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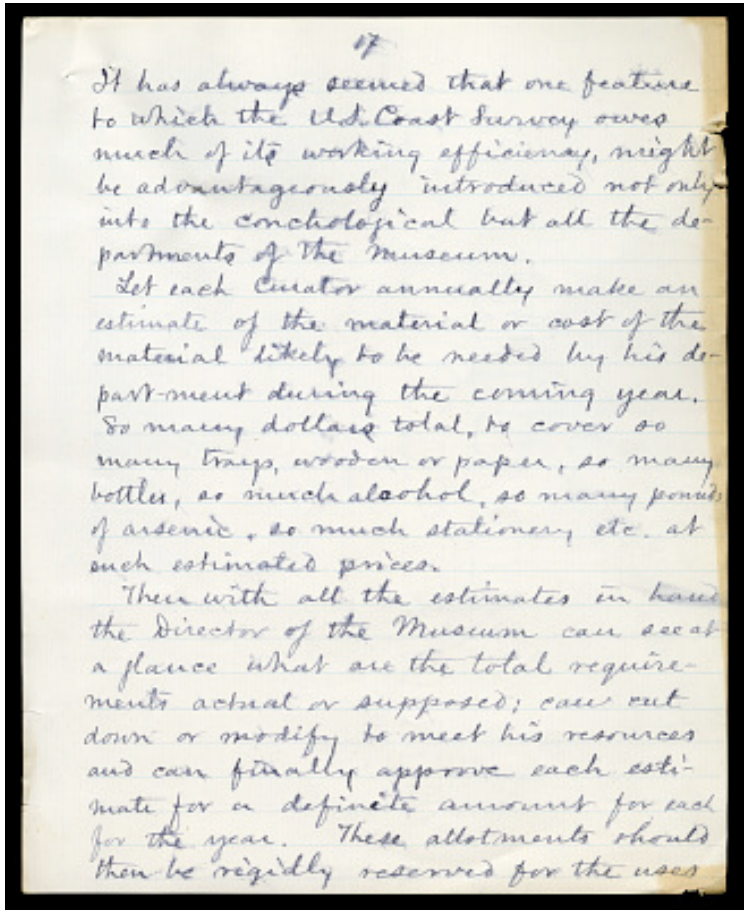
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It has always seemed that one feature to which the U.S.Coast Survey owes much of its working efficiency, might be advantageously introduced not only into the conchological but all the departments of the Museum.
Let each Curator annually make an estimate of the material or cost of the material likely to be needed by his department during the coming year. So many dollars total, to cover so many trays, wooden or paper, so many bottles, so much alcohol, so many pounds of arsenic, so much stationery etc. at such estimated prices.
Then with all the estimates in hand the Director of the Museum can see at a glance what are the total requirements actual or supposed; can cut down or modify to meet his resources and can finally approve each estimate for a definite amount for each for the year. These allotments should then be rigidly reserved for the uses



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