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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING,

In obedience to law, a report embodying a statement of the property belonging to the United States in the buildings, rooms, offices, and grounds occupied by the Department of the Interior.

DECEMBER 15, 1879.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 12, 1879.

SIR: In accordance with the requirements of the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for inventories and accounts of 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 transmit herewith "a full and complete inventory of all 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 the same aggregated; B, a list of the articles of property purchased for the use of the department during the year ending the 30th ultimo; and, C, a list of such property as has been sold during the same period.

Very respectfully,

C. SCHURZ,
Secretary.

Hon. WM. A. WHEELER,
President United States Senate.

2 PUBLIC PROPERTY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

A.—Inventory of property belonging to the United States, in the buildings, rooms, offices, and grounds occupied by the Department of the Interior, taken on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1879, in accordance with the act of Congress approved July 15, 1870.

Articles of property.	Offices.								Total.
	Secretary's.	Patent.	Pension.	Land.	Indian.	Census.	Auditor of Rail-road Accounts.	Education.	
Awnings	33	75	116	55	9		4	33	355
Book-cases	18	44	13	28	16		1	5	125
Book-racks	16	28	17	27		4	1	2	95
Book-rests		38	48	20		2			108
Carpets	19	57	17	44	11		2	6	156
Carriages	2	1	1	1					5
Coal-hods	13	25		42	9			3	92
Chairs	150	525	533	333	92	52	14	42	1,741
Clocks	13	54	17	10	4	5	2	2	107
Desks	54	285	241	265	58	16	8	24	951
Desk-covers	6			22	2	30			60
Drop-lights	3	18	6	7	3	1	1	3	42
Engravings	2	11	3	4	3				27
File-cases	22	112	69	205	15	1	3	5	432
Fire-extinguishers	3		2						7
Flags (United States)	2								2
Hat-racks	1	28	2		3	4	1	1	40
Hose-carriages	1								1
Hand-stamps	7	36	21	14	7		1	4	90
Horses	2	1	1	1					6
Harness (sets)	3	1	1	1					10
Iron safes	4	3	1	2					68
Letter-presses	9	31	8	12	4	2	1	1	32
Lamps	7	5		14	6				15
Lounges	2	4	2	3	1		1	2	3
Lawn-mowers	3								11
Map-racks	1	2	3	2	1	1	1		13
Mail-bags	3	4	3	2	1				32
Mats	12	10		4		4			103
Matting	17	40	3	40			2	1	171
Mirrors	17	57	32	44	10	4	1		18
Paintings	6	3	1	8					6
Paper-racks	1		4	1					345
Pigeon-hole cases	15	189	42	77	17	4		1	45
Push-carts	1	1	1						1
Photographs	17	16	9	3					46
Printing-presses		4							4
Robes	3		2						13
Rugs	13		5	15	1	11	1		19
Sealing-presses	1	1		2					13
Settees	8	6	1	3	4				113
Sofas	5	1	3	4			2	4	50
Soap-dishes	15	38	6	30	10	8			412
Scales (pairs)	11	7	4	20	4	1	4		112
Shades (window)	29	78	200	76	9	16			62
Screens	9	30	33	37	1	1	1		729
Shovels and tongs	4	21		30	7				167
Spittoons	45	245	219	160	26	18	4	12	16
Step-ladders	12	80	16	46	4	2	1	6	336
Stoves	2	9	1	3					433
Stools		310	18	3	3		2		7
Tables	31	85	217	48	9	24	2	17	49
Towel-racks	10	15	10	3	11	4	1	16	60
Truck-wagons	1								15
Type-writing machines	1	2			2	1	1		56
Thermometers	8	20	6	7		5		3	60
Umbrella-stands	10	20	3	16	5	3			60
Ventilators	3	8		2	2				55
Wash-stands		12	17	26				1	55
Wash-basins	1	12	22	25					32
Wash-pitchers	1	10	15	24	5				22
Water-pitchers	14	7	5	6		2	2	2	85
Water-coolers	4	50	12	11		4		4	32
Water-cooler stands		25	10	4	5	4		4	22
Water-buckets	48	50	46	32	6	42		5	49
Wardrobes	6	17	8	4	1	1	1	2	

B.—*List of property purchased for use of the Department of the Interior during the year ending November 30, 1879.*

33 awnings.	2 robes.
6 book-cases.	14 rugs.
8 book-racks.	14 settees.
42 book-rests.	10 soap-dishes.
3,123 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards carpet.	2 scales (pairs).
1 carriage.	47 shades (window).
19 coal-hods.	7 screens.
288 chairs.	60 spittoons.
10 clocks.	28 step-ladders.
96 desks.	7 stools.
30 desk-covers.	34 tables.
2 drop-lights.	16 towel-racks.
1 file-case.	5 thermometers.
1 hat-rack.	2 type-writing machines.
4 hand-stamps.	1 umbrella-stand.
1 horse.	8 wash-stands.
2 harness (sets).	13 wash-basins.
5 letter-presses.	14 wash-pitchers.
11 lamps.	3 water-pitchers.
1 lounge.	14 water-coolers.
1 mail-bag.	4 water-stands.
26 mats.	99 water-buckets.
3,015 yards matting.	9 wardrobes.
13 mirrors.	267 Woodruff's files.
2 pigeon-hole cases.	

C.—*List of property sold by the Department of the Interior during the year ending November 30, 1879.*

6 cases (pine).	30 pigeon-hole cases.
15 carpets.	5,151 pounds scrap-iron.
3 lots carpet-lining.	1 iron railing.
3 coolers.	1 sofa.
4 curtains.	16 tables.
1 lot chairs.	1 umbrella-stand.
3 desks.	40,975 pounds waste-paper.
1 horse.	145 pounds zinc (scrap).
30 lots matting.	