

16th CONGRESS.]

No. 499.

[2d Session.]

COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS OF CONGRESS AND OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

COMMUNICATED TO THE SENATE, JANUARY 31, 1821.

Mr. DANA, from the committee appointed to inquire into the propriety of reducing the allowances authorized by law for the two Houses of Congress and for the Executive Departments, submitted the following report:

That they have made inquiry, according to the resolution for their appointment, and do not consider it advisable, at the present time, to propose any reduction of legal allowances in the cases to them referred. The following resolution is accordingly submitted:

Resolved, That it is not expedient, at the present time, to reduce the compensations allowed by law for the respective Houses of Congress, and for the principal and other officers in the Executive Departments.

Statement of compensations allowed to officers and attendants of the Senate in the years 1800, 1808, 1816, and 1820.

Officers.	Years.			
	1800.	1808.	1816.	1820.
Secretary of the Senate, - - - -	\$2,050	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Principal clerk, - - - -	1,139	1,300	1,800	1,800
Engrossing clerk, - - - -	826	1,000	1,500	1,500
Engrossing clerk, - - - -	-	1,000	1,500	1,500
Doorkeeper and sergeant-at-arms, - - - -	800	950	1,500	1,500
Assistant doorkeeper, - - - -	750	900	1,450	1,450
One attendant, - - - -	150	200	400	400
One attendant, - - - -	150	200	400	400
One attendant, - - - -	150	200	400	400
	\$6,015	\$7,750	\$11,950	\$11,950

The foregoing statement exhibits the *regular* compensations, fixed by law, of the officers of the Senate. In addition thereto, they received the following allowances by *special* acts or resolutions:

THE SECRETARY.				
1799, March 2, by act, - - - -	-	-	-	\$200
1800, by resolution, - - - -	-	-	-	300
1804, by resolution, - - - -	-	-	-	300
				<u>\$800</u>
THE PRINCIPAL CLERK.				
1796, by resolution, - - - -	-	-	-	\$100
1798, May 14, by act, - - - -	-	-	-	100
1799, March 2, by act, - - - -	-	-	-	100
1799, by resolution, - - - -	-	-	-	100
1800, by resolution, - - - -	-	-	-	200
1803, by resolution, - - - -	-	-	-	200
1804, by resolution, - - - -	-	-	-	200
				<u>\$1,000</u>
ENGROSSING CLERK.				
1796, by resolution, - - - -	-	-	-	\$100
1798, May 14, by act, - - - -	-	-	-	100
1799, by resolution, - - - -	-	-	-	100
1799, March 2, by act, - - - -	-	-	-	100
1800, by resolution, - - - -	-	-	-	200
1803, by resolution, - - - -	-	-	-	200
1804, by resolution, - - - -	-	-	-	200
				<u>\$1,000</u>
DOORKEEPER AND SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.				
1798, May 14, by act, - - - -	-	-	-	\$100
1799, by resolution, - - - -	-	-	-	100
1799, February 25, by act, - - - -	-	-	-	500
1799, March 2, by act, - - - -	-	-	-	100
1803, by resolution, - - - -	-	-	-	200
1804, by resolution, - - - -	-	-	-	200
1806, by resolution, - - - -	-	-	-	135
				<u>\$1,335</u>

ASSISTANT DOORKEEPER.

1798, May 14, by act,	-	-	-	-	-	\$100
1799, March 2, by act,	-	-	-	-	-	100
1803, by resolution,	-	-	-	-	-	200
1804, by resolution,	-	-	-	-	-	200
						\$600

Until the year 1813, the doorkeeper was allowed, by a resolution of the Senate, twenty-eight dollars per week for an assistant and two horses. He has, since that time, been authorized to employ an assistant and two horses, the expense of which, after being allowed by the Committee of Accounts, has been paid out of the contingent fund.

Statement of the entire compensations received by the officers and attendants of the Senate, and by the chaplain and librarian, in the years 1800, 1808, 1816, and 1820.

Officers, &c.	Years.			
	1800.	1808.	1816.	1820.
Secretary,	\$2,350	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Principal clerk,	1,339	1,300	1,800	1,800
One engrossing clerk,	1,026	1,000	1,500	1,500
One engrossing clerk,	-	1,000	1,500	1,500
Doorkeeper and sergeant-at-arms,	800	950	1,500	1,500
Assistant doorkeeper,	750	900	1,450	1,450
One attendant,	150	200	400	400
One attendant,	150	200	400	400
One attendant,	150	200	400	400
Chaplain,	206	206	500	500
Librarian,*	-	468	1,000	1,500
	\$6,921	\$8,424	\$13,450	\$13,950

Abstract of laws fixing the compensations of the officers of the Senate.

SECRETARY.

1789, volume 2	Laws of the United States, page	55, { salary,	-	-	\$1,500 }	\$1,800
1796,	2	do.	512, { per diem during session,	-	300 }	
1800,	3	do.	367, additional to former allowances, from December 31,	-	-	
			1799, -	-	-	250
1802,	3	do.	492, in lieu of former allowance,	-	-	2,000
1806,	4	do.	31, same continued.	-	-	
1816,	4	do.	143, in lieu of former allowance,	-	-	3,000

PRINCIPAL CLERK.

1789,	2	do.	55, allowance per diem, \$3,	-	-	\$939
1796,	2	do.	512, continued.	-	-	
1800,	3	do.	367, additional, from December 1, 1799,	-	-	200
1802,	3	do.	492, in lieu of former allowances,	-	-	1,300
1806,	4	do.	30, continued.	-	-	
1814,	4	do.	706, in lieu of former allowance,	-	-	1,500
1816,	6	do.	143, in lieu of former allowance,	-	-	1,800
1818, April 18,	continued.					

ENGROSSING CLERKS.

1789,	2	do.	55, per diem, \$2,	-	-	\$626
1800,	3	do.	367, additional salary,	-	-	200
1802,	3	do.	492, in lieu of former allowance,	-	-	1,000
1806,	4	do.	30, continued.	-	-	
1814,	4	do.	706, in lieu of former allowance,	-	-	1,250
1816,	6	do.	143, in lieu of former allowance,	-	-	1,500
1818, April 18,	continued.					

DOORKEEPER AND SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

1789, volume 2	Laws of the United States, page	55, for his own services and of attendants, \$3 per diem.				
1792,	2	do.	270, salary in lieu,	-	-	\$500
1800,	3	do.	267, salary in lieu of former,	-	\$500	
			\$2 per diem during session,	-	300	
						800
1802,	3	do.	492, salary in lieu of former,	-	-	800
1806,	4	do.	30, salary in lieu of former,	-	-	950
1815,	4	do.	831, additional to former salary,	-	-	550

*First appointed in 1802.

ASSISTANT DOORKEEPER.

1789, volume 2	Laws of the United States, page 55,	\$2 per diem during session,	-	-	\$300
1792,	2	do.	270, salary in lieu,	-	450
1800,	3	do.	367, salary,	-	450
			\$2 per diem during session,	-	300
					<u>750</u>
1806,	4	do.	30, salary in lieu of former allowance,	-	900
1815,	4	do.	\$31, additional to former salary,	-	550
					<u>550</u>

NOTE.—The following acts are *exclusive* of those granting special allowances:

CHAPLAIN.

1789, volume 2	Laws of the United States, page 54,	chaplains allowed at the rate of \$500 per annum during the session, which, estimating each session at 150 days, is, per annum,	-	-	\$206
1818, April 30,	the salary of chaplains fixed at	-	-	-	500
					<u>500</u>

LIBRARIAN.

1802, January 26, volume 3	Laws of the United States, page 446,	the librarian allowed \$2 per diem for days necessarily attending. The rules required his attendance during the session, and three times a week in the recess; the whole estimated at 234 days,	-	-	\$468
1816, April 30,	makes the librarian a salary officer,	-	-	-	1,000
1818, April 18,	increases the salary to	-	-	-	1,500
					<u>1,500</u>

Statement of the compensations allowed to the officers and attendants of the House of Representatives in the years 1800, 1808, 1816, and 1820.

Officers and attendants.	Years.			
	1800.	1808.	1816.	1820.
Clerk of the House,	\$2,072	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Principal clerk,	1,295	1,300	1,800	1,800
One engrossing clerk,	930	1,000	1,500	1,500
One engrossing clerk,	930	1,000	1,500	1,500
One engrossing clerk,	-	1,000	1,500	1,500
One engrossing clerk,	-	-	1,500	1,500
Sergeant-at-arms,	822	950	1,500	1,500
Doorkeeper,	822	950	1,500	1,500
Assistant doorkeeper,	772	900	1,450	1,450
One messenger,	161	200	350	400
One messenger,	-	200	350	400
One messenger,	-	200	350	400
One messenger,	-	200	350	400
One messenger,	-	200	350	400
One messenger,	-	-	350	400
	\$7,804	\$10,100	\$17,350	\$17,650

Senators and Representatives of the United States.

	1790.		1800.		1808.		1816.		1820.	
	States.	No.	States.	No.	States.	No.	States.	No.	States.	No.
Senators,	13	26	16	32	17	34	19	36	22	44
Representatives,	-	65	-	106	-	142	-	183	-	186
		91		138		176		219		230

First Congress, for three sessions, total days in a Congress,	-	-	-	-	519
Fifth Congress, for three sessions, total days in a do.	-	-	-	-	394
Eleventh Congress, for three sessions, total days in a do.	-	-	-	-	315
Thirteenth Congress, for three sessions, total days in a do.	-	-	-	-	471
Total number of days, including the second session of the sixteenth Congress,	-	-	-	-	4,821
Average number of days for each session,	-	-	-	-	106 ⁵ / ₃₂
Average number of days for each year,	-	-	-	-	150 ⁵ / ₃₂

Summary of compensations for Executive Departments in 1790, 1795, 1800, 1808, 1816, 1820.

Departments.	1790.			1795.		
STATE.						
Secretary, - - -	\$3,500 00	-	-	\$3,500 00		
Clerks and messenger, - - -	2,648 70	-	-	3,037 17		
		\$6,148 70			\$6,537 17	
PATENT OFFICE.						
Clerk, Superintendent.						
Clerk and messenger.			\$6,148 70			\$6,537 17
TREASURY.						
Secretary, - - -	3,500 00	-	-	3,500 00		
Clerks and messengers, - - -	4,444 00	-	-	4,067 50		
		7,944 00			7,567 50	
First Comptroller, - - -	2,000 00	-	-	2,650 00		
Clerks and messenger, - - -	3,122 46	-	-	6,963 43		
		5,122 46			9,613 43	
Second Comptroller.						
Clerks and messenger.						
First Auditor, - - -	1,500 00	-	-	2,400 00		
Clerks and messenger, - - -	7,940 00	-	-	8,212 03		
		9,440 00			10,612 03	
Second Auditor, late Accountant War.						
Clerks and messenger.						
Third Auditor, late additional Accountant.						
Clerks and messenger.						
Fourth Auditor, late Accountant Navy.						
Clerks and messenger.						
Fifth Auditor.						
Clerks and messenger.						
Treasurer, - - -	2,000 00	-	-	2,400 00		
Clerks and messenger, - - -	600 00	-	-	1,950 00		
		2,600 00			4,350 00	
Register, - - -	1,250 00	-	-	2,000 00		
Clerks and messenger, - - -	4,183 29	-	-	13,171 54		
		5,433 29			15,171 54	
Commissioner of General Land Office.						
Clerks and messenger.						
Commissioner of the Revenue, - - -	-	-	-	2,400 00		
Clerks and messenger, - - -	-	-	-	3,062 51		
			30,539 75		5,462 51	52,777 01
WAR.						
Secretary, - - -	3,000 00	-	-	3,000 00		
Clerks and messenger, - - -	2,180 28	-	-	4,903 63		
		5,180 28			7,903 63	
Paymaster General.						
Clerks and messenger.						
Commissary General of Purchases.						
Clerks and messenger.						
Accountant, now Auditor,† - - -	-	-	-	1,200 00		
Clerks and messenger, - - -	-	-	-	3,579 25		
					4,779 25	
Additional Accountant, now Auditor						
Clerks and messenger.						
Clerks, Adjutant and Inspector General.						
Clerks, Ordnance.						
Clerks, Commissary General of Subsistence.						
Clerks, Engineers.						
Clerks, Surgeon General.			5,180 28			12,682 88
NAVY.						
Secretary.*						
Clerks and messenger.						
Accountant.†						
Clerks and messenger.						
Commissioners.						
Secretary.						
Clerks and messenger.						
			\$41,868 73			\$71,997 06

* By act of 30th April, 1798, §3,000.

† Established by act of 27th November, 1796, at \$1,600.

‡ By act of 16th July, 1798, at \$1,600.

SUMMARY OF COMPENSATIONS—Continued.

Departments.	1800.			1808.		
STATE.						
Secretary,	\$5,000 00	-	-	\$5,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger,	8,821 83	-	-	7,972 00	-	-
		\$13,821 83			\$12,972 00	
PATENT OFFICE.						
Clerk, Superintendent,	-	-	-	-	1,550 00	
Clerk and messenger.			\$13,821 83			\$14,522 00
TREASURY.						
Secretary,	5,000 00	-	-	5,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messengers,	6,106 82	-	-	7,331 83	-	-
		11,106 82			12,331 83	
First Comptroller,	3,500 00	-	-	3,500 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger,	10,091 27	-	-	13,262 68	-	-
		13,591 27			16,762 68	
Second Comptroller.						
Clerks and messenger.						
First Auditor,	3,000 00	-	-	3,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger,	8,237 97	-	-	11,166 51	-	-
		11,237 97			14,166 51	
Second Auditor, late Accountant War.						
Clerks and messenger.						
Third Auditor, late additional Accountant.						
Clerks and messenger.						
Fourth Auditor, late Accountant Navy.						
Clerks and messenger.						
Fifth Auditor.						
Clerks and messenger.						
Treasurer,	3,000 00	-	-	3,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger,	3,030 12	-	-	3,734 00	-	-
		6,030 12			6,734 00	
Register,	2,400 00	-	-	2,400 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger,	14,495 68	-	-	16,164 53	-	-
		16,895 68			18,564 53	
Commissioner of General Land Office.						
Clerks and messenger,	-	-	-	-	5,309 68	
Commissioner of the Revenue,	3,000 00	-	-	-	-	-
Clerks and messenger,	3,193 06	-	-	-	1,041 60	
		6,193 06				
			65,054 92			74,910 83
WAR.						
Secretary,	4,500 00	-	-	4,500 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger,	6,720 00	-	-	7,940 00	-	-
		11,220 00			12,440 00	
Paymaster General,	1,764 40	-	-	1,440 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger,	3,100 00	-	-	4,200 00	-	-
		4,864 40			5,640 00	
Commissary General of Purchases.						
Clerks and messenger.						
Accountant, now Auditor,	2,000 00	-	-	2,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger,	8,910 00	-	-	10,185 00	-	-
		10,910 00			12,185 00	
Additional Accountant, now Auditor.						
Clerks and messenger.						
Clerks, Adjutant and Inspector General,					500 00	
Clerks, Ordnance.						
Clerks, Commissary General of Subsistence.						
Clerks, Engineers.						
Clerks, Surgeon General.			26,994 40			30,765 00
NAVY.						
Secretary,	4,500 00	-	-	4,500 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger,	5,658 92	-	-	6,045 00	-	-
		10,158 92			10,545 00	
Accountant,	2,000 00	-	-	2,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger,	7,551 25	-	-	9,610 00	-	-
		9,551 25			11,610 00	
Commissioners.						
Secretary.						
Clerks and messenger.			19,710 17			22,155 00
			\$125,581 32			\$142,352 83

SUMMARY OF COMPENSATIONS—Continued.

Departments.	1816.			1820.		
STATE.						
Secretary, - - -	\$5,000 00	-	-	\$6,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	9,860 00	-	-	14,260 00	-	-
		\$14,860 00			\$20,260 00	
PATENT OFFICE.						
Clerk, Superintendent, - - -	1,400 00	-	-	1,500 00	-	-
Clerk and messenger, - - -	750 00	-	-	1,250 00	-	-
		2,150 00			2,750 00	
			\$17,010 00			\$23,010 00
TREASURY.						
Secretary, - - -	5,000 00	-	-	6,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messengers, - - -	10,883 49	-	-	11,110 00	-	-
		15,883 49			17,110 00	
First Comptroller, - - -	3,500 00	-	-	3,500 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	15,926 05	-	-	18,260 00	-	-
		19,426 05			21,760 00	
Second Comptroller, - - -	3,000 00	-	-	3,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	8,110 00	-	-	12,960 00	-	-
		11,110 00			15,960 00	
First Auditor, - - -	3,000 00	-	-	3,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	17,049 60	-	-	15,610 00	-	-
		20,049 60			18,610 00	
Second Auditor, late Accountant War, - - -	-	-	-	3,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	-	-	-	17,610 00	-	-
					20,610 00	
Third Auditor, late additional Accountant, - - -	-	-	-	3,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	-	-	-	*37,659 56	-	-
					40,659 56	
Fourth Auditor, late Accountant Navy, - - -	-	-	-	3,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	-	-	-	15,460 00	-	-
					18,460 00	
Fifth Auditor, - - -	-	-	-	3,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	-	-	-	10,910 00	-	-
					13,910 00	
Treasurer, - - -	3,000 00	-	-	3,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	5,850 01	-	-	6,860 00	-	-
		8,850 01			9,860 00	
Register, - - -	3,000 00	-	-	3,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	16,838 00	-	-	22,760 00	-	-
		19,838 00			25,760 00	
Commissioner of General Land Office, - - -	3,000 00	-	-	3,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	12,672 50	-	-	22,960 00	-	-
		15,672 50			25,960 00	
Commissioner of the Revenue, - - -	3,000 00	-	-	-	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	9,045 86	-	-	4,525 00	-	-
		12,045 86			4,525 00	
			122,875 51			233,184 56
WAR.						
Secretary, - - -	4,500 00	-	-	6,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	14,921 79	-	-	30,117 57	-	-
		19,421 79			36,117 57	
Paymaster General, - - -	2,500 00	-	-	2,500 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	19,187 34	-	-	9,610 00	-	-
		21,687 34			12,110 00	
Commissary General of Purchases, - - -	3,000 00	-	-	3,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	2,800 00	-	-	3,160 00	-	-
		5,800 00			6,160 00	
Accountant, now Auditor, - - -	2,000 00	-	-	-	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	20,808 56	-	-	-	-	-
		22,808 56				
Additional Accountant, now Auditor, - - -	2,000 00	-	-	-	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	14,350 00	-	-	-	-	-
		16,350 00				
Clerks, Adjutant and Inspector General, - - -	-	2,300 00	-	-	2,150 00	-
Clerks, Ordnance, - - -	-	-	-	-	2,950 00	-
Clerks, Commissary General of Subsistence, - - -	-	-	-	-	2,150 00	-
Clerks, Engineers, - - -	-	-	-	-	1,457 01	-
Clerks, Surgeon General, - - -	-	-	-	-	1,150 00	-
			88,367 69			64,244 58
NAVY.						
Secretary, - - -	4,500 00	-	-	6,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	7,645 00	-	-	8,910 00	-	-
		12,145 00			14,910 00	
Accountant, - - -	2,000 00	-	-	-	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	15,077 04	-	-	-	-	-
		17,077 04				
Commissioners, - - -	10,500 00	-	-	7,788 46	-	-
Secretary, - - -	2,000 00	-	-	2,000 00	-	-
Clerks and messenger, - - -	4,467 50	-	-	7,960 00	-	-
		16,967 50			17,748 46	
			46,189 54			33,658 46
			\$274,442 74			\$353,097 60

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, REGISTER'S OFFICE, January 30, 1821.

Stated from the records.

JOSEPH NOURSE, Register.

*For the year 1821, will only be \$29,310, from the time limited for the employment of certain clerks having expired 31st December, 1820.