

The committee are unable to perceive that any injustice has been done the petitioner by the Government; they required only a compliance with his engagement and contract: this they failed to do. They opened this road knowing that the Department had not authority to contract or pay for it, and on their own responsibility; on the contrary, they were expressly told the Department had not; and the strong probability seems, that, in taking the contract at \$14,000, they believed it would cover the expense of the road, as well as other expenses.

Resolved, therefore, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

21st CONGRESS.]

No. 103.

[2d SESSION.

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1830.

COMMUNICATED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MARCH 3, 1831.

Mr. YANCEY, from the Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department, made the following report:

There are two kinds of expenditures of this Department: the one embraces the whole Department, in all its branches, and in all their operations, throughout the Union, such as the expenses of post offices, of compensation to postmasters, of transporting the mail, and procuring apparatus and all other articles incident to the operations of the Department; the other has reference to the General Post Office proper, such as the expenses of fuel, stationary, office furniture, &c. The first of these classes is provided for by the law which establishes the Department, and is defrayed by the collections of postage at the several post offices, which constitutes the revenue of the Department; the second is provided for by the annual appropriation of Congress.

The expenditures of the *first* class are comprehended under three heads: 1. Compensation to postmasters, including the contingent expenses of their offices; 2. Transportation of the mail; and 3. Incidental expenses of the Department.

The expenditures of the Department, under these three heads, for the year ending 1st July, 1830, were—

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|----------------|
| 1. Compensation to postmasters, including the contingent expenses of their offices, (the items under this head are specified and defined by law,) | - | - | - | \$595,234 93 |
| 2. Transportation of the mail, | - | - | - | 1,274,009 98 |
| 3. Incidental expenses of the Department, for the purchase of mail portmanteaus, locks and keys for the mails, advertising mail routes, wrapping paper and twine for all the post offices in the United States, to use in making up mails, printed blanks for accounts of mails sent and received, accounts current, newspaper accounts and post bills, prosecutions of offences against the post office laws, and agencies for detecting depredators, and ascertaining and reporting faults in contractors and postmasters, | - | - | - | 63,463 04 |
| Making, together, the sum of | - | - | - | \$1,932,707 95 |

The expenditures of the *second* class, in the General Post Office proper, are exhibited in the following statement received from the Postmaster General:

SIR:

GENERAL POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, *February 25, 1831.*

In obedience to the call of the committee, I have the honor to transmit a statement exhibiting the amount paid, and specifying the several items of expenditure, and the names of the persons to whom the payments have been made, for the contingent expenses of this Department, from October 1, 1829, to December 31, 1830.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. T. BARRY.

Hon. JOEL YANCEY, *Chairman of the Committee on Expenditures of Post Office Department.*

Statement of contingent expenses of the General Post Office, showing the sum paid for each particular bill, from October 1, 1829, to December 31, 1830.

| 1829. | | | | | |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---------|
| October 1 | James Miles, for stationary, | - | - | - | \$75 75 |
| 2 | Charles Durden, laborer, | - | - | - | 20 00 |
| 3 | William Young, for covering a desk with leather, | - | - | - | 6 00 |
| 3 | Walter Humphries, for sawing and piling wood, | - | - | - | 12 40 |
| 3 | R. Burch, watchman, | - | - | - | 51 00 |
| 3 | Charles Bell, watchman, | - | - | - | 51 00 |
| 3 | William Johnson, for scavenger's work, | - | - | - | 12 00 |
| 7 | Charles Polkinhorn, for saddlery, | - | - | - | 21 75 |
| 9 | William Jackson, for keeping the horse, | - | - | - | 10 00 |
| 10 | W. A. Bartow & Co., for stationary, | - | - | - | 220 25 |
| 14 | John Sergeant, for book-binding, | - | - | - | 48 00 |
| 19 | Waller & Spencer, for pitchers, tumblers, &c. | - | - | - | 7 14 |
| 20 | Thomas Blagden, balance for fire-wood, | - | - | - | 392 21 |
| 21 | E. M. P. Darby, for maps, | - | - | - | 33 50 |
| 22 | Ballard & Co., for Boston Patriot, | - | - | - | 16 00 |
| 27 | Charles Bell, for sundry small bills paid by him for the office, | - | - | - | 13 83 |
| 27 | Walter Humphries, for sawing and piling wood, | - | - | - | 18 22 |
| 27 | William Jackson, for dinners and suppers furnished clerks employed extra hours while opening and deciding on proposals, by order of the Postmaster General, | - | - | - | 76 12 |
| 28 | Thomas Stanley, for painting and glazing, | - | - | - | 118 08½ |
| 29 | John Wilkinson, for carpenter's work, tables, cases, repairs, &c. | - | - | - | 123 95½ |
| 30 | William A. Davis, for stationary, | - | - | - | 58 00 |
| 31 | George Hicks, for carting, | - | - | - | 25 |
| 31 | Henry Sengstack, for glazing, | - | - | - | 3 75 |

STATEMENT—Continued.

| | | | | | | |
|---------|---|---|---|--------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1829. | | | | | | |
| Nov. | 2 | R. Patterson, for horse-shoeing, | - | - | \$3 00 | |
| | 2 | Charles Durden, laborer, | - | - | 20 00 | |
| | 4 | Osborn & Barnes, for cloth for desk covering, | - | - | 7 04 | |
| | 5 | George Templeman, for penknives, | - | - | 7 50 | |
| | 6 | Edward Deeble, for book-binding, | - | - | 16 00 | |
| | 14 | James Williams, for fire-wood, | - | - | 61 53 $\frac{3}{4}$ | |
| | 14 | Samuel C. Boston, for fire-wood, | - | - | 47 88 | |
| | 14 | Henry Gray, for laboring in removing office furniture, | - | - | 4 00 | |
| | 14 | William Jackson, for keeping the horse, | - | - | 10 00 | |
| | 17 | James Clark, for fire-wood, | - | - | 52 11 | |
| | 19 | Robert Storey, for hauling wood, | - | - | 9 06 $\frac{1}{4}$ | |
| | 19 | Henry Gray, for laboring in cellar, | - | - | 4 50 | |
| | 21 | Walter Humphries, for sawing and piling wood, | - | - | 35 00 | |
| | 23 | Henry Ault, for tin and sheet iron work, | - | - | 47 24 | |
| | 24 | Bushey & Deal, for carpenter's work, | - | - | 20 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| | 28 | M. M. Cole, for two copies of map of Hudson river, | - | - | 1 50 | |
| Dec. | 1 | Charles Durden, laborer, | - | - | 20 00 | |
| | 1 | William Young, for saddlery, | - | - | 2 25 | |
| | 4 | Thomas Levering, for one thousand quills, | - | - | 25 00 | |
| | 7 | Richard Herbert, for scouring rooms, washing windows, &c. | - | - | 11 75 | |
| | 16 | William Jackson, for keeping the horse, | - | - | 10 00 | |
| | 23 | William Young, for making leather wood-carriers, | - | - | 9 00 | |
| | 23 | Walter Humphries, for sawing and piling wood, | - | - | 20 00 | |
| | 24 | H. V. Hill, for writing table, desk, and case, | - | - | 53 00 | |
| | 30 | Arthur W. Bell, for cleaning engine-house, &c. | - | - | 10 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| | 31 | Salmon Tryon, for almanacs, | - | - | 2 25 | |
| | 1830. | | | | | |
| January | 1 | Charles Durden, laborer, | - | - | 20 00 | |
| | 1 | William Johnson, for scavenger's work, | - | - | 12 00 | |
| | 2 | Charles Bell, watchman, | - | - | 51 00 | |
| | 2 | Remigius Burch, watchman, | - | - | 51 00 | |
| | 2 | Henry Gray, for laboring, cleaning the yard, &c. | - | - | 1 68 | |
| | 5 | George Templeman, for books and stationary, | - | - | 48 75 | |
| | 5 | J. W. Newport, for six reams letter paper, | - | - | 27 00 | |
| | 8 | Joseph Borrows, for cash paid for washing towels, &c. | - | - | 21 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| | 13 | N. B. Van Zandt, for Encyclopaedia Americana, | - | - | 5 00 | |
| | 13 | S. C. Roszel & Co., for a case for desk, | - | - | 13 00 | |
| | 15 | William Jackson, for keeping and shoeing the horse, | - | - | 11 00 | |
| | 19 | E. Lindsley, for hardware, | - | - | 16 00 | |
| | 21 | Gales & Seaton, for subscription and advertising in National Intelligencer, | - | - | 16 25 | |
| | 26 | Remigius Burch, for painting cases, | - | - | 8 00 | |
| | 26 | Richard Wright, for a case and table, | - | - | 3 75 | |
| | 27 | S. A. Elliot, for almanacs, directories, &c. | - | - | 16 50 | |
| | 29 | Pishey Thompson, for stationary, | - | - | 71 43 | |
| | 30 | Walter Humphries, for sawing and piling wood, | - | - | 30 00 | |
| | Feb. | 1 | Henry Ault, for tin and sheet iron work, | - | - | 41 87 |
| | | 2 | B. Homans, for the Columbian Gazette, | - | - | 2 92 |
| | | 2 | Robert Wilson, for furniture, chairs, tables, book-case, &c. | - | - | 313 50 |
| | | 2 | C. Bestor, for pitchers, tumblers, &c. | - | - | 7 19 |
| | | 4 | S. Snowden, for the Phoenix Gazette, | - | - | 8 00 |
| | | 5 | Robert Herbert, for laboring, | - | - | 75 |
| | | 11 | Robert Wilson, for a case, and repairing desk, | - | - | 20 00 |
| | | 13 | C. Buckingham, for repairing engine, &c. | - | - | 10 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | | 13 | William Jackson, for keeping the horse, | - | - | 10 00 |
| | | 16 | C. Alexander, for making curtains and carpets, and repairing, | - | - | 137 47 |
| | | 19 | J. F. Howe & Co., for the Boston Evening Bulletin, two and one-twelfth years, | - | - | 16 67 |
| | March | 1 | Lynch Wormly, for hire of horse, | - | - | 7 00 |
| 2 | | William Ward, for repairing wheelbarrow, | - | - | 2 00 | |
| 2 | | Robert Herbert, for laboring, | - | - | 7 50 | |
| 8 | | George Templeman, for law books and stationary, | - | - | 34 00 | |
| 13 | | Walter Humphries, balance for sawing and piling wood, | - | - | 18 38 | |
| 15 | | John McDuell, for painting and glazing, | - | - | 96 77 | |
| 15 | | William Jackson, for keeping the horse, | - | - | 10 00 | |
| 27 | | Ingle, Lindsley, & Ingle, for hardware, | - | - | 36 55 | |
| 27 | | Darius Clagett, for carpets, curtains, &c. | - | - | 698 25 | |
| 27 | | W. A. Bartow & Co., for stationary, | - | - | 644 75 | |
| 27 | | J. W. Morrell, for an engraving of President Jackson, | - | - | 2 50 | |
| 29 | John Dickson, for furniture, tables, desks, &c. | - | - | 470 25 | | |
| 30 | H. S. Tanner, for a map of the United States, | - | - | 8 00 | | |
| 31 | William A. Fennell, for one copy of Webster's Dictionary, | - | - | 7 00 | | |
| April | 1 | William Jackson, for keeping the horse, | - | - | 5 00 | |
| | 1 | John Hill, for two baskets, | - | - | 1 50 | |
| | 2 | William Johnson, for scavenger's work, | - | - | 12 00 | |
| | 2 | M. Shanks, for two spit-boxes, | - | - | 2 00 | |
| | 3 | Charles Durden, for extra laboring services, | - | - | 6 00 | |
| | 3 | John Wilkinson, carpenter, for making and repairing cases, tables, &c. | - | - | 323 98 | |
| | 5 | William H. Morgan, for five prints of the Presidents, framed, | - | - | 50 00 | |
| | 5 | John Foy, for planting trees, and gravelling and improving the Post Office grounds, | - | - | 56 47 | |
| | 7 | E. Prescott, for subscription to the New York Morning Herald, | - | - | 10 00 | |
| | 12 | J. Elliot, for three copies of the History of the Ten Miles Square, | - | - | 4 50 | |
| | 17 | W. A. Bartow & Co., for stationary, | - | - | 199 68 | |
| | 17 | D. Clagett, for green cloth for floor, | - | - | 7 25 | |
| | 19 | Nathaniel Herbert, for sweeping and taking care of engine-house, | - | - | 5 00 | |
| | 21 | C. Buckingham, for repairs to engine and hose, | - | - | 11 50 | |
| 23 | Thomas H. Batt, for cleaning and oiling six hundred feet of hose, | - | - | 6 00 | | |
| 23 | John Farmer, for two maps of Michigan, | - | - | 10 00 | | |
| 24 | George P. Morris, for New York Mirror, | - | - | 4 00 | | |
| 26 | W. Bartram, for freight of box, | - | - | 1 62 | | |
| 29 | W. Young, for saddlery, | - | - | 2 93 | | |

STATEMENT—Continued.

| 1830. | | | | | |
|---------|----|--|---|---|--------|
| April | 29 | John Farmer, for one map of Michigan, | - | - | \$5 00 |
| | 30 | S. J. Browne, for the Emporium and Crisis, | - | - | 19 25 |
| May | 1 | William Jackson, for keeping the horse, | - | - | 10 00 |
| | 3 | Thomas T. Barnes, for green cloth for desk cover, | - | - | 2 62 |
| | 4 | Thomas Levering, for candles, lampwick, &c. | - | - | 6 89 |
| | 5 | Thomas Garner, for shoeing the horse, | - | - | 1 50 |
| | 13 | Condy Raguet, for the Banner of the Constitution, | - | - | 5 00 |
| | 15 | Gray & Bowen, for the North American Review, two years, | - | - | 10 00 |
| | 15 | Sarah Tate, for binding carpet, | - | - | 1 50 |
| | 18 | J. D. Boteler, for repairing door locks, shovels, tongs, &c. | - | - | 11 25 |
| | 19 | J. F. Howe & Co., for Boston Evening Bulletin, | - | - | 2 67 |
| | 20 | Remigius Burch, for lighting lamps, | - | - | 30 00 |
| | 28 | Lewis Johnson, for a small writing desk, | - | - | 4 50 |
| | 29 | John McDuell, for painting and glazing, | - | - | 66 47 |
| June | 1 | William Jackson, for keeping the horse, | - | - | 10 00 |
| | 2 | Pleasants & Abbott, for the Richmond Whig, | - | - | 5 00 |
| | 2 | Samuel Bacon, for candles and rope, | - | - | 9 89 |
| | 4 | James Decker, for black sand, | - | - | 1 50 |
| | 5 | John Wilkinson, for carpenter's work, | - | - | 74 57 |
| | 5 | J. Elliot, for third and fourth volumes of the Convention for adopting the Constitution, | - | - | 12 00 |
| | 15 | Charles Bell, for cash paid laborers for removing furniture, | - | - | 7 00 |
| | 16 | Rachael Herbert, for scouring floors, windows, &c. | - | - | 36 00 |
| | 21 | William Young, for saddlery and a morocco cushion, | - | - | 5 25 |
| | 21 | John Hopkins, for two lithographic prints of President Jackson, with frames, | - | - | 40 00 |
| | 22 | John Smith, for sweeping chimneys, | - | - | 20 30 |
| | 22 | H. V. Hill, for improvements to writing desk, | - | - | 1 50 |
| | 29 | D. Green, for United States Telegraph, two years, | - | - | 20 00 |
| July | 1 | William Jackson, for keeping the horse, | - | - | 10 00 |
| | 1 | Charles Durden, for extra laboring services, | - | - | 6 00 |
| | 1 | William A. Bartow & Co., for stationary, | - | - | 209 71 |
| | 2 | William Johnson, for scavenger's work, | - | - | 12 00 |
| | 2 | Edward Dyer & Co., for candles, | - | - | 7 37½ |
| | 2 | Robert Wilson, for three wash-stands, | - | - | 8 00 |
| | 2 | Uriah Jenkins, for freight of paper, steamboat Potomac, | - | - | 1 50 |
| | 3 | Nathaniel Herbert, for sweeping and taking care of engine-house, | - | - | 3 00 |
| | 7 | Thomas Garner, for shoeing the horse, | - | - | 2 25 |
| | 7 | Pishey Thompson, for stationary, | - | - | 36 50 |
| | 10 | J. Elliot, for Reports Supreme Court, volume 1, | - | - | 6 50 |
| | 15 | Joseph Borrows, for cash paid by him for washing towels, carting, &c. | - | - | 26 43 |
| | 15 | George Templeman, for laws, stationary, &c. | - | - | 20 05 |
| | 19 | Jesse Cromwell, for quills and two tables, | - | - | 22 00 |
| | 19 | Pishey Thompson, for freight on box of books, | - | - | 62½ |
| | 20 | C. Alexander, for repairing carpets, &c. | - | - | 7 98 |
| | 28 | William Young, for two cushions, | - | - | 5 50 |
| | 30 | R. Tonge, for wafer and sand boxes, | - | - | 3 45 |
| | 31 | B. Homans, for New York American, | - | - | 4 00 |
| August | 2 | William Jackson, for keeping the horse, | - | - | 10 00 |
| | 5 | Robert Hill, for the Richmond Enquirer, two years, | - | - | 10 00 |
| | 6 | Henry Gray, for cleaning out the cellar, | - | - | 1 50 |
| | 9 | C. Bestor, for pitchers and tumblers, | - | - | 10 25 |
| | 17 | Stettinius & Harper, for towels, green baize, &c. | - | - | 20 19 |
| | 17 | John Sergeant, for binding books, | - | - | 20 50 |
| | 25 | Walter Humphries, for sawing wood, | - | - | 18 75 |
| | 28 | William Fry, for the National Gazette, | - | - | 20 33 |
| | 28 | S. A. Elliot, for six copies of Washington Directory, | - | - | 4 75 |
| | 30 | John Nott, for wheeling and piling wood, | - | - | 6 25 |
| Sept. | 1 | William Jackson, for keeping the horse, | - | - | 10 00 |
| | 4 | Benjamin Benjamin, for one thousand quills, | - | - | 20 00 |
| | 10 | William Young, for making a cushion, | - | - | 2 75 |
| | 10 | Walter Humphries, for sawing wood, | - | - | 28 82 |
| | 21 | Joseph Nott, for putting in cellar and piling wood, | - | - | 10 10 |
| | 23 | William Ward, for mending wheelbarrow, | - | - | 1 25 |
| | 28 | Walter Humphries, for sawing and piling wood, | - | - | 22 00 |
| | 28 | C. Buckingham, for repairing hose to engine, | - | - | 4 00 |
| | 29 | J. Elliot, for second volume Reports Supreme Court, | - | - | 6 75 |
| October | 1 | William Jackson, for keeping the horse, | - | - | 10 00 |
| | 1 | Charles Durden, for extra laboring services, | - | - | 6 00 |
| | 2 | William Johnson, for scavenger's work, | - | - | 12 00 |
| | 2 | Rothwell & Ustick, for the American Spectator, | - | - | 2 50 |
| | 2 | Thomas Garner, for shoeing the horse, | - | - | 2 62 |
| | 4 | S. P. Franklin, for hanging and repairing paper, | - | - | 2 50 |
| | 5 | B. C. Saunders, for firewood, | - | - | 752 50 |
| | 8 | Walter Humphries, for sawing, wheeling, and piling wood, | - | - | 25 95 |
| | 21 | George Savage, for brooms and brushes, | - | - | 25 83 |
| | 25 | William Young, for repairing saddle and bridle, | - | - | 1 12½ |
| | 29 | Nathaniel Herbert, for sweeping and taking care of the engine-house, | - | - | 3 00 |
| | 30 | William Jackson, for refreshments for clerks employed extra hours, | - | - | 51 00 |
| Nov. | 1 | William Jackson, for keeping the horse, | - | - | 10 00 |
| | 3 | Andrew Marschalk, for the Mississippi Statesman and Natchez Gazette, | - | - | 8 75 |
| | 5 | John McDuell, for painting and glazing, | - | - | 131 46 |
| | 6 | John Wilkinson, for making and repairing cases, tables, &c. | - | - | 682 95 |
| | 10 | H. S. Sanderson, for the Baltimore Republican, | - | - | 4 00 |
| | 17 | John Gaither, for chairs, | - | - | 6 00 |
| | 20 | Jacob A. Bender, for bricklaying, fixing stoves, &c. | - | - | 16 25 |
| | 24 | Rachael Herbert, for cleaning windows and stoves, | - | - | 17 75 |
| Dec. | 1 | William Jackson, for keeping the horse, | - | - | 10 00 |
| | 6 | Edward Dyer & Co., for candles, | - | - | 8 01 |
| | 9 | John Gaither, for chairs, | - | - | 6 00 |
| | 14 | Ingle, Lindsley, & Ingle, for stoves and hardware, | - | - | 189 80 |

STATEMENT—Continued.

| | | | | | |
|---------|---|---|---|---|-------------|
| 1830. | | | | | |
| Dec. 20 | J. Elliot, for six Congressional Directories, | - | - | - | \$1 50 |
| 29 | S. Tryon, for almanacs, | - | - | - | 2 25 |
| 31 | Charles Durden, for extra laboring services, | - | - | - | 6 00 |
| 31 | Remigius Burch, for lighting lamps, | - | - | - | 18 12½ |
| 31 | William Jackson, for keeping the horse, | - | - | - | 10 00 |
| 31 | William Johnson, for scavenger's work, | - | - | - | 12 00 |
| 31 | Thomas Garner, for shoeing the horse, | - | - | - | 3 00 |
| | | | | | \$8,734 01½ |

21st CONGRESS.]

No. 109.

[2d SESSION.

CONDITION OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

COMMUNICATED TO THE SENATE, MARCH 3, 1831.

Mr. CLAYTON made the following report:

The committee appointed, in pursuance of the resolution of the 15th of December last, "to examine and report the present condition of the Post Office Department; in what manner the laws regulating the Department are administered; the distribution of labor; the number of clerks, and the duties assigned to each; the number of agents, where and how employed; the compensation of contractors; and, generally, the entire management of the Department; and whether further, and what, legal provisions are necessary to secure the proper administration of its affairs," respectfully report:

That the papers herewith submitted contain the information which they have collected in obedience to the resolution, and which is now laid before the Senate without remark or comment. These papers are marked and described as follows, viz:

1. The Postmaster General's letter to the committee, dated February 26, 1831, and delivered to the chairman on the 1st of March, at 10 o'clock P. M. This letter is in reply to the letter of the committee of the 24th of December last, and is marked No. 1.
2. Paper marked A, No. 2, in reference to the incidental expenses of the Department.
3. Paper marked K, No. 3.
4. Paper marked L, No. 4.
5. Paper marked M, No. 5, respecting defaulters.
6. Paper marked N, No. 6, stating the cases in which the lowest bids for carrying the mail were not accepted.
7. Paper marked I, No. 7, containing an inventory of property in the iron chest.
8. Paper marked No. 8, B, being two letters of the Postmaster General, dated January 31, 1831.
9. Paper marked C, containing a letter of the Postmaster General, of the date of February 22, covering C. K. Gardner's letter of the 21st of February.
10. Paper marked D, being a letter of the Postmaster General, dated February 23, 1831, received on the 24th.
11. Paper marked E, containing the letters of the Hon. John McLean to the committee.
12. Paper marked F, being a letter from the Postmaster General, dated March 2, 1831, covering copies of certain letters of John McLean and Abraham Bradley.
13. Paper marked G, Judge Test's letter to the committee.
14. Paper marked H, letter of the Hon. George M. Bibb.
15. Paper marked I, No. 15, containing depositions of Mr. C. K. Gardner, Mr. O. B. Brown, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Suter, and Mr. Dundas.
16. Paper marked J, No. 16, containing the interrogatories and letters of the committee.
17. Paper marked K, No. 17, containing the journal of the committee, and the deposition of Abraham Bradley, unfinished for want of time.

The committee have received abstracts E, F, G, and H, referred to in the Postmaster General's letter of the date of the 26th of February, being *answers in part* to interrogatories respecting the causes of the increased expenditure of the last year, which the Postmaster General in that letter alleges are "incomplete for want of time," and which have been, at his request, returned to him "that they may be completed during the recess."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. CLAYTON, *Chairman.*

No. 1.

SIR:

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, *February 26, 1831.*

In answer to the resolutions of the select committee of which you are chairman, requiring information from this Department in nine divisions of subjects, I have the honor to communicate as follows:

First. A statement of the whole incidental expenses of the Department, "giving the various items of such expenses" from July 1, 1826, to July 1, 1827, marked A; a statement of the incidental expenses of the Department, "giving the various items of such expenses," from July 1, 1827, to July 1, 1828, marked B; also a like statement from July 1, 1828, to July 1, 1829, marked C; and a like statement from July 1, 1829, to July 1, 1830, marked D.

Second. A "distinct" statement, so far as the force within the power of the Department has been able to complete it, of the various items which have caused the increase of expenditures for the year ending July 1, 1830, beyond those of the year preceding, amounting to the sum of \$150,475 38. This resolution of the committee, "desiring to know distinctly what are the improvements in mail facilities, or other causes, which have occasioned this increased expenditure," requires the various items in all the expenditures of the Department within the last year, which occasioned either an increase or diminution of expenditures on the same objects within the preceding year, with all the items of additions, to be set forth, in order to show the exact difference in the total sum which was reported as above, and is exhibited by the balances on the books. Under the same head, the resolution requires, also, a specification of the routes on which the transportation of the mail has been increased, and a separate statement of what contracts have been made for such purposes. The fulfilment of this requisition has rendered necessary a laborious and voluminous abstract from the books of the whole operations of the Department for the year commencing the 1st of July, 1828, (marked E, for transportation,) and of the whole operations of the Department for the last year, commencing the 1st of July, 1829, (marked F, for transportation,) in order to enable an experienced clerk to proceed with the comparative statement, by collating the two accounts, item by item, and tracing and recording the causes of difference as well as the amounts, to exhibit the true result, (marked G and H.) These have not been completed, from the absolute insufficiency of the time. As the statements may hereafter be completed by the principal pay clerk during the recess of Congress, the committee are requested to return these papers, when they dispense with them, to the Department. In answer to the desire of the committee, "to ascertain how much the amount of revenue has been augmented" by the improvements and increase of facilities in mail transportation, it should be stated that