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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., February 7, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate of the amount required for the remuneration of additional clerks in the War Department.

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. 5, 1863.

To His Excellency, THE PRESIDENT:

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith triplicate copies of estimates made by the disbursing clerk of this department, and to ask, if it meet with your approval, that they be so referred as to secure the appropriation contemplated.

I am, very respectfully, Your obedient servant,

> JAMES A. SEDDON, Secretary of War.

ESTIMATE.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, War Department, Richmond, Va., Feb. 5, 1863.

Hon, JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War:

Sir: The subjoined table exhibits the extra clerks anticipated, as well as already authorized by you since my last estimate was submitted, and for whose payment an additional appropriation by Congress of \$25,000 will be required, viz:

Office of the Commissary General.	
Ten additional clerks authorized, February 1st to June 30th, 1863	\$6,250
Office of the Quartermaster General.	
Ten additional clerks authorized, February 1st to June 30th, 1863	6,250
FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION AMONG THE BUREAUX.	
Twenty additional clerks anticipated, to meet increasing current business, February 1st to June 30th, 1863	12,500
Total amount	\$25,000

If it meet your concurrence, I would respectfully suggest that Congress be asked to make the above appropriation at an early day.

1 am, &c.,

JAMES E. PEEBLES, Disbursing Clerk, War Department.

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