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LETTER

FROM THE

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING,

In answer to a Senate resolution of July 24, 1876, a statement of the number of civil officers employed by the Interior Department from 1859 to 1875, inclusive.

AUGUST 3, 1876.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, August 2, 1876.

SIR: In reply to Senate resolution dated July 24, 1876, requesting a statement of "the aggregate number of civil officers in or connected with" the respective Departments of the Government ("not including laborers or mechanics employed by the day, or contractors) for each of the following years, namely, 1859, 1861, 1863, 1865, 1867, 1869, 1871, 1873, and 1875," I have the honor to submit herewith a tabular statement giving the information required of this Department.

In transmitting it to your honorable body, I deem it my duty to again express the opinion that the proposed reduction in the several bureaus and offices of this Department will cripple the service and impair its usefulness. The business of the Department is increasing steadily, and in several of its bureaus the present force is inadequate to the demands made upon it.

It will be noted from the inclosed statement (see "Recapitulation") that the employés of the Department in the year 1873 were three hundred and thirty-seven (337) less than in 1871, and in the year 1875 were two hundred and seventy-seven (277) less than in 1873. To reduce a force now insufficient will, in many instances, render it impossible to give that prompt attention to public business which the people most interested have a right to expect.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

CHAS. T. GORHAM,
Acting Secretary.

The PRESIDENT of the Senate *pro tempore.*

CIVIL OFFICERS IN THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

Statement showing the aggregate number of civil officers in or connected with the Department of the Interior (not including laborers or mechanics employed by the day, or contractors) for each of the following years, viz: 1859, 1861, 1863, 1865, 1867, 1869, 1871, 1873, and 1875. Period of the count in each year, September 30.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

Officers.	1859.	1861.	1863.	1865.	1867.	1869.	1871.	1873.	1875.
Secretary	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Assistant secretary			1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chief clerk	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Superintendent of public documents							1	1	1
Clerks at \$2,000	3	3	2	2	3	3	6	8	8
Clerks, class four	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
Clerks, class three	2	2	3	3	2	2	6	6	6
Clerks, class two	5	5	2	4	4	1	4	4	3
Clerks, class one			3			3	9	9	7
Copyists at \$900							6	8	9
Messengers	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	8	5
Laborers	3	3	3	3	3	3	10	6	5
Watchmen	5	12	13	13	13	5	27	29	27
Packers							2	2	2
Other officers	6	9	5	11	7	12			
Total	31	41	39	44	40	37	82	85	79

PATENT-OFFICE.

Commissioner	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Assistant commissioner							1	1	1
Chief clerk	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Examiners-in-chief		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Examiners	12	8	10	14	20	22	23	26	26
Financial clerk									1
Assistant examiners	12	7	8	12	20	20	22	24	23
Clerks, class four	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	5
Second assistant examiners	7	8	5	6	17	20	22	22	22
Clerks, class three	6	4	4	6	6	6	11	18	19
Third assistant examiners								8	5
Clerks, class two	8	5	2	6	8	50	47	26	18
Clerks, class one						44	45	30	2
Skilled draughtsmen						13	2	3	3
Skilled laborers						10	1	1	1
Clerks at \$1,000						6	44	45	33
Clerks at \$900						9	62	71	50
Clerks at \$720								12	
Copyists at \$700						53			
Model-attendants							14	13	12
Messenger	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Laborers						39	36	37	47
Watchmen	7	5	4	6	6	6			
Temporary employes				32	79			77	87
Other officers	7	11	3	3	3	3	2	1	1
Total	63	55	43	92	166	308	339	424	392

PENSION-OFFICE.

Commissioner	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Deputy commissioner								1	1
Medical referee								1	1
Chief clerk	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Clerks, class four	4	2	8	12	22	19	22	26	26
Clerks, class three	20	12	24	30	48	40	46	50	47
Clerks, class two	35	23	50	49	76	60	85	84	77
Clerks, class one	10	24	51	61	98	104	116	85	106
Engineer								1	1
Assistant engineer								1	1
Copyists				5	6	7	22	30	54
Messengers	4	3	4	5	10	9	14	36	47
Laborers	2	3	6	4	8	12	18	19	13
Watchmen		1	1	1	5	1			
Total	77	70	146	169	275	254	325	336	375
Pension-agents	49	51	35	45	59	58	59	58	58
Grand total	126	121	181	214	334	312	384	394	433

CIVIL OFFICERS IN THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

Statement showing the aggregate number of civil officers, &c.—Continued.

GENERAL LAND-OFFICE.

Officers.	1859.	1861.	1863.	1865.	1867.	1869.	1871.	1873.	1875.
Commissioner.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chief clerk.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Recorder.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Clerks at \$2,000.....	1	3	2	2	5	1	1	1	2
Clerks, class four.....	4	5	5	6	5	5	5	6	9
Clerks, class three.....	27	22	19	22	23	17	25	25	27
Clerks, class two.....	46	28	33	32	43	34	43	42	45
Clerks, class one.....	91	55	34	57	62	77	68	74	78
Copyists.....							11	14	22
Messengers.....	5	5	3	3	5	5	6	6	5
Laborers.....	9	7	7	9	10	13	9	9	9
Packers.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
Watchmen.....	7	8	6	8	8	8			
Total.....	194	137	113	142	160	164	173	182	202
Registers.....	79	79	75	73	66	73	82	90	97
Receivers.....	79	79	75	73	66	73	82	90	97
Surveyors-general.....	11	13	11	9	12	14	17	17	13
Clerks to surveyors-general.....	51	43	31	26	22	25	41	47	57
Draughtsmen.....	12	15	11	12	14	15	25	40	37
Messengers.....	7	5	1	8		6	8	5	10
Total.....	239	234	204	201	180	206	255	289	311
Grand total.....	433	371	317	343	340	370	428	471	513

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Commissioner.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chief clerk.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Clerks, class four.....	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	5
Clerks, class three.....	8	6	8	8	7	7	8	6	9
Clerks, class two.....	12	14	13	10	8	12	12	13	13
Clerks, class one.....		5	4	8	8	15	13	8	13
Copyists.....				2				4	6
Messengers.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	2
Laborers.....	1	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
Watchmen.....	2	2		2	2	2			
Total.....	30	37	34	39	34	45	43	44	53
Inspectors.....								5	3
Superintendents.....	7	7	9	10	10	3	8	6	3
Agents.....	65	57	70	64	71	22	76	67	78
Officers of the Army, detailed.....						55			
Clerks.....	10	5	14	11	15	23	31	38	44
Physicians.....	7	15	21	13	16	24	31	40	45
Engineers.....	4	7	5	3	5	9	16	16	14
Mechanics.....	79	115	95	92	82	127	164	163	124
Interpreters.....	37	39	57	46	43	72	61	61	67
Teachers.....	33	58	58	49	31	52	69	85	119
Laborers, &c.....	80	115	116	80	84	185	408	565	220
Total.....	322	418	445	368	357	572	864	1,046	717
Grand total.....	352	455	479	407	391	617	907	1,090	770

OFFICE OF EDUCATION.

Commissioner.....						1	1	1	1
Clerks.....						2	3	4	4
Copyists.....								2	4
Messengers.....							2	1	1
Total.....						3	6	8	10

Statement showing the aggregate number of civil officers, &c.—Continued.

CENSUS-OFFICE.

Officers.	1859.	1861.	1863.	1865.	1867.	1869.	1871.	1873.	1875.
Superintendent.....		1	1				1	1	.....
Chief clerk.....		1				1	1	1	1
Disbursing-clerk.....		1	1						.....
Clerks, class four.....		2	2				9		.....
Clerks, class three.....		9	7				16		.....
Clerks, class two.....		10	9	2			26		.....
Clerks, class one.....		118	14	5			345		.....
Temporary clerks and copyists.....		15					5		.....
Messengers.....		4	1				16	1	.....
Laborers.....		8					9		.....
Watchmen.....		4	3				8		.....
Total.....		173	38	7		1	436	3	1

OTHER OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NOT DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE-NAMED BUREAUS.

Miscellaneous.....	55	65	65	75					.....
Police force, District of Columbia.....		159	155	160	230	227	230		.....
Penitentiary, District of Columbia.....	21	23							.....
Total.....	76	247	220	235	230	227	230		.....

RECAPITULATION.

Secretary's Office.....	31	41	39	44	40	37	82	85	79
Patent-Office.....	63	55	43	92	166	308	339	424	392
Pension-Office.....	126	121	181	214	334	312	384	394	433
General Land-Office.....	433	371	317	343	340	370	428	471	513
Indian-Office.....	352	455	479	407	391	617	907	1,090	770
Education-Office.....						3	6	8	10
Census-Office.....		173	38	7		1	436	3	1
Miscellaneous officers.....	76	247	220	235	230	227	230		.....
Total, being the whole Department....	1,081	1,463	1,317	1,342	1,501	1,875	2,812	2,475	2,198
								337	277
								2,812	2,475