IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 12, 1865.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State, of the Treasury, of War, of the Navy, of the Interior, the Postmaster General, and the Attorney General, be each directed to inform the Senate what amount was paid or allowed in his department for attorney's or counsel fees of every kind and description, exclusive of the regular salaries paid to the Attorney General and the respective district attorneys, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864, and so far as practicable, from that period to the 1st of January, 1865, giving a list of the names of the persons employed, the amount paid each and out of what fund, and the services for which those fees were paid.

FEBRUARY 21, 1865.

Ordered, That the reports received in answer to the foregoing resolution be printed.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, January 16, 1865.

To the Senate of the United States:

The Secretary of State, to whom has been communicated a resolution of the Senate of the 12th instant, in the words following: "Resolved, That the Secretary of State, of the Treasury, of War, of the Navy, of the Interior, the Postmaster General, and the Attorney General, be each directed to inform the Senate what amount was paid or allowed in his department for attorney's or counsel fees of every kind and description, exclusive of the regular salaries paid to the Attorney General and the respective district attorneys, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864, and so far as practicable, from that period to the 1st of January, 1865, giving a list of the names of the persons employed, the amount paid each, and out of what fund, and the services for which those fees were paid," has the honor, by permission and under the orders of the President, to subjoin a full statement in answer thereto.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Expenditures of the Department of State for counsel fees and legal expenses, from July 1, 1863, to January 1, 1865.

September, 1863.—George A. Thurston, for counsel to provost marshals, 1861 and 1862, in Maryland ........................................ $100 00
September, 1863.—Brady and Traphagen, of New York .................... 1,000 00
November, 1864.—Samuel Blatchford, for disbursements and legal fees charged to the habeas corpus fund, under the act of March 3, 1863 ................................................................. 813 00
October, 1863.—Samuel Whiting, United States consul at Nassau, New Providence, paid for counsel fees, which was charged to neutrality act fund .................................................. 50 40
Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a resolution of the Senate, of the 12th instant, requiring the Secretary of the Treasury "to inform the Senate what amount was paid or allowed in his department for attorney's or counsel fees of every kind and description, exclusive of the regular salaries paid to the Attorney General and the respective district attorneys, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864, and, so far as practicable, from that period to the 1st of January, 1865, giving a list of the names of the persons employed, the amount paid each, and out of what funds, and the service for which those fees were paid."

I transmit herewith two statements, prepared by the Commissioner of Customs and the First Comptroller, furnishing the information called for by the resolution.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. P. FESSENDEN,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN,
President of the Senate.

Statement of all accounts for attorney's fees, adjusted in the Bureau of the Commissioner of Customs since July 1, 1863, all of which were paid out of the appropriation for expenses of collecting the revenue.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name of attorney</th>
<th>Place</th>
<th>In fiscal year ending June 30, 1864</th>
<th>From July 1, 1863, to January 1, 1865</th>
<th>For what services</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>George F. Talbot</td>
<td>Machias, Me</td>
<td>$10 00</td>
<td>$6,468 15</td>
<td>Services in a revenue case.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Richard H. Dana, Jr.</td>
<td>Boston, Mass</td>
<td>250 00</td>
<td>12,630 00</td>
<td>Services in revenue cases and defense of collectors.</td>
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<tr>
<td>John V. Healy</td>
<td>Boston, Mass</td>
<td>43 00</td>
<td></td>
<td>Services in revenue case.</td>
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<tr>
<td>E. Delphino Smith</td>
<td>New York</td>
<td>8,780 00</td>
<td>$6,468 15</td>
<td>Services in revenue cases and suits against collectors.</td>
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<tr>
<td>G. V. Lowrey</td>
<td>Detroit</td>
<td>3,330 00</td>
<td>5,900 00</td>
<td>Retainers and services in revenue cases.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daniel S. Dickinson</td>
<td>Cairo, Ill</td>
<td>3,500 00</td>
<td></td>
<td>Services in revenue cases.</td>
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<td>William M. Evarts</td>
<td>Burlington, Iowa</td>
<td>200 00</td>
<td>530 00</td>
<td>Services in suits against collector.</td>
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<td>William C. Noyes</td>
<td></td>
<td>300 00</td>
<td></td>
<td>Services in suits against collector.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>William Tracy</td>
<td></td>
<td>300 00</td>
<td></td>
<td>Services in suits against collector.</td>
</tr>
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<td>James J. Roosevelt</td>
<td></td>
<td>80 00</td>
<td></td>
<td>Services in suits against collector.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alfred Russell</td>
<td></td>
<td>863 30</td>
<td>43 00</td>
<td>Suits on bonds, in revenue cases, and for collector.</td>
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<td>David T. Linegar</td>
<td></td>
<td>200 00</td>
<td>100 00</td>
<td>Suits, counsel for surveyor.</td>
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<tr>
<td>David Hower</td>
<td></td>
<td>230 00</td>
<td></td>
<td>In suit as to site of marine hospital.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John J. McGilvra</td>
<td></td>
<td>250 00</td>
<td></td>
<td>In matter of V. Smith, collector, and Lieutenant Merryman.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Paul K. Hubble</td>
<td>Port Townsend, W. T.</td>
<td>20 00</td>
<td></td>
<td>In a revenue case.</td>
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Total | | $16,468 15 | $12,630 00 | |

Excepting the amounts paid to D. T. Linegar and J. J. McGilvra, and the amounts for special services in defense of suits against collectors, and for retainers in revenue cases, the above amounts were all paid under the acts of February 26, 1853, and August 16, 1856.
Special attorney and counsel fees paid from the appropriations for expenses of California land claims and expenses of courts during the period from July 1, 1863, to December 31, 1864.

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>John A. Wells</td>
<td>$4,500</td>
<td>California land claims</td>
<td>Special counsel in California land claims, (Mr. W. is paid $3,000 a year)</td>
<td>Attorney General</td>
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<td>T. J. Coffey</td>
<td>2,000</td>
<td>Same</td>
<td>Special counsel in California land claims, (1,000 of this paid in last half 1864)</td>
<td>Same</td>
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<tr>
<td>Isaac Hartman</td>
<td>2,500</td>
<td>Same</td>
<td>Special counsel in California land claims</td>
<td>Same</td>
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<tr>
<td>J. B. Black</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>Same</td>
<td>Same</td>
<td>Same</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T. J. Coffey</td>
<td>3,000</td>
<td>Judiciary</td>
<td>Special counsel, prize cases in United States Supreme Court, ($1,000 of this paid in last half of 1864)</td>
<td>Same</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Charles Eames</td>
<td>550</td>
<td>Same</td>
<td>Special counsel, prize cases in United States Supreme Court</td>
<td>Same</td>
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<tr>
<td>Charles Eames</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>Same</td>
<td>Special counsel, prize case United States vs. Steamship Wm. Peel</td>
<td>Secretary of the Navy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wm. M. Evarts</td>
<td>15,750</td>
<td>Same</td>
<td>Special counsel, prize cases in the United States circuit and district courts.</td>
<td>Secretary of State</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thompson Campbell</td>
<td>3,000</td>
<td>Same</td>
<td>Special counsel, private lands claim, eastern district of Michigan</td>
<td>Attorney General</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lockwood &amp; Clark</td>
<td>900</td>
<td>Same</td>
<td>Special counsel, private lands claim, eastern district of Michigan</td>
<td>Secretary of the Interior</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Samuel A. Foot</td>
<td>800</td>
<td>Same</td>
<td>Special counsel, arguing question of constitutionality of the legal-tender not</td>
<td>Secretary of the Treasury</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>David D. Field</td>
<td>3,000</td>
<td>Same</td>
<td>before the court of appeals in State of New York</td>
<td>Same</td>
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<tr>
<td>C. K. Gilchrist</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>Same</td>
<td>Special counsel, case United States vs. Wessels, counterfeiting, United States</td>
<td>Same</td>
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<tr>
<td>J. N. Rogers</td>
<td>250</td>
<td>Same</td>
<td>United States circuit court of Iowa</td>
<td>Same</td>
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<tr>
<td>W. H. F. Gurley</td>
<td>435</td>
<td>Same</td>
<td>United States attorney, district of Iowa, fees and expenses examining land titles</td>
<td>Same</td>
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(This account was rendered December 29, 1863. The services began June 19, 1861; the date when they were finished is not given.)

FIRST COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, January 16, 1865.

R. W. TAYLER, Comptroller.
REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

War Department,
Washington City, February 1, 1865.

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith, in compliance with the resolution of the Senate of the 12th ultimo, statements of the amounts paid by this department for attorney's or counsel fees during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864, and from that period to the 1st of January, 1865.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN,
President of the Senate.
Statement of amounts paid by the War Department for attorney's or counsel fees during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1864, to 1st of January, 1865.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Name</th>
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<td>1864.</td>
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<td>Jan. 14</td>
<td>Charles Donohue</td>
<td>Counsel on inquiry on death of Donnelly, shot by an officer of 14th N. Y. cavalry.</td>
<td>Major Gen. Dix</td>
<td>Gen. Canby, by order of Secretary of War</td>
<td>$100 00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 8</td>
<td>John J. McCullough</td>
<td>Case of claim of St. James mission to military reservation at Vancouver, Washington Territory.</td>
<td>Solicitor War Department</td>
<td>Secretary of War</td>
<td>$500 00</td>
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<td>April 9</td>
<td>John J. Stillman</td>
<td>Case of John Merryman against Maj. Gen. Cadwalader.</td>
<td>Solicitor Whiting</td>
<td>Gen. Canby</td>
<td>$1,000 00</td>
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<td>May 14</td>
<td>John P. Gray</td>
<td>Matter of inquiry into mental condition of Lorenzo C. Stewart, under sentence for desertion and murder.</td>
<td>Secretary of War</td>
<td>$906 63</td>
<td></td>
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<td>June 15</td>
<td>Fuller &amp; Raudal</td>
<td>Case of Elijah Deavers, Michigam.</td>
<td>Gen. Ketchum</td>
<td>$25 00</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>July 12</td>
<td>A. C. Fraser, Milwaukee</td>
<td>Matter of application of John Frank for discharge from military duty as drafted soldier.</td>
<td>Gov. Sulman, of Wisconsin</td>
<td>Secretary of War</td>
<td>$30 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Oct. 17</td>
<td>Oscar Wagner</td>
<td>Case of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania vs. W.</td>
<td>Judge Advocate John C. Knox</td>
<td>$100 00</td>
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<td>Nov. 7</td>
<td>Geo. F. Talbot, U. S. Att., Me.</td>
<td>Case of Moses Blackley, sued for assault in arresting deserter.</td>
<td>Solicitor War Department</td>
<td>C. A. Dana, Asst. Sec. War</td>
<td>$401 00</td>
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### Statement of the amounts paid by the War Department, &c—Continued.

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<td>B. E. Hoffman, vs. Governor Tod.</td>
<td>Gov. Tod.</td>
<td>Gov. Tod.</td>
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<td>Nov. 12</td>
<td>J. C. Morris, Cases before general court-martial, Lexington, Ky.</td>
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<td>Nov. 14</td>
<td>E. C. Larned, Habeas corpus case of Col. B. J. Sweat, ii do.</td>
<td></td>
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<td>$50</td>
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<td>Nov. 18</td>
<td>Edward Pierrepont, Case of Salomon Kohn-tamm for frauds upon department</td>
<td>Secretary of War</td>
<td>C. Delarield</td>
<td>$5,230</td>
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<td>Nov. 20</td>
<td>S. S. Boyd, Taking deposition of Virginia E. Rover, case of S. Lingo</td>
<td>Secretary of War</td>
<td>C. Delarield</td>
<td>$15</td>
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<td>Dec. 19</td>
<td>John P. Hale, Investigating matter of seizure of locomotives by United States</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$2,000</td>
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<td>Dec. 21</td>
<td>H. H. Harding, Assisting judge advocate, court-material at Nebraska City</td>
<td>Brig. Gen. R. B. Mitchell</td>
<td></td>
<td>$244</td>
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<td>Dec. 26</td>
<td>Henry Stanberry, Case of Jacob S. Dyer</td>
<td>Solicitor War Department</td>
<td></td>
<td>$700</td>
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<td>Dec. 31</td>
<td>Coleman &amp; Bullock, Case of Jacob S. Dyer</td>
<td>Solicitor War Department</td>
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<td>$500</td>
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<td>Nov. 9</td>
<td>B. F. Hoffman, Case of John W. Keys against Governor Tod.</td>
<td>Gov. Tod.</td>
<td>Secretary of War</td>
<td>$250</td>
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<td>Nov. 10</td>
<td>H. H. Hunter, Case of Edson B. Olds</td>
<td>Solicitor War Department</td>
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<td>Nov. 11</td>
<td>Thomas Ewing and H. H. Hunter.</td>
<td>Secretary of War</td>
<td>Jas. A. Hardie</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
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<td>Nov. 11</td>
<td>Henry F. Page, Case of John W. Keys against Governor Tod.</td>
<td>Gov. Tod.</td>
<td>Jas. A. Hardie</td>
<td>$250</td>
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<td>Nov. 18</td>
<td>John Blackburn, Case of John W. Keys against Governor Tod.</td>
<td>Gov. Tod.</td>
<td>Jas. A. Hardie</td>
<td>$500</td>
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<td>July 13</td>
<td>Browning &amp; Bushnell, Suit against D. L. Phillips, U. S. marshal, southern district Illinois</td>
<td>Solicitor War Department</td>
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<td>$1,000</td>
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<td>July 18</td>
<td>Grinnell &amp; Williams, Case of John Blackham, do</td>
<td>Solicitor War Department</td>
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<td>$320</td>
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<td>Oct. 26</td>
<td>James R. Whiting, Defending case of Major A. Bassford, 14th N. Y. cav. on the charge of killing Joseph Council.</td>
<td>Secretary of War</td>
<td>Jas. A. Hardie</td>
<td>$500</td>
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<td>Nov. 7</td>
<td>John B. D. Cogswell, United States marshals, do on the charge of killing Joseph Council.</td>
<td>President United States</td>
<td></td>
<td>$500</td>
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<td>Nov. 11</td>
<td>William Tyson, Case of Adolphus Adler, Advocate, do</td>
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<td>$250</td>
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<td>Date</td>
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<td>Freeholder</td>
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<td>Dec. 24</td>
<td>J. J. McGilvra</td>
<td>Services in resisting discharge of United States soldiers on writs of habeas corpus</td>
<td>P. H. Watson, Asst Sec. War</td>
<td>64 00</td>
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<td>Oct. 26</td>
<td>E. S. Brown</td>
<td>Defending Private E. W. Cottrell, Company I, 11th Virginia, on charge of murder</td>
<td>General Kelly</td>
<td>250 00</td>
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<td>Feb. 28</td>
<td>R. S. Brown</td>
<td>Services in defending interests of government in suit of Wiseman vs. Cornelia, col. at Ft. Walla-Walla</td>
<td>E. R. S. Canby, Asst Ad. Gen</td>
<td>50 00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar. 28</td>
<td>R. S. Carnahan</td>
<td>Services rendered government upon retainer of Provost Marshal General</td>
<td>W. H. Dart, U. S. dist. attorney</td>
<td>750 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mar. 18</td>
<td>R. Conkling</td>
<td>Services in 139 habeas corpus cases</td>
<td>Asst Judge Advocate Turner</td>
<td>200 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mar. 12</td>
<td>R. Conkling</td>
<td>Services in case of arrest of Lt. O'Brien, 23d colored troops</td>
<td>C. A. Dana, Asst Sec. War</td>
<td>2,320 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mar. 14</td>
<td>C. W. Rand</td>
<td>Services rendered War Department until Jan. 1, 1863</td>
<td>Solicitor War Department</td>
<td>84 49</td>
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FEES PAID ATTORNEYS.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 18, 1865.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following resolution passed by the Senate on the 12th instant, viz:

"Resolved, That the Secretary of State, of the Treasury, of War, of the Navy, of the Interior, the Postmaster General, and the Attorney General, be each directed to inform the Senate what amount was paid or allowed in his department for attorney's or counsel fees of every kind and description, exclusive of the regular salaries paid to the Attorney General and the respective district attorneys, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864, and, so far as practicable, from that period to the first day of January, 1865, giving a list of the names of the persons employed, the amount paid each, and out of what fund, and the services for which those fees were paid.

"J. W. FORNEY, Secretary.
"By W. HICKEY, Chief Clerk."

The total amount paid by this department for counsel fees from the 1st of July, 1863, to the 1st of January, 1865, as per detailed statement herewith submitted, is $4,800. A few hundred dollars paid for investigating the titles to lands purchased, and the fees of judge advocates, which are regulated by law, and over which the department has no control, are not included, as it is supposed they are not embraced in the resolution.

The department has no solicitor or attorney attached to it by law, and is obliged to obtain special counsel as needed.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

GIDEON WELLES,
Secretary of the Navy.

Hon. Hannibal Hamlin,
Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate.

Amount paid for professional services rendered the Navy Department from 1st July, 1863, to 1st January, 1865.

November 23, 1863.—To H. L. Sleeper, for services on reference in the case of collision between the United States steamer Union and the pilot-boat James French, of the port of New York... $50 00
January 4, 1864.—To E. C. Carrington and John C. Kennedy, (upon recommendation of the Attorney General,) for services in suit against the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Navy, growing out of the seizure of money lost in gambling by Pay-master D. F. Gallaher... 200 00
January 29.—To Charles Eames, for services from 1st September to 31st of December, in several cases and investigations in New York and Washington... 1,000 00
September 12.—To Nathaniel Wilson, for services and expenses from March 15 to August 1, 1864, in the preparation of the cases of C. W. Scofield, C. H. Raymond, Joseph L. Savage, H. H. Slavens, and Smith Brothers, for trial by court martial, and in preparation of the case of Isaac Henderson, late navy agent at New York, and attendance at preliminary examination before commissioner... 2,500 00
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December 13.—To Nathaniel Wilson, for services and expenses in examination of accounts of Isaac Henderson, late navy agent at New York, and the preparation of eight indictments, and attendance before grand jury......................................................... $750 00

December 13.—To Nathaniel Wilson, for services and expenses in preparation of the case of Joseph L. Savage for reference to arbitrator, and attendance at two hearings at Philadelphia.................. 300 00

Total ...................................................... 4,800 00

The whole amount has been paid from the contingent fund.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 20, 1865.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of the Senate, adopted on the 12th instant, as follows:

"Resolved, That the Secretary of State, of the Treasury, of War, of the Navy, of the Interior, the Postmaster General, and the Attorney General, be each directed to inform the Senate what amount was paid or allowed in his department for attorney’s or counsel fees of every kind and description, exclusive of the regular salaries paid to the Attorney General and the respective district attorneys, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864, and, so far as practicable, from that period to the 1st of January, 1865, giving a list of the names of the persons employed, the amount paid each, and out of what fund, and the services for which those fees were paid."

I respectfully report in response to the resolution, so far as it relates to this department, that there was allowed and paid—

To Nicholas Brewer, of Annapolis, on the 4th of April, 1864, three hundred dollars, ($300,) from the appropriation for the Washington aqueduct, for professional services.

To A. Russell, of Michigan, one hundred dollars, ($100,) on the 28th of May, 1864, out of the contingent fund of the Pension Office, for extraordinary services, rendered October 1, 1862, in procuring the conviction of J. E. Chase, for transmitting forged powers of attorney to obtain bounty land warrants.

To W. D. Davidge, of Washington city, one hundred dollars, ($100,) on the 7th of June, 1864, out of the patent fund, for professional services in the mandamus case in the supreme court of the District of Columbia, of Whitely vs. The Commissioner of Patents.

To Lockwood Clark, of Detroit, Michigan, nine hundred dollars ($900) less internal revenue tax, out of the appropriation for judicial expenses of the United States for services as assistants to the United States district attorney, in defending the suit of the heirs of the Chevalier de Repentigny against the United States, authorized to be instituted by act of Congress approved April 19, 1860.

To Joseph H. Bradley, of Washington city, five thousand dollars ($5,000) on the 16th of December, 1864, out of the appropriation for the Washington aqueduct, for professional services in the matter of the claim of the Great Falls Manufacturing Company against the United States.

Messrs. Lockwood & Clark, Mr. Bradley, and Mr. Brewer were retained be-
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fore my present connexion with the department; but I have no doubt that their services were of essential benefit to the government.

The foregoing statement does not include the “salaries of assistants” in the office of the attorney of the United States for the southern district of New York. These salaries are classed by the act of August 6, 1861, as a part of the “proper expenses of the office,” and were partially paid from the “costs and fees thereof.” As they did not constitute a specific charge upon the treasury, I have not considered them within the scope of the inquiry presented by the resolution.

This department has, within the period named, issued requisitions for moneys payable out of the fund for “defraying the expenses of suits in which the United States are parties or interested.” They were drawn upon accounts audited and adjusted at the treasury, but over which I have no control. Such accounts are governed by the second section of the act of August 2, 1861, (Stat. at Large, vol. 12, p. 285;) the fifth section of the act of March 3, 1863, now repealed, entitled “An act further to regulate proceedings in prize cases, and to amend various acts of Congress in relation thereto,” (ib., p. 759;) and the twenty-fourth section of the act of June 30, 1864, entitled “An act to regulate prize proceedings, and the distribution of prize money, and for other purposes,” (Acts of the first session of the thirty-eighth Congress, page 306.) These two last acts expressly declare that the counsel fees incurred in the class of cases therein mentioned shall, under certain circumstances, be a charge upon, and paid out of, that fund. The sums paid under the foregoing acts are not herein set forth. The counsel were not retained nor their accounts allowed by this department.

The first appropriation for “special and extraordinary expenses of California land claims” was placed on the books of the treasury to the credit of this department. Such appropriations subsequently made have been so continued, but they have been under the exclusive control of the Attorney General, who has directed the disbursement of it. The requisitions by this department on that firm for counsel fees were drawn upon accounts certified by the Attorney General and audited at the treasury, and are not, therefore, stated in this communication.

I have confined myself to the instances where attorneys have been employed on behalf of this department, or one of its bureaux. The files and records under my control do not furnish full and detailed information as to other cases; and a report from me in regard to them would involve the attempted discharge of a duty which appears, by the resolution, to be imposed upon the department which retained counsel, and allowed their accounts for professional services. I have alluded to the subject only for the purpose of preventing any possible misapprehension by others of the reasons which have influenced my action in the premises.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. P. USHER,
Secretary of the Interior.

Hor. HANNIBAL HAMLIN,
Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate.
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REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Post Office Department,
Washington, January 18, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, in compliance with the resolution of the Senate of the 12th instant, a statement furnished by the Auditor for this department of the amounts allowed and paid for attorney's and counsel fees of every kind and description, exclusive of the regular salaries paid to district attorneys, from the 1st day of July, 1863, to the 31st day of December, 1864, as shown by the records of his office.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. DENNISON,
Postmaster General.

Hon. H. HAMLIN,
Vice-President of the United States.

Office of the Auditor of the Treasury
for the Post Office Department,
January 17, 1865.

SIR: Agreeably to your request, made in accordance with the resolution of the Senate of the United States, of the 12th instant, I respectfully submit the following statement of the amounts "allowed" and "paid" "for attorney's and counsel fees, of every kind and description, exclusive of the regular salaries paid to district attorneys," from the 1st day of July, 1863, to the 31st day of December, 1864, as shown by the records of this office:

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<td>April 15, 1864</td>
<td>Paid R. J. Lackey, for services as attorney of the United States for the western district of Missouri, in two cases.</td>
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<td>Nov. 19, 1864</td>
<td>Paid John B. D. Cogswell, for the western district of Wisconsin, in two cases. Paid Robert Crozier, for services as attorney of the United States for the district of Kansas, in four cases.</td>
<td>$20.00</td>
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<td>Dec. 14, 1864</td>
<td>Paid W. H. F. Gurley, for services as attorney of the United States for the district of Iowa, in five cases.</td>
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<td>July 23, 1863</td>
<td>Paid Alfred Russell, for services as attorney of the United States for the eastern district of Michigan, in two cases.</td>
<td>$40.00</td>
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<td>July 25, 1863</td>
<td>Paid Hiram Willey, for services as United States district attorney for the State of Connecticut, in one case.</td>
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<td>July 16, 1863</td>
<td>Paid Frederick O. Rogers, for services as attorney of the United States for the western district of Michigan, in two cases. Paid John B. D. Cogswell, for services as attorney of the United States for the district of Wisconsin, in one case.</td>
<td>$20.00</td>
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<td>June 30, 1863</td>
<td>Paid Milton Whitney, for his services as special attorney in the case of The United States vs. Carmack and Ramsey.</td>
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Paid William Price, for services as attorney of the United States for the district of Maryland, in two cases ................................. $60 00

Paid John Hanna, for services as attorney of the United States for the district of Indiana...... 10 00

Aug. 5, 1864.—Paid E. C. Larned, for services as attorney of the United States for the northern district of Illinois, in two cases ................................. 23 40

Sept. 22, 1864.—Paid William A. Dart, for services as attorney of the United States for the northern district of New York, in nine cases ................................. 180 00

Nov. 10, 1864.—Paid Joshua Tevis, for services as attorney of the United States for the district of Kentucky, in fifteen cases ................................. 155 00

Dec. 1, 1864.—Paid D. A. J. Upham, for services as attorney of the United States for the district of Wisconsin, in seven cases ................................. 60 00

Total .............................................................................. $3,023 40

All of which has been charged to the general account of "miscellaneous payments."

I am, very respectfully,

E. SELLS, Auditor.

Hon. ALEXANDER W. RANDALL,
First Assistant Postmaster General.