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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMUNICATING,

In answer to a resolution of the Senate of February 13, 1878, information in relation to the number of persons on the pension-rolls in Arkansas and other States, the payments made thereto, &c.

FEBRUARY 26, 1878.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., February 25, 1878.

SIR: In compliance with the resolution of February 13, 1878, directing the Secretary of the Interior "to report to the Senate, at the earliest possible day, the number of persons now on the United States pension-rolls in the States of Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, and the Indian Territory; also the number of payments reported daily to the Commissioner of Pensions made to such persons by the pension agent from the 4th day of September, 1877, to the 31st day of January, 1878, inclusive," I have the honor to transmit herewith tabular statements, prepared under the direction of the Commissioner of Pensions, containing the information desired.

A copy of the letter of the Commissioner transmitting the same to this department is also herewith inclosed.

Very respectfully,

C. SCHURZ,
Secretary.

Hon. WILLIAM A. WHEELER,
Vice-President of the United States, President of the Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, PENSION OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., February 23, 1878.

SIR: Upon receipt of your reference of the 13th instant of Senate resolution of February 13, 1878, calling upon the Secretary of the Interior for a report of the number of persons "now on the United States pension-rolls in the States of Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, and the Indian Territory," and of the number of "payments reported daily to the Commissioner of Pensions made to such persons by the pension-agent from the fourth day of September, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, to the thirty-first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, inclusive," a letter

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was addressed to the pension-agent at New Orleans, by whom such persons are paid, with the exception, probably, of a few scattering ones upon the rolls of other agencies, requiring him to furnish the information necessary to a compliance with said request. This information has been furnished, and is now submitted in the two tables herewith inclosed.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. A. BENTLEY,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. SCHURZ,
Secretary of the Interior.

Report showing the number of persons now on the United States pension-rolls in the States of Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, and the Indian Territory.

States and Territories.	Number of pensioners.
Alabama	701
Arkansas	964
Florida	173
Georgia	730
Louisiana	676
Mississippi	484
South Carolina	301
Texas	417
Indian Territory	41
Total number of persons	4,487

Report showing the number of payments made to persons now on the United States pension-rolls in the States of Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, and the Indian Territory, from September 4, 1877, to January 31, 1878, inclusive.

Day of month.	September, 1877.	November, 1877.	December, 1877.	January, 1878.	Day of month.	September, 1877.	November, 1877.	December, 1877.	January, 1878.
1.....			49		18.....	64		166	
2.....				1	19.....		45	133	
3.....			60		20.....	40	57	143	
4.....	121		114	108	21.....	6	65	170	109
5.....	78		136	82	22.....		62	151	103
6.....	27		179		23.....		155		47
7.....	37		138		24.....	5	74	143	35
8.....	95		76	161	25.....	2	16	74	33
9.....				149	26.....		103	138	30
10.....	130			122	27.....		94	175	
11.....	89			124	28.....		92	115	92
12.....	54				29.....		97	107	44
13.....	50				30.....		211		11
14.....				306	31.....			92	
15.....	110	63	41	71	Total number of pay- ments	949	1,188	2,522	1,628
16.....		3							
17.....	41	51	122						

NOTE.—Pension-Agent Isabelle was suspended September 25, and his successor qualified on the 15th of November, 1877, during which period no payments could be made.