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## MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

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RICHMOND, VA., January 15, 1863.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives :*

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering certain estimates.

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

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

## LETTER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, U. S. A., )  
Richmond, Jan. 12, 1863. )

*To the President :*

SIR: I have the honor to enclose herewith an estimate, (in duplicate,) to be submitted to Congress, of the amount required for the telegraphic service in the Confederate States, to the 30th June, 1863, inclusive. The material on which it is based was not submitted in time for it to be included in the general estimates.

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

C. G. MEMMINGER,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

## STATEMENT OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT, )  
January 8th, 1863. (

Hon. C. G. MEMMINGER,

*Secretary of the Treasury:*

SIR:—I have the honor herewith to submit a statement of the amount of receipts and expenditures, on account of military telegraph lines, from June 1st, 1861, to September 1st, 1862, together with an estimate of the amount required for constructing, repairing and operating military telegraph lines to June 30th, 1863.

## EXPENDITURES.

Amount expended for constructing and repairing from June 1st, 1861, to September 1st, 1862,	\$53,034 97
Amount paid salaries to superintendent, operators and watchmen,	11,783 34
Amount paid operators out of receipts,	1,328 25
Amount paid for incidental expenses,	275 71
Making,	\$66,422 27

## RECEIPTS.

By amount appropriated under act approved May 21st, 1861,	\$30,000 00
By amount appropriated December 24th, 1861,	25,000 00
By amount appropriated April 3d, 1862,	30,000 00
By amount of receipts from offices to September 1st, 1862,	1,810 25
By amount of cancelled warrants,	133 72
Making,	\$86,943 97
Leaving to the credit of the appropriations,	\$20,521 70

I have no report of the amount of expenditures since the 1st September last, the date at which Wm. S. Morris was appointed agent and charged with the management of the telegraph lines. And I have to make a merely arbitrary estimate for the expenditures on account of telegraph lines from that date to the 30th of June next.

To cover the probable expenditures on existing lines, and for building and repairing lines, I request the appropriation of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000 00.)

This amount will not all be expended unless the exigencies of the war should require the construction and use of additional lines of telegraph.

I am, sir, with high respect,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN, *P. M. General.*

*AN ESTIMATE OF THE AMOUNT* required for compensation of agents, cost of materials, and constructing, repairing and operating telegraph lines.

For compensation of agents, cost of materials, and constructing, repairing and operating telegraph lines,      \$50,000 00

ROBERT TYLER,  
*Register of the Treasury.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.    )  
REGISTER'S OFFICE, Jan. 12, 1863. )

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