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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 20, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith transmit a communication from the Postmaster General, submitting an estimate of the sum required for the compensation of certain officers and employees of the Postoffice Department, from July 1st to October 12th, 1863.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount for the purpose specified.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

COMMUNICATION FROM POSTMASTER GENERAL.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT, }
 Richmond, February 19, 1863. }

HON. C. G. MEMMINGER,

Secretary of Treasury:

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following estimate of the sums required for the compensation of the Postmaster General, Chiefs of Bureaux, clerks, messengers and laborers, from the 1st July to 12th October, 1863, inclusive, at the rates fixed by the act, approved 13th October, 1862, "to increase the pay of certain officers and employees in the Executive and Legislative Departments."

For compensation of Postmaster General, at \$6,000 per annum,	\$1,700 00
For compensation of three Chiefs of Bureaux, at \$3,000 per annum,	2,550 00
For compensation of one Chief Clerk, at \$1,750 per annum,	495 83
For compensation of one Topographer, at \$1,750 per annum,	495 83
For compensation of one Disbursing Clerk, at \$1,500 per annum,	425 00
For compensation of four Principal Clerks, at \$1,500 per annum,	1,700 00
For compensation of fifty-five Clerks, at \$1,500 per annum,	23,375 00
For compensation of one Watchman, at \$750 per annum,	212 50
For compensation of two Messengers, at \$750 per annum,	425 00
For compensation of one Messenger, at \$600 per annum,	170 00
For compensation of three Laborers, at \$2.25 per day,	732 00
	\$32,281 16

I also submit an estimate of the sums required for the compensation of the Postmaster General, Chiefs of Bureaux, clerks, messengers and laborers, at the former rates of compensation, from the 13th October, 1863, to the 30th June, 1864, inclusive:

For compensation of Postmaster General, at \$6,000 per annum,	\$4,316 66
For compensation of three Chiefs of Bureaux, at \$3,000 per annum,	6,475 00
For compensation of one Chief Clerk, at \$1,500 per annum,	1,079 16
For compensation of four Principal Clerks, at \$1,400 per annum,	4,028 64
For compensation of one Disbursing Clerk, at \$1,400 per annum,	1,007 16
For compensation of twenty-four Clerks, at \$1,200 per annum,	20,719 92
For compensation of thirty-one Clerks, at \$1,000 per annum,	22,301 71
For compensation of one Topographer, at \$1,500 per annum,	1,079 16
For compensation of one Watchman, at \$500 per annum,	359 72
For compensation of two Messengers, at \$500 per annum,	719 44
For compensation of one Messenger, at \$400 per annum,	287 75
For compensation of three Laborers, at \$1.50 per day,	1,174 50
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	<u>\$63,548 82</u>

Making in the aggregate, \$95,829 98
to be appropriated for the fiscal year, commencing 1st July, 1863,
and ending 30th June, 1864.

Also an appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars, (\$15,000) will be required for the contingent fund of this department.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster General.

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