two hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the small balance remaining in the Treasury and in the hands of disbursing officers, will be required to carry the department through the year, and for the payment of arrearages from 1835 to 1840, inclusive.

It will be remembered that, on the 2d of July last, I presented an estimate for six hundred thousand dollars on account of the Florida service, which amount I considered necessary, in addition to the balance then remaining of previous appropriations. That estimate I was required to modify and reduce to three hundred thousand dollars. On presenting the modified estimate on the 8th of July, I expressed the opinion that it would probably meet all demands against the department to the 1st of December. I now find that the whole appropriation will be exhausted before that time; and I respectfully ask that measures be adopted to obtain a partial appropriation of from three to four hundred thousand dollars, as early in the session as possible; and

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

TH. S. JESUP,

Quartermaster General.

Hon. J. R. POINSETT, Secretary of War.

Estimate of funds required for preventing and suppressing Indian hostilities in Florida in the year 1841.

For preventing and suppressing Indian hostilities in Florida, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, viz: For forage for the horses of the mounted volunteers and militia, and for the horses, mules, and oxen in the service of the trains; for freight or transportation of military supplies of every description, from the places of purchase to Florida; for the purchase of wagons, harness, boats, and lighters, and other vessels; of horses, mules, and oxen, to keep up the trains; tools, leather, and other materials for repairs; transportation within Florida, including the hire of steamboats and other vessels for service in the rivers and on the coasts, and the expenses of maintaining the several steamboats and transport schooners connected with the operations of the army; hire of mechanics, laborers, mule drivers, teamsters, and other assistants, including their subsistence; for miscellaneous and contingent charges; and for arrearages from eighteen hundred and thirty-five to eighteen hundred and forty, inclusive

- - - - - \$1,300,000 00

TH. S. JESUP,

Quartermaster General.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington City, November 14, 1840.

OFFICE OF COMMISSARY GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE,
Washington, December 10, 1840.

SIR: I have the honor to accompany this with an estimate, in duplicate, of the probable amount that will be required to subsist the militia and volunteers serving in Florida for 1841; also, for subsisting the suffering inhabitants of that Territory for the same period.

Very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

GEO. GIBSON, C. G. S.

HON. J. R. POINSETT,
Secretary of War.

Estimate of the probable amount that will be required to subsist the militia and volunteers serving in Florida for 1841; also for subsisting the suffering inhabitants of that Territory for the same period.

Militia and volunteers in Florida	-	-	-	\$171,093 75
Suffering inhabitants of Florida	-	-	-	51,328 12½
Total amount required	-	-	-	<u>222,421 87½</u>

Data upon which the above estimate is predicated.

Militia and volunteers	-	-	-	2,500
Suffering inhabitants	-	-	-	750
Total number	-	-	-	<u>3,250</u>

3,250 for 365 days, at 18½ cents, will be \$222,421 87½.

GEO. GIBSON, C. G. S.

OFFICE OF COMMISSARY GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE,
Washington, December 10, 1840.

Estimate of funds required for the purchase of medicines, instruments, dressings, hospital stores, bedding, &c., for two thousand volunteers now in the service of the United States, and for the hire of private physicians on extraordinary occasions, to attend the same, for the year 1841.

For medicines, instruments, and dressings	-	-	-	\$3,000
For hospital stores, bedding, furniture, &c.	-	-	-	3,000
For private physicians	-	-	-	10,000
Total	-	-	-	<u>16,000</u>

TH. LAWSON,
Surgeon General.

SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE, December 10, 1840.

ORDNANCE OFFICE,
Washington, December 10, 1840.

SIR: Herewith, I have the honor to submit a special estimate of funds required for the service of the Ordnance Department, during the year 1841, for the prosecution of the Florida war.

Very respectfully, I am, sir, your obedient servant,

G. TALCOTT,
Lieutenant Colonel Ordnance.

Hon. J. R. POINSETT,
Secretary of War.

Special estimate of funds required for the service of the Ordnance Department during the year 1841, for continuing the Florida war.

For providing materials in part, including cartridge paper and lead for ammunition, and for the fabrication of water-proof cartridges	\$20,000
For additional supplies of accoutrements for infantry and cavalry	10,000
Total	30,000

G. TALCOTT,
Lieutenant Colonel Ordnance.

ORDNANCE OFFICE, Washington, December 10, 1840.