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LETTER  
OF THE  
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMUNICATING,

*In obedience to law, an inventory of the property belonging to the United States in the Department of the Interior, December 1, 1870.*

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DECEMBER 5, 1870.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, D. C., December 1, 1870.

SIR: In accordance with the requirements of the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for inventories and accounts of the property of the United States in the public buildings and grounds belonging to the United States in the District of Columbia," approved July 15, 1870, I have the honor to submit herewith "a full and complete inventory of all the property belonging to the United States in the buildings, rooms, offices, and grounds occupied by" this Department, and under its charge.

The inventory consists of "A," a table showing the number of the various articles of property in each of the bureaus of this Department, and "B," a list of the same articles, aggregated. It does not include the items of fuel, stationery, books, &c., nor any of the property at the Government Hospital for the Insane.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
C. DELANO,  
*Secretary.*

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,  
*Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate.*

A.—Inventory of property belonging to the United States, under the control of the Secretary of the Interior, December 1, 1870, called for by the act of Congress approved July 15, 1870

Articles of property.	OFFICES.							Totals.
	Secretary's.	Patent.	General Land.	Pension.	Indian.	Census.	Education.	
Desks	31	160	166	181	47	48	7	640
Tables	15	191	31	102	3	141	5	488
Chairs	94	329	175	329	67	326	14	1,334
Stools	1	604	9			104		718
Cases	11	34	162	99	5		12	323
Bookcases	10	9		8	6	10	4	47
Book racks	12	13	2	2	5			34
Paper racks	1	6						7
Book rests	1							31
Desk trays	9	2		30				11
Desk covers	3	4						7
Pigeon hole sets		2						2
Chests drawers		6	3		3	4		16
Map racks		2	1					3
Benches	1	3				5		9
Sofas	6		1	1				8
Lounges		4	5		2	1		12
Wardrobes	4				1		1	6
Mirrors	9	36	10	4	5	4		68
Clocks	8	26	3	3	2	11		53
Paintings	2		3	7	8			20
Engravings	18				4			22
Photographs	5				1			6
Stoves	2	24	1			5	4	36
Wood bins	1	6						7
Coal hods	1	1	7				3	12
Shovels and tongs	4	2	3			5	1	15
Fenders			3			1		4
Fire screens	4	2	6	3	2	5	1	23
Waste baskets	24	84	22	101	28	12		271
Brooms	4	1	2					7
Hat racks	1	6	7	4		4		22
Towel racks	3	8		3				14
Umbrella stands	3	11	2	4	3	2		25
Washstands		10	12	2		8		32
Wash bowls		12	11	2		5	1	31
Wash pitchers		12	10	2		5	1	30
Soap dishes	10		1		9	16		36
Tumblers	14	4			5			23
Dippers	2					2		4
Water coolers	4	31	3		2	3	1	44
Water pitchers	6	5		2	3	3		19
Water buckets	7	53	5	3	2	13	2	85
Carpets	14	28	32	47	9		3	133
Oilcloths	13	4	3					20
Mats	4	69	18	5			1	97
Curtains	4	4						8
Shades	9		5			1		15
Awnings	9	2		64				75
Step ladders	7	30	12	7	5	5	1	67
Drop lights	5	9	2	4	1		1	22
Lamps			2					2
Iron safes	3	3	1		1			8
Letter presses	2	2	3	1	1	2	1	12
Sealing presses	1		2					3
Hand stamps	2	9						11
Scales, pairs	2						1	3
Thermometers	8						2	20
Brushes	9	4	6					19
Spittoons	26	300	39	150	35	2		533
Mail boxes		1						1
Mail bags		1						1

B.—*Inventory of property belonging to the United States under the control of the Secretary of the Interior, December 1, 1870, called for by the act of Congress approved July 15, 1870.*

640 desks.  
 488 tables.  
 1,344 chairs.  
 718 stools.  
 323 cases.  
 47 bookcases.  
 34 book racks.  
 7 paper racks.  
 31 book rests.  
 11 desk trays.  
 7 desk covers.  
 2 pigeon hole sets.  
 16 chests drawers.  
 3 map racks.  
 9 benches.  
 8 sofas.  
 12 lounges.  
 6 wardrobes.  
 68 mirrors.  
 53 clocks.  
 20 paintings.  
 22 engravings.  
 6 photographs.  
 36 stoves.  
 7 wood bins.  
 12 coal hods.  
 15 shovels and tongs.  
 4 fenders.  
 23 fire screens.  
 271 waste baskets.  
 17 brooms.

22 hat racks.  
 14 towel racks.  
 25 umbrella stands.  
 32 washstands.  
 31 wash bowls.  
 30 wash pitchers.  
 36 soap dishes.  
 23 tumblers.  
 4 dippers.  
 44 water coolers.  
 19 water pitchers.  
 85 water buckets.  
 133 carpets.  
 20 oil cloths.  
 97 mats.  
 8 curtains.  
 15 shades.  
 75 awnings.  
 67 step ladders.  
 22 drop lights.  
 2 lamps.  
 8 iron safes.  
 12 letter presses.  
 3 sealing presses.  
 11 hand stamps.  
 3 scales, pairs.  
 20 thermometers.  
 13 brushes.  
 552 spittoons.  
 1 mail box.  
 1 mail bag.

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