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^[[Portion of the report to Professor Henry omitted in the report to Col. Lyford March 24 - 1876]]

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Washington
Jany 3. 1876.]]

JOSEPH HENRY,
SECRETARY SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

SIR:

I HAVE THE HONOR OT PRESENT HEREWITH AN ACCOUNT OF
[[striketrough]] WHAT IS PROPOSED IN REFERENCE TO THE
[[striketrough]] ^[[the proposed plan of]] EXHIBITION BY THE
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION AT THE INTERNATIONAL
CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION, AND [[striketrough]] TO WHAT
[[striketrough]] ^[[the]] EXTENT ^[[to which]] THE WORK HAS BEEN
CARRIED OUT.

^[[History of the movement]]

ON THE 23RD OF JANUARY, ^[[1874]] THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES CALLED UPON THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF
THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,
TO NOMINATE ONE MEMBER EACH, TO CONSTITUTE A BOARD IN
BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS TO WHICH SHOULD
BE COMMITTED THE PREPARATION AND ADOPTION OF A PLAN
FOR A COLLECTIVE EXHIBITION AT THE INTERNATIONAL
EXHIBITION OF 1876, "OF SUCH ARTICLES AND MATERIAL AS
WILL ILLUSTRATE THE FUNCTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE
FACULTIES OF THE GOVERNMENT IN TIME OF PEACE AND ITS
RESOURCES AS A WAR POWER, AND THEREBY SERVE TO
DEMONSTRATE THE NATURE OF OUR INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR
ADAPTATION TO THE WANTS OF THE PEOPLE."

THE PERSONS DESIGNATED, IN RESPONSE TO THE CALL OF THE
PRESIDENT, WERE THE FOLLOWING:-

BY THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY. - F.M.SAWYER.
BY THE SECRETARY OF WAR. - COL.S.C.LYFORD, U.S.A.
BY THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY. - ADMIRAL T.A.JENKINS,
U.S.N.
BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR. - JOHN EATON.
BY THE POST MASTER GENERAL. - DR. CHARLES F.MC DONALD.
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. - WM. SAUNDERS.
BY THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION. - S.F.BAIRD.

ON THE 25TH OF MARCH 1874, THE NOMINATIONS WERE
ACCEPTED BY THE PRESIDENT FOR THE BOARD REFERRED TO,
^[[and]] COL. S.C.LYFORD, [[striketrough]] HAVING BEEN
[[striketrough]] ^[[was]] DESIGNATED AS CHAIRMAN.
SUBSEQUENTLY, ON THE RETIREMENT OF MR.SAWYER, MR.
R.W.TAYLER WAS APPOINTED IN BEHALF OF THE TREASURY



DEPARTMENT.

THE FIRST BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD ~~WAS~~ [^]~~THAT OF PREPARING A GENERAL PLAN~~ OF THE EXHIBITION AND ESTIMATES OF THE COST OF CARRYING THIS OUT FOR EACH DEPARTMENT. THE FOLLOWING ESTIMATES WERE MADE, AFTER A CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBJECT, AS BEING ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE WORK ON A PROPER SCALE.

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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.		211,000	
TREASURY DEPARTMENT		5,000	
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.		5,000	
AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.		50,000	
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION--NATIONAL MUSEUM:		100,000	
WAR DEPARTMENT.		200,000	
NAVY DEPARTMENT.		150,000	
ADD FOR SHOW-CASES, SHELVING, INCIDENTALS &C.---		50,000	
FOR A SEPARATE BUILDING CAPABLE OF REMOVAL TO WASHINGTON, AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE EXHIBITION, TO BE USED AS A NATIONAL MUSEUM AT THE CAPITAL OF THE NATION		<u>200,000</u>	
		<u>\$971,000.00</u>	

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THESE ESTIMATES WERE REDUCED BY THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, WHO PRESENTED TO CONGRESS THE FOLLOWING ~~ESTIMATE~~ [^]~~ESTIMATE~~ [^]~~ESTIMATE~~ WHICH WAS PASSED WITHOUT OPPOSITION FROM ANY QUARTER:-

[[3-column table]]

WAR DEPARTMENT.		133,000	
NAVY DEPARTMENT.		100,000	
INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.		115,000	
TREASURY DEPARTMENT		5,000	
POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.		5,000	
AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.		50,000	
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.		67,000	

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