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The following extracts, from the report of a board appointed to examine into the methods of keeping the records and transacting the clerical business of the War Department, are published for the strict observance of the Bureaus and offices of the Department, from and after the 1st day of January next, and no departure from the system herein prescribed will be made without special authority. Application for information upon subjects referred to or omitted in this pamphlet, or for any special modification of its requirements, will be addressed to the Chief Clerk of the War Department.

> WILLIAM W. BELKNAP, Secretary of War.

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CLASSIFICATION OF OFFICE BUSINESS.

All the clerical business of an executive bureau, or military office, is comprehended within the terms, "letters received," and "letters sent;" and all action npon official papers is either of a record or executive character.

DEFINITION OF "LETTERS RECEIVED."

"Letters received" consist of written or printed communications coming into the bureau, whether in the guise of a formal letter, an indorsement upon a letter, a memorandum, a numbered or unnumbered circular, general or special order in any way relating to the business of the bureau, an unofficial or informal communication npon official matters, if it be necessary or proper to be recorded, a memorandum made in the office of any verbal communication of which a record should exist, and, generally, of any communication reaching the bureau to which future reference may become necessary or desirable.

DEFINITION OF "LETTERS SENT."

 $^{\prime\prime}$ Letters sent" consist of all communications of the foregoing character issued from the bureau.

RECEPTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF MAIL MATTER.

All communications received by mail or messenger should be opened, read, and pencil-marked for distribution to the proper officials by persons especially designated for the purpose, who should be familiar with the business of the bureau, and the particular duties of each of its officers and principal employés.

Such papers as are not of an urgent or special character should be folded, briefed, and recorded as herein described, after which they should be distributed for executive action as indicated by the receiver. Papers requiring immediate action should be briefed and recorded at the first opportunity.

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The communications should be folded as nearly as possible to a uniform size, the standard being an ordinary-sized letter-sheet folded from bottom to top in three equal parts. Whenever a communication covers all sides of the sheet upon which it is written, leaving no room for briefing or indorsing, or where the paper cannot be folded to a proper size, a half-sheet of letter-size paper may be fastened to it; but in no case should any loose wrapper be placed around an official paper. Loose wrappers on which briefs, indorsements, or office-marks have been placed by officials not belonging to the War Department, should be fastened to the papers upon receipt in the bureau.

"BRIEFING" OF LETTERS RECEIVED.

A "brief" of every official communication received should be indorsed upon its first, or upper fold, exhibiting the place where the letter was written, the date of the communication, the name or official designation of the writer, or the title of the department, bureau, office, court, &c., whence the communication proceeds, and a synopsis of the contents or subject of the letter. Everything of importance should appear in the brief; but prolixity in the description of places, the titles and offices of persons, and in the summary of contents, should be avoided. For instance, in briefing communications from a large, well-known city, it is unnecessary to add the name of the State; in describing the writer, or a person named, no other titles and offices than those immediately concerned in the letter need be given; and dates, names, titles, and offices, or mere incidentals of no importance, should be omitted. In cases where the location of a person, office, or institution is permanent and well-known, or where location is of no importance whatever, the brief need only exhibit the date, name of writer, and purport of the letter

Communications from official personages on matters relating to the business of their offices should not be briefed in their individual names, but either by their official titles, or the names of the offices of which they are in charge or in which they are serving. The annexed examples will serve to illustrate the proper method of briefing official communications.

Whenever the amount of business in a bureau is sufficient to warrant such a provision, a certain proportion of its clerical force should be habitually employed in briefing the communications received, thus insuring greater accuracy and expedition than could otherwise be secured.

No communication properly briefed should be again briefed in the same or any other office, upon any other fold of the paper; nor should any addition be made to a brief, except to correct errors or supply omissions. Indorsements, reports, or letters, attached from time to time to the original communication, should not be regarded as requiring any additional briefing.

The date of receipt of each communication should be noted in ink near the bottom of the briefing fold.

RECORDING OF LETTERS RECEIVED.

When a letter received has been briefed, it should be entered in a record book kept for the purpose. The forms of the various record books for letters received are illustrated in the Appendix. The record books for the various descriptions of letters received should be classified as follows:

1. Applications for office, embracing all communications received from or relating to applicants for appointment or employment in the public service.

2. Officers, agents, and employés, embracing all communications received relating *individually* to persons employed in the public service by commission or appointment, under direction of the bureau, from their original entry into the service to their final discharge therefrom.

3. Claims, embracing all communications received relating to demands upon the United States for payment for supplies taken or furnished, and for services rendered and for the restoration of private property taken or used by the Government or its officers.

4. Contracts, embracing all communications received relating to contracts or other agreements for supplies to be furnished, services to be rendered, or work to be performed on the public account.

5. Accounts and returns, embracing all communications received relating to the sums on deposit in the national treasury to the credit of the bureau, and of the amounts drawn therefrom to carry on the public service, and to the accounts and returns exacted from persons intrusted with or receiving public moneys for distribution or expenditure, or public property for use or issue to others; including the accounts and returns themselves.

6. General and miscellaneous, embracing all communications received involving the issuance of suitable orders, instructions, and regulations for an efficient and economical administration of the public service; the preparation, procurement, and distribution of suitable official and professional publications; the preparation of yearly estimates of the sums required for the public service for the fiscal year ensuing; the procurement of needed supplies for the public service, and their distribution to the points where they are required for use or consumption; the creation, procurement, improvement, and preservation of necessary public buildings, grounds, and works; the disposition of surplus or unserviceable public property, and the preparation and submission of a yearly report of operations for the information of the proper authorities.

A record book for letters received should be large enough to contain the entries of one or more calendar years, but no such books should commence or terminate in any fractional part of a year.

Continuous numbers, beginning with the first and terminating with the last entry for a year, should be attached to the entries in the book, and placed upon the papers.

Communications should be successively entered in the order of their receipt; but if the daily number of such communications be larger than one clerk can enter, the record book should be divided into two volumesodd numbers being attached to the entries in one volume, and even numbers to the entries in the other. If, as is contemplated, the work of the entry clerk be restricted to a simple entry of the paper, the placing of the entry number upon it, and notation in the book of the action taken upon the papers entered, no more than two volumes are likely to be required for any one of the six prescribed classes of record books; but such books can be divided into as many volumes as may prove to be necessary-each of the volumes being distinguished by a letter of the alphabet, which will also be noted on the papers entered in the volume. For instance, should it be necessary to divide the record book of "general and miscellaneous letters received" for the year 1871 into four volumes, the thirty-fifth paper entered in the third volume would be known as "35, C, 1871," which designation should be noted in colored ink above, below, or between the spaces of the brief of contents, accompanied by some simple indication of the bureau, such as A. G., P. M. G., Eng., &c. It will not be necessary to add any notation of the particular class of record book in which a paper has been entered, as the subject of the communication will be a sufficient indication to any person familiar with the classification of the record books, and all papers which do not manifestly belong to any other set of books will necessarily be entered in the "general and miscellaneous" books of record.

No communication should be recorded in more than one record book in the same bureau, unless more than one class of record business is involved in it, in which case entries of so much of its subjects and the action upon it as relate to other record divisions may be made in the books of those divisions, and proper notations thereof placed upon the paper. No communication exhibiting the notation of a previous entry should be again entered in the same class of record books, unless, for special reasons, it becomes necessary or desirable to transfer a remote entry to one of current date. All indorsements, reports, remarks, or directions attached to a communication that has been entered, sent from, and returned to the bureau, should be regarded as a part of the original paper, and should not be separately recorded and numbered; and separate communications relating to one particular case, though independently recorded and numbered, should be collected and filed all together, both for the sake of convenience and to insure a full understanding of the case whenever taken up for action, notation being made on the subsequent papers, and against their entries in the record books, that they are filed with the first communication upon the case. Papers inclosed in a communication received should have a notation of the entry number assigned to such communication placed upon them, all useless fly-leaves being first taken off.

To insure proper indexing, a communication not received direct from the writer should be entered in the record book in the name of the last intermediate sender; the name of the writer then appearing in the body of the entry.

Should the number of cases falling under any one of the before-named classifications not justify their separation from the other records, that particular classification may be omitted, and the cases recorded under some other class. In the event stated, matters pertaining to classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 may be recorded in the same books as those of class 6.

EXECUTIVE ACTION UPON LETTERS RECEIVED.

When communications received have been entered in the proper record books, and the required notations have been made upon them, they are to be distributed throughout the bureau for executive action; pencilmemorandums of the distribution to be made in the record book at the time, and removed upon the return of the papers to the recorders.

The first executive action upon any case which has not manifestly arisen for the first time should be to ascertain from the records what has previously been done concerning it, and in all cases of importance inquiry should be made respecting the rules previously followed in similar cases.

Any information on the records of the bureau, or in possession of any official thereof, relating to a case, should be called for by the particular officer or clerk to whom it is referred for action, either verbally or by a written memorandum detached from the papers, and furnished in the same manner, no official reference or recording being necessary or desirable in communications between subdivisions of the same bureau. Inquiries of an oft-recurring nature should, as far as possible, be made and answered upon printed forms prepared for office use, thus saving time and insuring the same amount of information in each case, independently of the memory of inquirer and searcher. These memorandum reports should be preserved for future reference, being placed in an indorsed envelope and filed with the papers in the case; but they should not be permitted to leave the bureau.

A report upon any case required by a superior official from one of his assistants in the bureau should generally be adopted and used by him so far as to place or found his own remarks and views upon it; but should the superior officer prefer that the report and remarks upon any case should appear wholly over his own name or signature, the report of the assistant should be regarded as a memorandum for the information of his chief, and should not be recorded or sent out with the papers in the case.

Correspondence between the bureaus of the War Department with other executive bureaus maintaining intimate official relations with that Department, and with the Department itself, the Army, and others, should, whenever convenient, expeditious, and proper, be conducted by indorsement upon the papers pertaining to the case under consideration; but if the record of a case in the entry book be not regarded as sufficient; if it is not considered advisable to intrust the papers or any part of the information contained therein to other parties; if it be more convenient, useful, and proper to communicate by letter, order, circular, or memorandum, or if any other good reason exist, a departure from this general rule is allowable.

When indorsements are used they should be written, successively, crosswise upon the folds of the communication, additional sheets of paper being pasted on as required, and suitable margins being left on each fold for the purpose. Reports and remarks of considerable length may be written on separate letter-sheets and fastened inside the communication, a note of the fact being made beneath the last indorsement. Simple references of papers by indorsement, as well as reference for "report" or "remark" only, should be made according to a set form of phraseology, to save the necessity of recording them at length in the books of letters sent.

Indorsements, as well as letters, addressed to public officers on the business of their offices, should designate them by their official titles rather than their individual names, as illustrated hereinafter.

Copies of original papers should not be unnecessarily multiplied.

Except in special cases, the record kept in the bureau of original papers temporarily or permanently sent out is sufficient for reference. Originals referred to other executive bureaus, and not likely to be sent away from the seat of Government, can always be referred to, or recalled if required. Full copies of all the papers in a case need not be made when partial copies or extracts, covering the particular points involved at that stage of progress, will answer the purpose as well, or when the case can be sufficiently presented in a letter framed from the original papers and unaccompanied by copies.

Copies of papers, as well as originals, should be written on both sides of the paper used, unless it is probable that the matter contained therein is to be printed.

Communications addressed to the bureau upon matters which do not fall within its jurisdiction should be recorded and referred to the proper office, no acknowledgment of the receipt of such communications from the writer being required except in special cases.

Communications apparently referred for disposition to the bureau by persons whose public stations render them liable to be addressed upon various subjects by various parties, and which communications do not in themselves appear to require any correspondence with the writers, are not of necessity to be acknowledged or replied to at length, except upon request of the forwarder, or unless it be manifestly proper to communicate with the forwarder upon the subjects concerned.

Acknowledgments of communications received need not be sent, except in special and important cases; nor need answer be made to communications upon matters which, since the date of the communication, and during its absence from the bureau, have been settled upon other papers, or otherwise.

Detached briefs, sometimes prepared by subordinates to save to their superiors the time and labor involved in the examination of a complicated case, set forth in numerous papers, should be terse and concise in language, informal in style, stripped of all mere verbiage, confined to the particular points of the case then before the bureau for action, and should not, except in special instances, be regarded as a part of the official papers or the permanent records, but filed as memoranda.

Whenever a case requiring action extends through several papers, the papers should, with the aid of an elastic band or office tape, be always so arranged by the clerks into whose hands they come for action as to present to view the briefs of writers and contents of the principal communications in the order of their dates, the inclosures pertaining to each paper being contained within it, except such as it may be desirable to withdraw, indorse, and arrange among the principal papers.

Notations of the date or number of all letters, orders, circulars, memorandums, or other communications issued from the bureau, should be placed on the papers upon which such communications are based in small characters and in colored ink, upon the first or briefing fold of the paper, thus enabling an executive officer, or other person examining the paper, to see at a glance, or to ascertain, what action or attention the case has already received.

Communications referred by a superior to a subordinate officer, for such action as the subordinate may deem proper, do not require any formal indorsement or signature as authority for the latter to act upon them, but all instructions, calls for information, or information given, should be attested by the signature or initials of the superior officer or one of his assistants.

RECORDING OF LETTERS SENT.

A record book of letters sent, divided into as many volumes as may be necessary, should be kept in connection with the record books of letters received, in which should be recorded in full all communications issued from the bureau, except simple indorsements of reference for action, report, or remark, and regular series of orders, of which sets are separately kept on file. Should the business of any one class of records demand it, a separate book of letters sent may be kept for that class.

Such letters sent as are of a purely routine character and of frequent recurrence should be prepared upon printed forms, designated by numbers or otherwise, in which case only the manuscript portions of the letter, with the designation of the form affixed, need be recorded.

Brief descriptive headings should precede the entry of such indorsements as do not within themselves set forth the names of persons and things, or the subjects concerned, sufficiently for indexing purposes.

To facilitate the dispatch of business, either the first draught of a communication, duly corrected, or a rough or press copy of the signed communication, should be retained for entry in the book of letters sent, and, after being recorded, such draughts or copies can be filed within the letters received on which they are based, or preserved, if desired, in any other manner.

All names in the brief of an indorsement or report, or in the body of a communication, recorded in the letter book, which require to be indexed, should be underlined by the recorders.

UNIVERSINF O The entry-marks of the letters received, upon which a communication issued from the bureau is based, should be noted in the margin of the record book of letters sent. 10-

INDEXING.

A yearly alphabetical index should be kept up from day to day in connection with each record book of letters received and sent; but a separate index need not be kept for each volume of a book divided into volumes as before described. The index should contain the names of all persons and things appearing in the record book, as the writers, the receivers, or the subjects of the communications recorded therein, no name being entered more than once. Following each name in an index of letters received should appear the numbers of all communications received from or relating to the person or thing concerned, (space being provided for the purpose,) the numbers of the communications in which the name appears in the body of the letter, and not as the writer, being distinguished by the use of colored ink. In the indexes of letters sent the numbers should refer to the pages of the record book on which the communications are transcribed.

To facilitate searches for names under each letter of the alphabet, where the number of entries are great, the names may be arranged according to the first letter following the initial letter, under subdivisions corresponding with the five vowels of the alphabet.

A copious index of subjects of general interest, or involving principles applicable to similar cases likely to arise hereafter, should be compiled from individual cases after they have been recorded in the entry books and have received the action of the proper authorities. This index should extend to the business of the entire burean, and should embrace the records of as many unbroken years as is consistent with convenience of size and handling. The design of this book of reference is to aid in securing uniform, just, and speedy decisions upon certain classes of cases of frequent occurrence, which might otherwise require, each of them. a lengthened search and study of principles, authorities, and precedents. Great care should be given to the preparation and keeping of this index.

Illustrative examples of the varions kinds of indexes for record books of letters received are hereunto appended. These indexes should, when necessary, be kept by clerks especially assigned to that duty, to whom rough memorandums of names and entry numbers, in the order of their entry, should be handed by the recorders.

MEMORANDUM BOOKS.

Memorandum books, simple in design and inexpensive in character, may be used to aid in the dispatch of current business, or for ready reference to particular classes of information, but they should not be multiplied beyond strict necessity, allowed to accumulate in course of time, or permitted to absorb much of the clerical labor of the bureau; nor should they be regarded as a part of the permanent records, and no file-numbers or notations connected with such books should be placed upon official papers.

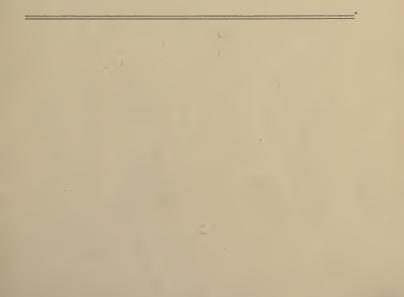
HANDWRITING AND WRITING MATERIALS.

No other writing fluids than good black and red inks should be sanctioned, and copying ink should be used only for letter-presses.

Handwriting in record books and on official papers should be plain and of good size, flourishing and ornamental writing being especially avoided and forbidden. Proper names should always be written with especial care.

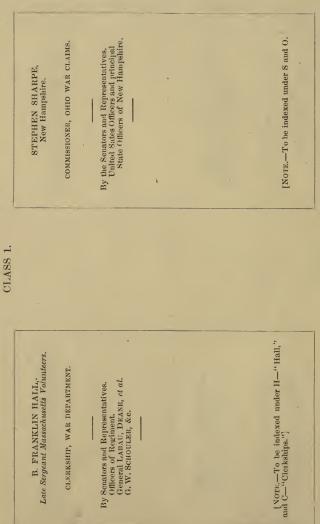
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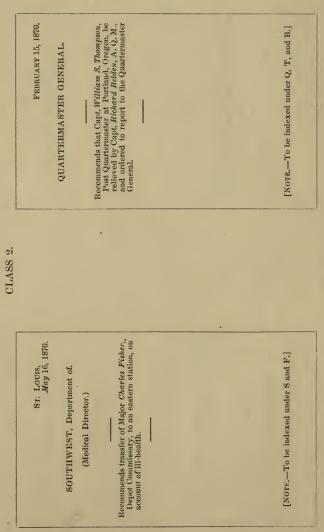




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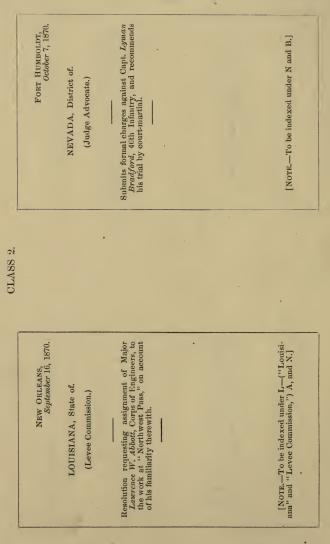
Requests information concerning Private William Schmidt, Company F, 97th Massa-ALSATIA, WISCONSIN, September 13, 1870. [NOTE. To be indexed under N and S.] .4-NORTH-GERMAN CONSULATE. [One inclosure.] chusetts volunteers. CLASS 2. Requests that Thos. H. Robinson, Q. M. agent at Selma, be sent to him as a witness in case of "The United States vs. Geo. Hayfield [NOTE.-To be indexed under A, R, and H.] TUSCALOOSA, January 20, 1870. ALABAMA, Western District of. (United States Attorney.) and others."



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Requests address of Chaplain William God-durd, 36th Rhode Island volunteers. APRIL 30, 1870. [NOTE.-To be indexed under C and G.] .15-CLAIMS, Court of. CLASS 2. Opinion on application of Surgeon *Thomas Surlist*, U. S. Army, to be advanced in grade among the officers of his corps, that the ap-plicant has no logal right to such advance-ment. OCTOBER 29, 1870. [NOTE.-To be indexed under J and S.] JUSTICE, Department of.

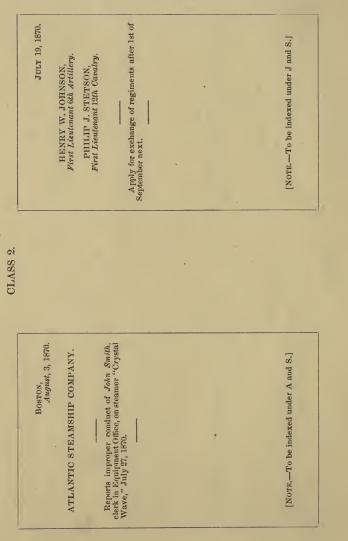
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FEBRUARY 29, 1870. Requests copy of report of Col. Charles H. Lloyd, U. S. Army, of his inspection tour in NOTE.-To be indexed under H-"House of Representatives." R-" Reconstruction Committee." I., A, and M.J HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. 10-(Committee on Reconstruction.) Alabama and Mississippi. LIB RA R CLASS 2. NITT IC Requests that Col. *Charles G. Gordon*, 15th Cavalry, be continued on duty in the Terri-tory until Indian treubles are settled. March 7, 1870. [NOTE.-To be indexed under W and G.] CHEYENNE WYOMING, Governor of.

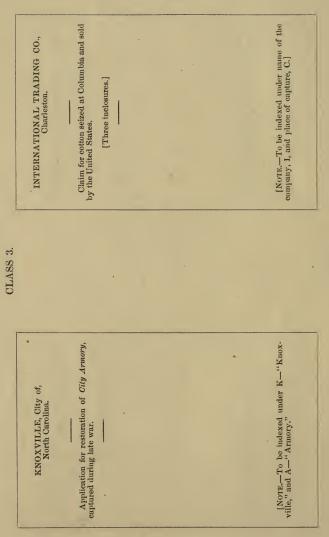
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[NOTE,-To be indexed under name of claimant.] Additional evidence in claim for beef-cattle taken for United States Army during the war, presented by *Littleton & Cooke*, Washington. JOSEPH SLAUGHTER, Bullock County, Georgia. CLASS 3. [NOTE.-To be indexed under name of the company only.] Claim for horses impressed by United States military authorities during late war. TERRITORIAL STAGE COMPANY, Atchison, Kansas. [Six inclosures.]

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[NOTE.-To be indexed under M--"Moore & Skinner, S.-"Skinner & Moore," and "St. De Rapids," H--" House of Representatives," and C--" "Commerce Committee."] Petition for additional allowance on contract for improvement of the St. Joe Rapids; referred by House Committee on Commerce, March 21, 1870. 白 MOORE & SKINNER, Laporte, Minnesota. (Two inclosures.) CLASS 3. Claim for medical services rendered at recruiting rendezvous before appointment in the medical staff; referred for remark by Senate Committee on Claims, Dec. 16, 1870. [NOTE.-To be indexed under Y, S-'' Sen-ate," and C--'' Claims Committee of Senate."] Allentown, Illinois. DR. JAMES WILSON YOUNG,

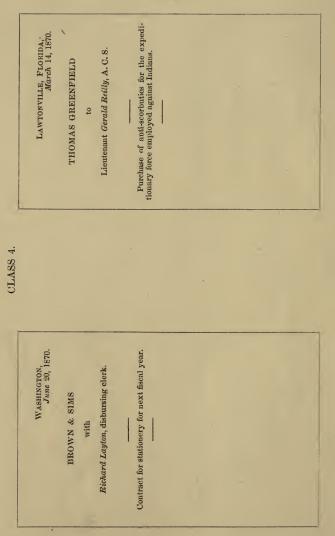
Account for job printing for the military ser-vice in 1863. [NOTE.—To be indexed under name of journal, B, and names of proprietors, M and B.] Moore & Barton, proprietors. "BOONETOWN WEEKLY," [One inclosure.] CLASS 3. Information relative to claim for veteran boun-ty; called for by House Resolution, July 14, 1870. [NOTE.-To be indexed under M-".Mis-souri Cavalry," H-".House of Representa-tives," and R-".Resolutions of Congress."] MISSOURI CAVALRY, Fourth Regiment.

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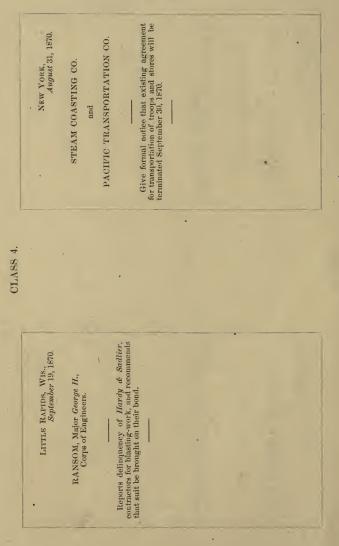
Attention called to claim for rent of buildings occupied by United States, by Hon. R. J. Saunders, M. C., Feb. 17, 1870. [NOTE.--To be indexed under name of claimant and presenter of claim. THOS. J. SINGLETON, Heirs of, Marshville, Louisiana. 10-CLASS 3. Claim for damages to property by United Nates troops referred by Third Auditor for information, Sept. 9, 1870. [NoTE.--To be indexed under J and A---MRS. ELIZABETH JAMISON, Rocky Creek, Virginia.

Contract for medical services for the garrison at Selma till December 31, 1870. SELMA, ALABAMA, July 23, 1870. Surgeon Chas. Johnson, U. S. A. DR BEVERLY FORD with CLASS 4. Colonel Stuart Thornton, Corps of Engineers. Contract for steam-drodge for western rivers. NEW YORK, January 10, 1870. GORDON IRON-WORKS COMPANY with

Contract for transportation of military stores from Fort Barker to Camp McKelvey, Montana. FORT BARKER, IDAHO, May 17, 1870. . 12-Captain Gillet M. Noyes, A. Q. M. JOHN TAYLOR & SON with CLASS 4. Purchases of canned fruits and vegetables for sales to the army. BALTTMORE, *April* 15, 1870. Captain Samuel Wilcox, C. S. SUNDRIES t0



Contract for lumber, brick, and stone for FORT MARION, KANSAS, March 14, 1870. RICHARD SALTER & JOHN ROHR 10-Captain Joseph Simpson, A. Q. M. quartermaster's storehouses. with CLASS 4. Contract to purchase hides of beef-cattle slaughtered at the post or in the vicinity. FORT CARTER, NEBR., October 10, 1870. GEO. RUSSELL & JAS. S. TOWERS Lieutenant Sinclair Jackson, A. C. S. with



35 Offers to furnish desiccated vegetables and PARIS, June 27, 1870. LIBRARY concentrated meats for use of the Army. FRANÇOIS BELLOTÉ. R RA OF 1-1 1 PORNI 1 CLASS 4. Proposal for supplying coal and wood to the quartermaaster's department in Kansas. JUNCTION CITY, KANS., May 31, 1870. JOSHUA RIDER AND J. S. HILL.

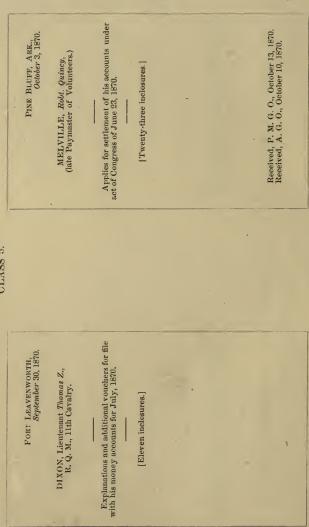
Estimate of subsistence funds for fiscal year 1871-72. NASHVILLE, September 1, 1870. SOUTHWEST-Military Division. (Chief Commissary Sub.) Received, O. C. G. S., Sept. 5, 1870. [Three inclosures.] CLASS 5. Warrant for appropriations of the War Dc-partment for the fiscal year 1871-72. JUNE 25, 1871. Received, Q. M. G. O., June 29, 1570. Received, A. G. O., June 27, 1870. Received, War Dep't, June 26, 1870. TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

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NEWPORT BARRACKS, KY., June 30, 1870. LESLIE, Captain Hamilton,	Property return of detachment of recruits en route from Newport Barracks to Santa Fé for 2d quarter, 1870.	[samsonou surv]	به Received, Q. M. G. O., July 6, 1870.
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FORT JOHNSON, WYOMING, Fort JOHNSON, WYOMING, Fortuary 8, 1870. RICHARDS, Lieutenant William G, (Post Commission)	Account current for January, 1870. [Seventeen inclosures.]		Received, O. C. G. S., February 20, 1870.



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of accountability for quartermaster's property, for post and garrison use, in charge of the guard. General Orders No. 73, prescribing method JUNE 16, 1870. Received, Q. M. G. O., June 18, 1870. 14. ADJUTANT GENERAL. CLASS 5. General Orders No. 60, directing that prop-erty roturns, except for provisions, be here-after rendered quarterly, instead of monthly. MAY 14, 1870. Received, O. C. G. S., May 18, 1870. ADJUTANT GENERAL.

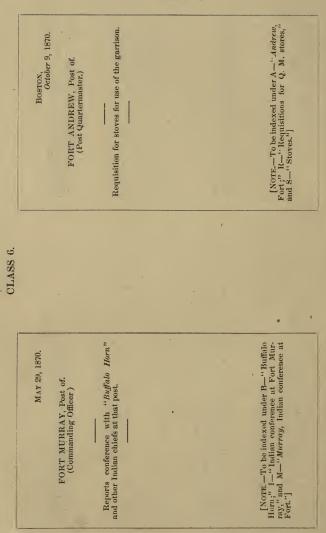


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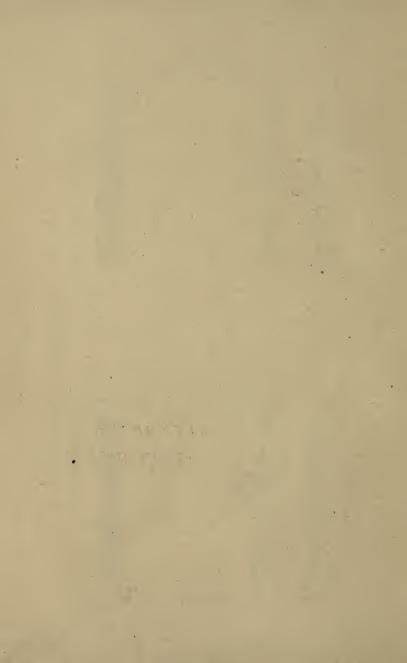
List of quartermaster's property sold by auction on the 24th, 25th, and 26th instant. NEW ALBANY, IND., February 29, 1870. . 4-Received, Q. M. G. O., March 3, 1870. JENKINS, Captain B. F., ____ Depot Quartermaster. CLASS 5. Reports that remittances have been made to Major Thomas Lincoln, Engineers, for 55,600, and James R. Heulett, engineer agent, for \$940,50. JANUARY 27, 1870. Received, Eng. Bureau, January 29, 1870. TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

States, in reply to letter of June 29, that a board of survey is now investigating the loss and damage of ordinance stores turned over by Capitain Thos. Edwards, Ordinance Corps, to Lieutenant Evan Bradbury, Post Quartermaster at Austin, for transportation to Lieutenant Duncan McBride, Ordnance Officer at Hunter SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, July 17, 1870. FRONTIER, Department of the Barracks. * CLASS 5. Inspected at Camp Garnett, Nev., on August. Received, O. C. G. S., September 25, 1870. Inventory and Inspection Report Lieutenant JOS. G. GOODWIN, 57th Infantry, COMMISSARY PROPERTY is responsible. for which of 29, 1870.

[NOTE.--To be indexed under B-"Blais-dell, Fort, Military Reservation," and P-"Platte, Sub-District."] Reports boundaries of Fort Blaisdell Military Reservation, and recommends that it be 8 NORTH PLATTE CITY, NEBR., April 14, 1870. PLATTE, Sub-District of. [Two inclosures.] officially declared. CLASS 6. 8 Reports necessity for return of some of the detached officers of his regiment before active [NOTE.—To be indexed under C—"Cavalry, 12th Regriment," and D—"Detached officers of 12th Cavalry."] FORT MUMFORD, KANS., March 8, 1870. CAVALRY, 12th Regiment. (Commanding Officer.) operations begin.

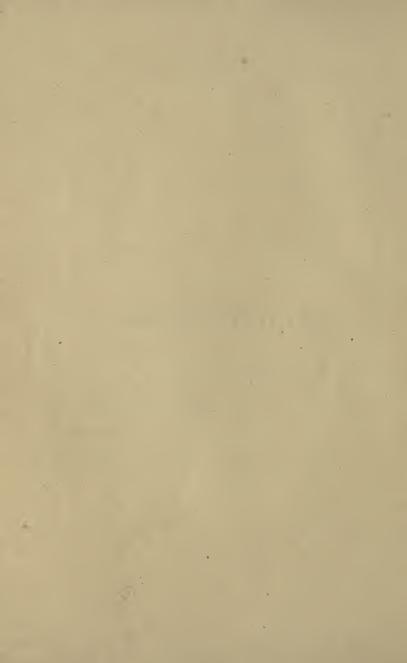


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ary 3 (14)	January 3 War Department	JANUARY 2 JANUARY 2 captain 40th Delaware volunteers, for revocation of order of dismissal.	J. A. G. remark, Jan. 4; returned Jan. 11; Thind Auditor, Jan. 17, (L. B., p. 73); re- ceived back Jan. 21; Q. M. G. report, Jan. 25; returned Feb. 1; Secretary of War, Feb. 11, (D. B., p. F3); received back Feb. 55. See S. 0. 45 par. 31 F30.
ıry 4 (15)	January 4 Dalton, Captain Richard, (15)	FORT MOLLTON, Acknowledges receipt of <i>Acmury</i> 1. report of Colone <i>Gon, W. Lawon,</i> 58th inhartry, on unfitness of the work for quartering troops, and states what multifications can be made without impairing the defensive qualities of the fort.	Q. M. G., Jan. 5, (L. B., p. 39.) returned Jan. 14, Chief of Orthanood, Jan. 18; re- ceived hack Jan. 33; A. G., Jan. 29, (L. B., p. 56.) returned Peb. 4, Filed with 579 of 1869.

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Action.	¹ Secretary of War, Jan. 18; returned Jan. 21; answered Jan. 22, (L. B., p. 63;) Third Auditor, for file with papers in claim, Jan. 22.	See page 46, Claims Register, 1870.	Q. M. G. report, Jan. 29; received back Jan. 31; A. G. report, Jan. 31; Te- turmed Feb. 5; applicant answered Feb. 6; (L. B., p. 121;) filed with 339 of 1868.	Sce page 79, Claims Register, 1870.
Date and subject of claim or letter.	January 17 Baldwin & Marshall Ask if the law concerning balances of appropri- tions is held to debar the payment of their recently-allowed claim.	NEW YORK, January 21. Claim for services rendered by steamship Shoot- ing Star to United States steam transport Roamole, off Cape Hatteras, in 1865.	JANUARY 28. JANUARY 28. England, asking instructions as a to the manner of presenting a claim for damage to his pro- perty in Tennessee during late war.	TEUTONIA, WIS., January 15. Claim for pay while out of service by summary dismissal.
Name of claimant or writer.	Baldwin & Marshall	January 23 Ovean Navigation Co. (48)	State Department	Fricdrichs, Carl H., late Captain 63d Wisconsin Volun- teers.
Date of receipt and file number.	January 17	January 23	January 29	February 6 (50)

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REGISTER

	File No.	Auditor's number.	Name of claimant.	Residence.	Nature of claim.	By whom pre- sented or re- ferred.
	276	1342	1 erritorial Stage Co.	Atchison, Kans.	Seizure of horses	Third Auditor
	293		Şlaughter, Joseph	Bullock Co., Ga.	Beef cattle	Littleton & Cook, Washington.
3	314		International Trad- ing Co.	Charleston, S.C.	Cotton sold by Government.	Thomas L. At- kins & Co.
	325	1482	Singleton, heirs of T.J.	Marshville, La.	Rent of build-	
	348		'Missouri,4thCavalry		Veteran bounty.	AdjutantGeneral of Mo.
	369	1763	Morton and Perkins.	Bartonville, N.J.	non-fulfillment of contract for	Second Comp- troller.
	386	•••••	Knoxville, City of	North Carolina.	Army clothing. Restoration of armory.	General Joseph R. Preston.

NOTE.—All claims and communications relating to claims, or on the subject of numbers assigned to them. Then such claims as require the administrative action of of letters received to the pages of this book on which the claims can be found. The numbers those of the settlement certificates issued in cases settled at the Treasury. communications, should be noted in the book of letters received. This book need not sufficient.

OF CLAIMS.

When received.	Amount claimed.	Amount allowed or recom- mended.	Action, disposition, and remarks.
Jan. 27, 1870	\$14,982 70	\$9,450 25	Chief Q. M. Dept. West, Feb. 4, (L. B., p. 43;) received back Mar. 18; A. G. for information from records Army of the Frontier, April 11; returned April 18; Secretary of War, May 23, (L. B., p. 218.)
Feb. 14, 1870	1,476 85	1,476 85	Additional evidence required Feb. 29 (L. B., p. 67;) evidence received Mar. 27; Chief C. S. Southern Dept., April 21, to investigate loyalty; report received May 16; A. G. for address of Lieut. Philip Clayton, 63d Ky. Vols., May 30; Letter to Lieut. Clayton June 24, (L. B., p. 118;) Third Auditor for settlement Aug. 19.
Mar. 3, 1870	72,813 00		Papers withdrawn by attorneys May 3 for pre- sentation to Ct. of Claims. See 643 of 1870.
Mar. 31, 1870	427 37		Returned to Auditor April 14, (L. B., p. 78.)
May 26, 1870			Secretary of War with report, July 9, (L. B., p. 246;) received back with report of P. M. General, Sept. 23; copies to House Military Committee, Dec. 19.
July 19, 1870	26,047 32	5,000 00	J. A. General, Aug. 2, (L. B., p. 276;) received back Sept. 3; Secretary of War, Sept. 9; request for \$10,550, 25 issued on settlement 1763, Oct. 15.
Sept. 26, 1870			C. O. Dept. of Southwest report, Nov. 7; re- ceived back Dec 16; application refused Jan. 8, 1871, (L. B., p. 16.)

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Action.	C. O. Springfield Armory remark, March 15; returned March 19, and offer de- clined March 20, (L. B., p. 347.)	See rage 96, Contract Register, 1870.		See page 137, Contract Register, 1870.	Inspector national cemeteries remark, July 15; received back July 27; au- swered July 30, (L. B., p. 465.)
	C. O. Spi 15; rei clined	See page		See page	Inspector July 1. swered
Date and subject of contract or letter.	KINGS CHOSS, MASS, March 12, Offer to purchase 10,000 Springfield muzzle- loading rifles at appräised value.	Contract for <i>beef-cattle</i> at <i>Fort Posetick</i> with Captain <i>Thomas L. Wyatt</i> , C. S.	JUNE 2. Refers proposal of <i>William Hammersmith</i> & C_0 , to attach their patent <i>gun-shield</i> to the forti- fications of the United States.	Stansbury, Capt. R.T., Reports purchase of <i>fire actinguishers</i> for the l'ost Q. M. Department at Omaha and Cheyenne from Randall Fire Extinguisher Company.	Proposal for furnishing <i>iron head-blocks</i> and <i>iron ratings</i> for the <i>national cemeteries</i> .
Name of contractor 6r writer.	Bloomington Arms Company.	Slaughter, James G	Engineer Bureau	Stansbury, Capt. R. T., Post Q. M.	Campbell & Bell
Date of receipt and file number.	March 14	May 27	June 3	June 29	July 14

REGISTER OF CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.

File number.	Name of contract- or or seller.	Place of deliv- ery, perform- ance, or sale.	Name of contract- ing officer.	Rank or office.
72	Winfield & Bro	Baltimore	Fr. Skinner	Capt. and C. S
79	Atlantie Steam- ship Company.	New York	Jas. W. Pringle	Major and Q. M
83	Wisewell & May.	Philadelphia	Chas. J. Hunting- ton.	Medical Purveyor
96	Jefferson Adams	Cold Run	Wm. T. Varley	Lieut. of Ordnance
104	Benj. Van Dyke	Boston	Rieh'd A. Simms	Lieut. and Sig. Offi'r
123	Patrick O'Hagan.	U	Ewing Preston	
156	John Burley	Ft. Barker, Tex.	Sam'l S. Ferriss	Lient. 11th Cavalry, Post Commissary.
178	Dater & Timpson.	Washington	Thos. Fosdiek	Disbursing clerk
187	National Subma- rine Company.	Devil's Pass, La	Everton Giles	Lieut.Col. Engineers
198	Vulcan Iron Co	Pittsburg	Clayt'n Hotchkiss.	Major of Ordnance

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Date of con- tract or pur-	Period.	NATURE OF CONTRACT OR PURCHASE.				
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Jan. 11, 1870		Canned peaches	2,500 cans		$12\frac{1}{2}$	
June 15, 1870	l year from July 1, 1870.	Transportation New York to New Orleans Mobile	Per ton Per cub. yard Per ton	5	10 75 25	
July 17,1870		Hospital knapsacks	Per cub. yard 150		60 50	
Aug. 23, 1870	3 years from Sept. 1.	Superintendent gun found'y	Per annum	4, 600	00	
Sept. 9, 1870		Telescopes	12	25	00	
Sept. 16, 1870	Indefinite	Cooked rations for recruits.	Per ration	:	28	
Oct. 10, 1870	••••••	Beef cattle Fresh boef Hay Corn	700 head 3,500 pounds 75 tons 375 bushels	 18	7 11 00 62	
June 30,1870	1 year	Stationery				
May 14, 1870		Removal of rock	Per cub. yard	1	85	
Aug. 10, 1870	6 months	20-pd. breech-loading gun.	Per pound		12	

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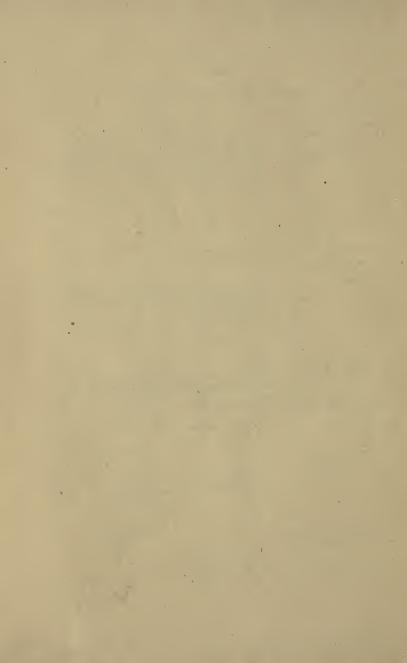
Date of trans- mittal to Treasury De- partment.	Action and remarks.
	Returned to officer for size of cans January 15; received back January 27.
July 10, 1870	Returned to officer for amendment of certificate of responsibility of sureties June 27; received back July 6.
Aug. 4, 1870 Nov. 16, 1870	Contract terminated September 16, and new contract made for improved knapsack at higher price, (L. B., p. 347.)
Sept. 27, 1870	Returned to Lieutenant Simms September 18, to report authority for purchase; received back September 25; Secretary of War, Sep- tember 28, (L. B., p. 279;) returned September 30; letter to Lieu- tenant Simms October 2, (L. B., p. 323.)
Oct. 31, 1870	Returned to officer for verbal amendment October 20; received back October 29.
July 3, 1870	Annulled for violation of terms October 24, 1870, (L. B., p. 286;) revival refused November 10, (L. B., p. 365.)
June 16, 1870	Prosecution for non-fulfillment for (L. B., p. 600). Prosecution for non-fulfillment recommended August 27, (L. B., p. 432;) compromised September 19, (L. B., 510;) papers sent to War Department November 29; see 276 of 1870.
Aug. 27, 1870	

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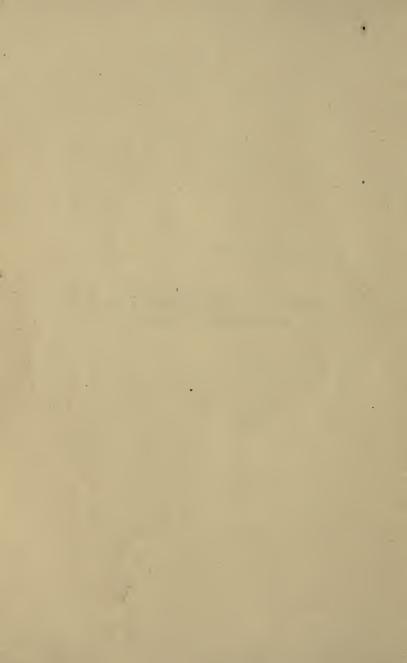
Action.	Extracts for Interior Department, War Department, Q. M. Genl, Q. G. Sub., Surg, Gen., Supt Reef's Service, Out. 5, (L. B., p. 929–986). Copy to Secre- tary of War for House Committee on Military Affairs, Dec. 27,	Letter to C. O., Allegheny Arsenal, Oct. 16, and to Captain Wilkins, (L. B., p. 363.)	A. G. remark, October 24; returned Oct. 25; Q. M. G. report, Oct. 27; letter to P. M. G. Oct. 28.	Referred to Q. M. G. Nov. 12; returned Nov. 15; letter to Pringle Nov. 18, (L. B. 638.)
Date and subject of letter.	SEPTEMBER 20, 1870, Reports on Indians, post traders, means of transportation, subsistence stores, quarters, need of recentls, &c., in his command, as observed during his recent inspection tour, and submits recommendations.	OCTOBER 14, 1870. Refers requisition of Captain Scanuel Wilkins, Company H, Ninth Artillery, for ordnance stores.	Refers, for remark, petition of officers and men at <i>Fort Grayson</i> , Texas, for increased mail facilities.	Report of trials of Pringle's safety-bit
Name of writer.	Northwest Mil. Div'n, Commanding officer.	Adjutant General	Post Office Depart- ment,	Cavalry School, Com- mandant.
Date of receipt and file number.	September 30 (561)	October 15 (562)	October 23	November 10

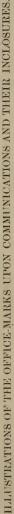
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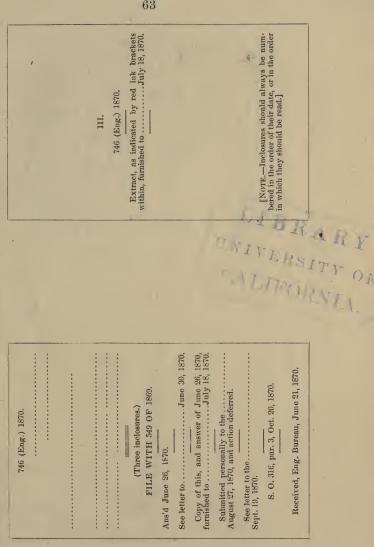
Henry, Hon. Thos. J., Louisville. 437 (W. D.) 1870. 683 (W. D.) 1870.	WAR DEFARTMENT, June 16, 1870. SIR: I am directed by the Secretary of War to inform you, in reply to your letter of the 12th instant, that the application of Mrs. <i>Rebecca Harrison</i> , of Bentville, for the discharge of Corporal Joseph Brown, Co. M, 27th In- fantry, has been duly considered by the Department, and that the same cannot be granted without prejudice to the public interests. Very respectfully, your obedient servant, Chief Clerk.
Wyoming, Gov'r of. 79 (A. G. O.) 1870. See page 139.	Indorsement on application for continuance of Col. Chas. G. Gordon in that Territory. Respectfully referred by the General of the Army to the Commander of the Mil. Div. of the West, with au- thority to grant this application, if deemed compatible with the interests of the service and regarded as advis- able in other respects. Ass't Adj't Gen't. A. G. O., March 14, 1870.
Wilkins, Geo. B., 1st Lieut. 12th Infy. 63, 85 (Q. M. G.) 1870. See'y of War approved, May 20. See page 435.	REPORT: The case of this officer is respectfully submitted to the Quartermaster General, with the report that it ap- pears * * * * * * It is recommended that * * * * * Q. M. G. O., May 18, 1870.
Engineer Officers. 743 (Eng.) 1870.	OFFICE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, June 27, 1870. CIRCULAR: It is ordered by the Chief of Engineers that in future all estimates for funds forwarded to this office * * * * Capt. of Engirs, B'v't Lt. Col.
Cavalry, C. O. 12th Reg't., Fort Richardson, Texas. 467 (Ord.) 1870, See page 296, Vol. I, 1869.	ORDNANCE OFFICE, August 14, 1870. SIR: The Chief of Ordnance requests * * * * * Sharp's Breech-loading Carbine * * * * * Very respectfully, Major of Ordnance.



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ENVELOPE. Case of

Respectfully referred by the Department Commander to the Commanding-Offneer of the District of the Phins, with directions to order a full investigation into the circumstances set forth herein by a competent staff officer serving in his command, whose report shall be forwarded to these headquarters accompanied by these papers.

Act's Asst. Adjt. Gen'l. H'dq'rs Dept. of the West, Sept. 29, 1870.

See report within.

Respectfully forwarded to Headquarters Military Division of the Northwest. Brig. Gen'l Com'g. H'dq'rs Dept. of the West, Oct. 14, 1870. Respectfully returned by the Division Commander to the Commandig-Officer of the Department of the West. Jt is not deemod necessary or proper to apply to Headquarters of the Azny, as recommended, for authority to establish a permanent military post at Whitestone Crossing, but suitable detachments of evalty-rand influence best durantermatic and the polowing winter, and the post quartermatic at the encourty quarters. Suitable reports of them with temporary quarters. Suitable reports of the preations of these headquarters. H'dq'rs Mil. Div. Northwest, Oct. 28, 1870.

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To the PRESIDENT of the Senate, Washington.

To the CHAIRMAN, Committee on Military Affairs, United States Senate.

To the CHAIRMAN,

Joint Select Committee on Ordnance,

Washington

To the CLERK

of the House of Representatives, Washington.

To the PRESIDENT of the United States.

To the Honorable

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

To the Honorable THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

To the SECOND COMPTROLLER of the Treasury.

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To the

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

To the CHIEF OF THE BUREAU of Yards and Docks, Navy Department.

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To the PAYMASTER GENERAL of the Army.

To the COMMISSARY GENERAL of Subsistence.

To the CLERK OF THE Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Washington.

To the ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, United States Court of Claims,

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To the GOVEROR of the State of Nevada, Carson City.

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To the MAYOR of the City of Louisville.

To the TREASURER of the Board of Public Works, Cincinnati.

To the SECRETARY of the Atlantic Woolen Mills, Westerly, Rhode Island.

To the PRESIDENT of the Interoceanic Steamship Co., Wilmington, North Carolina. To the JUDGE ADVOCATE, General Court-Martial, Fort Hamilton, New York.

To the RECORDER of the Board on Tactics, Small Arms and Equipments, Rock Island, Illinois.

To the COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS, Port of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Abstract.

Military Academy, Superintendent of, requests information as to the legal and proper allowances to Board of Visitors.

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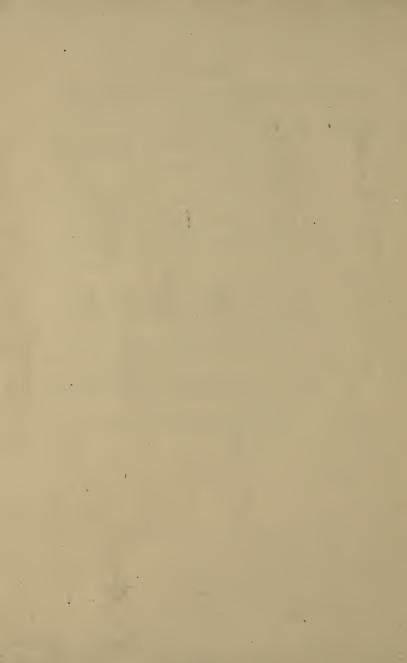
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War Department—Directs that the annual reports be prepared in narrative rather than tabular form; and that the substance of the sub-reports be embodied therein, except where necessary to keep the sub-report separate and entire.

War Department. Annual Reports. Reports, (See "Annual Reports.") Tabular statements to be mainly omitted from annual reports. Sub-reports of Bureaus to be generally omitted from annual Bureau reports.

ALPHABETICAL REFERENCE BOOK OF DECISIONS AND PRECEDENTS.

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Accounts	Disbursing officers'; when rendered—1870: 42, 168—1871: 67, 329. Army officers': various rules for settlement—1870: 42, 326, 474—1871: 23. (See "Clothing Accounts.") Settlement of suspended and disallowed, in Treasury Depart- ment—1870: 63, 75, 131—1871: 98, 146. (See "Returns.")
Bounty	Deserters'; various questions concerning rights and forfeitures —1870; 261, 576, 782—1871; 4, 33, 87, (Sec "Pay," "Allowances," "Emoluments," &c.) Veteran; various questions relating thereto—1869; 15, 86, 193— 1870; 231, 496, (Sec "Missouri State Militia.")
Clothing Accounts	Volunteer; questions of settlement—1870: 11, 23, 396—1871: 2, 38. Regular; questions of settlement—1870: 43—1871: 181.
Contracts	How made, attested, reported, approved, &c1870: 63, 76- 1871: 44, 99. (See "Beef Contracts.") For supplies at military posts; various rules and orders-1870: C 41, B 82, A 164-1871: 331, 487.
Commutation	Allowances of enlisted clerks and messengers1870: 639, 817. (See "Clothing," "Fuel," "Quarters," "Rations.")
Deserters	 Status of, when restored without trial, or charge removed— 1870; B 58. (See "Bounty" and "Pay.") Apprehended, and transported to depot or post; questions of cost-1870; 11, 36, 48, 325-1871; 264, 487.
Enlistment	Of minors; various rules, questions, and decisions-1870: 78, 138.
Funds	 (See "Discharge," "Minors," "Reënlistment," &c.) Public, in charge of disbursing offleers; rules for keeping and for reporting at stated times, &c.—1870: 9, 100, 142—1871: 14, 63, 75. (See "Money.")
Guerillas	Status of, as compared in various ways with organized forces— 1870: 162, 431—1871: 123, 309.
Graves	(See "Cemeteries.")



MONEY AND PROPERTY ACCOUNTS, RETURNS, AND CORRESPONDENCE.

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LETTERS RECEIVED.-ACCOUNTS AND RETURNS.

Action.	 Retirmed to Secretary of War Aug. 20, (1, B., p. 31;), received lack Aug. 29, circular to division, department, and depot quartermasters Aug. 25, (L.B., 279). 	F	 Referred to depot quartermasters N. Y., d Phil'a, and Pittsburg, Cot. 30, for re- mark; received back Nov.27; settimed to Third Andrew Nov. 29, (L. B., p. Scon, V., 19, (L. B., p. 	ocyl recommended, Dec. 5, See G. O. 133 of 1870.
Date and subject of letter.	Aucusr 17, 1870, Refers copy of opinion of Attorney General concerning effects of recent law upon unex- pended balances of former appropriations.	FORT BUXTON, DAK, August 31, 1870. Desires to know amount of suspension on his accounts, and to whom he shall pay a sum sufficient to admit of their settlement.	OCTOBER 24, 1870. Recommends certain modifications of the prop- erly return, and incloses new form proposed by Captain <i>Thomas Johnson</i> , A. Q. M.	*
Name of writer.	War Department	Truman, Geo, H., 1st Lieutenant, 49th In- fautry.	Anditor, Third	
Date of receipt and file number.	August 18	September 11 (177)	October 25	

Remarks on the record books of money and property accounts, and of correspondence relating to accounts and returns.

Book 1 is designed to keep a correct account of all moneys coming into the treasury to the credit of the Bureau, either from regular appropriations or miscellaneous sources, and of all moneys drawn from the treasury by requisition. An account should be kept with each head of appropriation. A balance struck at any time will show how much is yet in the treasury subject to draft. An addition of the balances in the treasury to the balances in possession of disbursing officers at date of last weekly report will show, with sufficient practical correctness, the financial resources of the Bureau at any time of the year. Miscellancous receipts, which revert into the treasury and are not subject to draft, should not be entered on this ledger, or if entered for any reason, should be offset by an entry in the opposing column, so as to balance the account.

Book 2 is designed to exhibit a statement of the estimates of the disbursing officers of the Bureau, together with the amounts allowed them. These estimates need not be recorded in any other book.

Book 3 is designed to keep an account of the receipt of the stated reports and returns from the officers responsible for public money or property, and of the disposition of such as are sent out from the Bureau; also to show if any particular returns have not been received in proper season, or if any particular officers have failed to render their returns.

Book 4 is designed to keep an open debit and credit account with every officer receiving, responsible for, or expending public moneys. On one side the United States is to be credited with all sums coming into the possession of the disbursing officer from every source, as well as with all expenditnres made by him that are, for the time being, suspended or disallowed; on the other side, the United States is to be debited with all moneys spent by him for whatever purpose, and with all supensions or disallowances against him, when subsequently removed by refundment or explanation. The account may be balanced or closed at any time. Transfers of money between disbursing officers and others accountable for money or property should be entered singly, so that the entry in one officer's accounts may be checked when the funds are accounted for or reported by the other.

Book 5 is designed to separate the various expenditures of the disbursing officers, so as to show at any time what sums spent by them are chargeable to any designated head of appropriation; what has been spent for purposes not pertaining to the Bureau, and what expenditures, not yet approved, cannot, for the time being, be assigned to any particular appropriation.

Book 6 is designed to show the actual expenditures for the several distinct purposes of the Bureau during the fiscal year. It is an auxiliary to Book 5.

Book 7 is designed to keep an accurate account with other Bureaus and appropriations for which moneys have been expended that ought to be refunded.

Book 8 is designed to exhibit the sums received from sales of public property, and their distribution or disposition.

Book 9 is designed to keep an account of the weekly balances of funds in possession of disbursing officers.

In connection with the foregoing books, a book of letters received and of letters sent should be kept for the miscellaneous correspondence relating to money and property accountability in general or particular cases,

When a "request" for a remittance to a disbursing officer has been made, a statement thereof should be entered against the appropriation concerned in Book 1 and against the officer concerned in Book 4. When notice has been received that the remittance has left the treasury, a checkmark should be placed against the two entries. When the disbursing officer takes up the amount on his money account, the check-marks should be crossed.

When a disbursing officer reports on his money account a transfer of funds to another officer, an entry of the same should be made in Book 4 on the account of each officer, giving the first officer credit for the amount and charging it to the receiving officer. When the latter officer takes up the amount, a check-mark should be placed against both entries.

When a disbursing officer acknowledges on his account the receipt of money from another officer, it should be entered as a credit on the account of the latter in Book 4, and as a charge on the account of the former. When the transferring officer subsequently reports the transfer, a checkmark should be placed against each entry.

When an officer makes report of a sale, and does not inclose a draft for the proceeds, the amount should be charged on his account in Book 4. If he afterward forward the proceeds, the charge on his personal account should be offset by an entry on the opposing side, and a check-mark placed against the several entries in Books 4 and 8. If he take up the proceeds on his next account-current, the check-marks should be made in the same manner. This check system should be used in every recorded transaction affecting or relating to the responsibility for public money or property, and the foregoing illustrations will, it is thought, sufficiently indicate its utility and mode of operation to officials familiar with the subject of money and property accountability.

Whenever it appears that the public money has been received or expended by any officer with whom no account exists, his name and the particulars will at once be entered in Book 4, the absence of a checkmark being evidence that he has not yet accounted for the money, and its presence being an assurance that his account for it has been rendered. In like manner the name of an officer not previously accountable for public property will be entered in Book 3, with a check-mark under the name of the month in which a return should be rendered, and in the column assigned to the particular form of return required. Upon receipt of any particular return, the check-mark can be crossed. An illustration is given of one month only, but the books should be ruled for the twelve months of the year. When returns are rendered at longer intervals than one month, places should be ruled for them under the month in which they are due.

The TREASURY DEPARTMENT in account

			Total.					
Date.	From what source re- ceived, or to whom remitted.	On what account.	Dr.	Cr.				
		_	Dolls.	Cts. Stor				
July 20 21	War Warrant No. 8 Col. W. Roberts, A. Q. M. Gen.	App'n for 1870–'71 Estimate of funds						
21	Lieut. J. Rankenfile, 8th Inf., A. A. Q. M.	Sales of property		00				
22	Capt. F. Taylor, A. Q. M.	Estimate of funds		87, 190 47				
23	Capt. John Schell, 2d Cav.	Property lost		00				
23	Wm. Johnston, on treas. sett. No. 2367.	Claim for forage						
25	Capt. M. Ball, 3d Inf., A. A. Q. M.	Estimate of funds		4, 728 13				
27	Treasury settlement, No. 3416.	Medical Dep't	219	45				

Regular supplies. Incidental expense					s.	Cavalry and artil- lery horses.				&c.					
Dr.	Dr. Cr.			Dr.		Cr.		Dr.		Cr.		Dr.		Cr.	
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REGISTER OF ESTIMATES OF FUNDS.

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Requisition ap-	pued for.	January 26, 1870 January 28, 1870 January 23, 1870 January 30, 1870 January 39, 1870	
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Amount al- lowed.	Dolls.	68, 225 42, 500 3, 500 5, 418 10, 800	r
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Amount of estimate.	Dolls.	75, 860 42, 500 3, 842 5, 418 10, 800	
For what month re-	quired.	February February February February February	
By whom made.		Capt. F. Taylor, A. Q. M. Major Chas. Davis, C. S. Lieut. Col. G. Tourniquet, Med. Purveyor. Capt. Frank Schell, O. S. K. Thos. J. Hunter, disbursing clerk.	
When	received.	July 25 July 27 July 27 July 28	

REGISTER OF MONEY AND PROPERTY RETURNS RECEIVED. No. 3.

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		From whom received.	Capt. F., Thylor, A. Q. M Lieut. G. Schneider, 9th Inf'y Col. W. Roberts, A. Q. M. G Major Charles Snow, Q. M
		File No	1534 1535 1535 1536

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No. 4.

CAPTAIN FRANCIS TAYLOR, A. Q. M., IN ACCOUNT WITH THE UNITED STATES.

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Amount.	Dolls Cts.	\$98, 276	2, 314	937	521	165
Creditor.		By amount of expenditures during the month	Jones, 2d Artillery, A. A. Q. M. By transfers to Lieutenant H.	Wood, 3d Cavalry, A. A. Q. M. By removal of suspensions	from money accounts for May, 1870	783, Fourth National Bank, Cairo, Illinois
Analysis Book.	No. Page.			5 70		
Date.	Ň	July 31	11		25	
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STATEMENT OF APPROVED DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE APPROPIATIONS FOR 1870-71. No. 6.

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Total amount.	Dolls.	1,453	2,714	864	
By whom disbursed.		Col. H. T. Waters, A. Q. 1,453	Maj. C. D. Snow, Q. M 2,714	No. 7821	
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OF PUBLIC PROPERTY.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS IN POSSESSION OF OFFICERS OF THE QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 23, 1870.

Where deposited.	•	Sub-treasury, San Francisco, \$321,425.08; office anfo, \$47.11. * Sub-treasury, N. O., \$51,216.93; 1st Nat. Bk.,			-	
lt on	Cts.	19	38	 		
Amount on hand.	Dolls	321, 468 86, 524	27, 191			
- Station.		Fan Francisco, Cal. Austin, Texas	Portland, Oregon			
Name of officer.		1870 1 Col. George Gordon, A. Q. M. G Fan Francisco, Cal. 321, 468 3 Lt. Col. Dwight Failey, D. Q. M. G Austin, Texas 86, 524	Major Robert Roe, Q. M Portland, Oregon 27, 191			
Report		1870 Aug. 1 3	25			

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