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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 16, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith transmit, for your consideration, a communication from the Attorney General *ad interim*, submitting additional estimates for the expenditures of the Department of Justice.

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

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

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COMMUNICATION FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, }
Richmond, Dec. 15, 1863. }

To the PRESIDENT:

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following additional estimates for the expenditures of this Department for the period ending 30th June next:

1. For printing, ruling, and binding for the several Executive Departments, twenty-five thousand dollars, \$25,000
2. For printing, ruling, and binding, for both Houses of Congress, including the printing of the laws in the authorized form, ten thousand dollars, \$10,000
3. For the purchase of paper for the several Executive Departments and Congress, twenty thousand dollars, \$20,000

I enclose a copy of the letter from the Superintendent of Public Printing, giving a reason why the original estimates did not include the several amounts now asked.

Your obedient servant,

WADE KEYES,
Attorney General, ad interim.

LETTER FROM THE SUP'T PUBLIC PRINTING.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Bureau of Public Printing. }
Richmond, December 11, 1838. }

HON. WADE KEYES, *Attorney General, ad interim* :

SIR: When I submitted estimates for the expenditures of this Bureau, for the period ending 30th June next, I stated to you, that I could only furnish an approximate result, in consequence of the tardiness of the contractors in presenting their bills. I have since ascertained, that the following additional appropriations will be necessary :

For printing, ruling, and binding, for the several Executive Departments, twenty-five thousand dollars,	\$25,000
For printing, ruling, and binding, for both Houses of Congress, (including the printing of the laws in the authorized form,) ten thousand dollars,	\$10,000
For the purchase of paper for the several Executive Departments and Congress, twenty thousand dollars.	\$20,000

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed,)

GEO. E. W. NELSON,
Superintendent Public Printing.

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