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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., November 15, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith transmit, for your consideration, a communication from the Secretary of War, submitting an estimate for an additional appropriation, to be employed for the purpose which he indicates.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, }
War Department, }
Richmond, Va., November 14, 1864. }

To the President of the Confederate States :

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith an estimate, prepared by the Chief of the Engineer Bureau, for the steamer *Phœnix*, impressed by the military authorities, and sunk as an obstruction in the harbor of Mobile, Alabama, August 7, 1864.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

ESTIMATE for the steamer Phœnix, impressed by military authority, and sunk as an obstruction in the harbor of Mobile, Alabama, August 7, 1864:

To compensate the owners of the steamer *Phœnix*, impressed by military authority, and sunk as an obstruction in the harbor of Mobile, Alabama, August 7, 1864. six hundred and forty-four thousand three hundred and seven dollars and thirty-four cents.

J. F. GILMER,
Major General and Chief Engineer Bureau.

ENGINEER BUREAU, }
Nov. 18, 1864. }

Approved:

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, }
 War Department, }
 Engineer Bureau, Richmond, Va., Nov. 10, 1864. }

HON. JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War, Richmond, Va.:

SIR: I have the honor to enclose herewith an estimate in triplicate for the steamer Phoenix, impressed by the military authorities, and sunk as an obstruction in the harbor of Mobile, Alabama, August 7, 1864. This vessel was purchased from the Navy Department by the claimants, and afterwards seized by a verbal order of Brigadier General E. Higgins, as appears from the statement of Major General D. H. Maury, telegram from Brigadier General Higgins, and statement of Lieutenant Colonel V. Sheliha, chief engineer district of the Gulf, and sunk as before stated. The amount claimed (\$644,307.34) was ascertained by the appraisers appointed by Lieutenant Colonel Sheliha, acting for the Government, and Julius A. Pratt, acting for the owners.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. F. GILMER,
Major General and Chief of Bureau.

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