Message of the President of the United States, communicating, in compliance with the resolution of the Senate of December 19, 1870, the cost of transportation of mails and freights, and the expense of guarding the overland route from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, from the annexation of California to July 1, 1864.

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PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
COMMUNICATING,
In compliance with the resolution of the Senate of December 19, 1870, the cost of transportation of mails and freights, and the expense of guarding the overland route from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, from the annexation of California to July 1, 1864.

February 17, 1871.—Referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate of the United States:
In answer to your resolution of the 19th of December last, requesting the President "to furnish the Senate with the entire cost of transportation of mails and freights, of every description, to the Pacific coast; also, to all intermediate points west of the Missouri River, from the annexation of California to July 1, 1864; and also the expenses of the War Department and Indian Bureau, during the same period, in guarding the overland route from the Missouri River to California against Indians and Mormons, and the cost of the Indian service on the same line, including, in all cases, freights and all other expenditures," I transmit herewith reports received from the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of War, and the Postmaster General.

U. S. GRANT.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
February 17, 1871.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 17, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith the resolution of the Senate of the 19th ultimo, referred by you to this Department, requesting the President to furnish the Senate with the entire cost of transportation of mails and freights of every description to the Pacific coast; also, to all intermediate points west of the Missouri River, from the annexation of California to July 1, 1864; and also the expenses of the War Department and Indian Bureau during the same period, in guarding the overland route from the Missouri to California against Indians and Mormons, and the cost of the Indian service on the same route, including in all cases freights and other expenditures.
I transmit herewith a copy of a report, dated the 12th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to whom said resolution was re-
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ferrerl, which contains all the information therein called for, which the
records of this Department can furnish.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

The President.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 12, 111.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by reference from your Depart-
ment, of Senate resolution of the 19th ultimo, requesting to be furnished with the
entire cost of transportation of mails and freights of every description to the Pacific
coast, also to all intermediate points west of the Missouri River, from the annexation
of California to July 1, 1864, and also the expenses of the War Department and Indian
Bureau during the same period, in guarding the overland route from the Missouri
River to California against Indians and Mormons, and the cost of the Indian service
on the same line, including in all cases freights and all other expenditures.

In reply, I have to state that, as near as can be ascertained from the records of this
office, the cost of the Indian service, including freights and other expenditures, from
the Missouri River to California, embracing the following States and Territories, viz:
Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, California, Utah, and Colorado, from the annexation of
California to July 1, 1864, is as follows:

Transportation ___________________________ $162,109 91
On account of Indian service ___________________________ 8,761,757 91
Total ___________________________ 8,923,867 82

The resolution referred to is herewith returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
February 15, 1871.

The Secretary of War has the honor to report to the President, with
reference to the resolution of the Senate of the United States, of De-
cember 19, 1870, that the entire cost to the military service of guard-
ing the overland route from the Missouri river to the Pacific Ocean,
between the date of the annexation of California and July 1, 1864, so far
as can be ascertained, within a reasonable time, and without an unreas-
onable expenditure of labor, was about one hundred millions of dollars.
It is proper to state that, all things considered, the sum named is below
rather than above the true cost of the service.

WM. W. BELKNAP,
Secretary of War.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., January 16, 1870.

SIR: The cost of the transportation of the mails to the Pacific coast
and to intermediate points west of the Missouri River, from the annes-
tion of California (1848) to July 1, 1864, required by the resolution of
the Senate adopted December 19, 1870, is ascertained to have been not
less than $14,583,988 68, as shown by the inclosed statement.

As there is no continuous record in the Department of expendi-
tures for this service, the items making this aggregate had to be obtained.
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(except the sum of $5,551,674 24 furnished by the Navy Department, paid under contracts made with that Department, in pursuance of law,) by a laborious examination of the books and records for sixteen years past, aided by the memory of persons long in the public service; it is possible, therefore, that some expenditures of small amount may have escaped notice, but the total amount is believed to be substantially correct.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN A. J. CRESWELL,

Postmaster General.

The PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Cost of transportation of the mails to the Pacific coast, from 1848 to 1864.

Contract with the Navy Department under the act of Congress of March 3, 1847, service from 1848 to 1859.

New York, Havana, and Chagres ........................................ $2,579,637 24
Astoria, San Francisco, and Panama ................................ $2,972,037 00

Steamships on both oceans, extra half trip, October, 1859, after expiration Navy contract ...................................................... 13,676 71
Paid New Granadian government, transportation over the Isthmus, March 13, 1850, to December 1, 1851 .............................................. 70,585 31
Paid Panama Railroad Company, transportation between Aspinwall and Panama, December 1, 1851, to March 31, 1857, 22 cents per pound ................................................. 635,494 17
Paid Panama Railroad Company, transportation between Aspinwall and Panama, April 1, 1857, to June 30, 1860, at $100,000 per year .................................................. 325,000 00

Service of C. Vanderbilt:
Transportation between New York and San Francisco, October 1, 1859, to June 30, 1860, at $250,000 per annum .................................................. $187,500 00
Transportation between New York and San Francisco, July 1 to December 31, 1860, under act of Congress of February 14, 1861 ............................................ 175,000 00
Transportation between New York and San Francisco, January 1 to March 4, 1861, under act of Congress ................................................. 61,249 99
Transportation between New York and San Francisco, March 3 to 1861, under contract ................................................................. 113,750 00
March 8, 1861, to June 30, 1864, being letter postages on Central American and South Pacific mails, New York and San Francisco to Panama ........................................... 58,725 00

Salaries and expenses of mail agents on the ships, January 5, 1850, to December 31, 1857 ....................................................... 596,224 99
Compensation of resident mail agents, at Aspinwall, February 14, 1859, to June 30, 1864 ......................................................... 19,856 92
Compensation of resident mail agents at Panama, January 1, 1853, to June 30, 1864 ................................................................. 3,500 00
Louisiana, Tehuantepec Company, transportation between New Orleans and San Francisco, October 27, 1858, to October 10, 1859, under contract ........................................... 9,431 61
Compensation of consul as mail agent, at Tehuantepec ................................................................. 228,483 53
Pacific Steamship Company, transportation between San Francisco and Olympia, October 1, 1857, to December 20, 1860, under contract, at $22,500 per year ........................................... 490 00
Route, Independence, Missouri, to Salt Lake, No. 5011:
W. M. F. Magraw, F. Little, E. Hawkes, and John Kerr, July 1, 1855, to February 27, 1857 ....................................................... 342,166 29
Hiram Kimball, February to June, 1857 .................................... 4,791 00
S. B. Miles, July to April 7, 1858 ........................................... 38,729 98
Hockaday & Smoot, May, 1858, to September 30, 1860 ................................................................. 328,051 36
Hockaday & Smoot, act of February 16, 1861 ................................ 40,000 00
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