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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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JOSEPH HENRY, SECRETARY SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

SIR:

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

^[[[[underlined]] History of the movement [[/underline]]]]

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, [[strikethrough]] HAVING BEEN [[/strikethrough]] ^[[was]] DESIGNATED AS CHAIRMAN. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON THE RETIREMENT OF MR.SAWYER, MR. R.W.TAYLER WAS APPOINTED IN BEHALF OF THE TREASURY

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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT. | 211,000 |
TREASURY DEPARTMENT | 5,000 |
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. | 55,000 |
AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT. | 50,000 |
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION-:NATIONAL MUSEUM: | 100,000 |
WAR DEPARTMENT. | 200,000 |
NAVY DEPARTMENT. | 150,000 |
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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
|[[underlined]] 200,000 | \$971,000.00 [[/underlined]]

THESE ESTIMATES WERE REDUCED BY THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, WHO PRESENTED TO CONGRESS THE FOLLOWING [[strikethrough]] ESTIMATE [[/strikethrough]] ^[[schedule]] 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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