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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., February 13, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an "estimate for the incidental and contingent expenses of the army, and of the Department of War, until the 30th June next.

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

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, }
War Department, }
Richmond, Va., Feb. 11, 1863. }

His Excellency, THE PRESIDENT :

SIR : In consequence of the account for the incidental and contingent expenses of the army, and of the Department of War, not pertaining strictly to any one of the Bureaux, there was an omission to embrace in the general estimates heretofore transmitted to you an estimate for such expenses, until the 30th of June next. I therefore now enclose to you my estimate for such incidental and contingent expenses, and respectfully request that it may be transmitted to Congress.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

ESTIMATE for the incidental and contingent expenses of the army, and of the Department of War, until the 30th June next.

From the character of the uses to which this fund is to be applied, it is impossible to particularize the special items, but I estimate, on the best calculation I can make from the past experience of the Department, and in view of the generally enhanced rate of expenditure, the amount requisite for the contingent and incidental expenses of the army, and of the War Department till the 30th June next, to be one hundred thousand dollars.

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

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