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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 Secretary of War, submitting an estimate for an additional appropriation required by the Engineer Bureau for the period ending June 30, 1863.

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

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, }
War Department. }
Richmond, Va., Feb. 19, 1863. }

His Excellency, THE PRESIDENT:

SIR: I have the honor to enclose for transmission to Congress an estimate of the additional appropriations required by the Engineer Bureau for the period ending June 30, 1863.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

COMMUNICATION FROM J. F. GILMER, COLONEL OF
ENGINEERS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA. }
 Engineer Bureau, }
 Richmond, Va., February 13, 1863. }

HON. JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War :

Sir: Since making an estimate of the appropriation required by this Bureau to conduct the Engineering operations of the government from February 1st, 1863, to June 30th, 1863, inclusive, several unforeseen items of expenditure as shown below have arisen, which make it my duty to request that the estimate be increased by \$2,000,000, making a total of \$5,000,000.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant.

J. F. GILMER,
Colonel of Engineers and Chief of Bureau.

Items composing the \$2,000,000 called for:

For defences of Mobile, Ala., liabilities incurred and estimate for additional work but recently decided on,	\$700,000
For reconstruction of railroad bridges destroyed by enemy, recently imposed on Engineer Department (conjectural),	300,000
For liabilities incurred and work undertaken in Texas (recent call),	500,000
For liabilities incurred in various Departments (recently reported),	300 000
For contingencies,	2,000,000
Total,	\$2,000,000

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