

To the Hon. John D. C. Atkins

Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations,

Sir.

We respectfully ask your attention to the necessity of providing for the payment of some additional Stenographers employed in reporting investigations by Committees during the present session. Up to the middle of January we were able to attend ourselves to all the work, but since then, in consequence of several of the Committees sitting at the same time, and at places outside of the Capitol, we have had to employ other Stenographers to attend to them. We may mention among the investigations prosecuted during the session, those of the Texas Border Troubles and the Venezuelan Awards by the Committee on Foreign Affairs; Texas Border Troubles and Army Organization by the Committee on Military Affairs; Phoney case and Western Mail Contracts by the Post Office Committee; Branch Mints and Silver Coinage by the Com^o on Coinage Weights & Measures; Shanghai Consulate by Com^o on Expenditures in the State Department; the Doorkeeper investigation; Government Printing Office; Naval Affairs and Expenditures in the Navy Department; Pacific Railroads; the resumption of specie payment, by the Com^o on Banking & Currency; Expenditures in the Treasury Department (two parts); Expenditures in the Post Office Department; and several others. In some of these investigations the testimony ~~the testimony~~ was quite voluminous, and those we have attended to almost

exclusively ourselves. During a part of the time six
of the Committees have held sessions simultaneously at
places outside of the Capitol.

Some of the testimony is not yet printed, but
we estimate that the amount required to pay, at the regular
rates, for the extra work done so far will be about
\$4,600; to which may be added, say, \$2,000 for work
likely to be done before the end of the session. We
furnish herewith a list of the stenographers, with the esti-
mated amounts due to them respectively.

Washington, May 6th 1878.

With great respect
your obedient servant

Henry G. Hayes.
Andrew Devine
Official stenographers
for committees.

A. Johns	\$400
E. W. Grant	700
J. J. Gilbert	950
T. J. Hamilton	1050
N. N. Alexander	640
Geo. Bohertz	400
E. C. Bartlett	70
E. D. Easton	10
B. P. Gaines	180
S. D. Caldwell	50
J. L. Andem	25
	\$4535

Communication from the
Stenographers for Committees
asking an appropriation for
pay of extra Stenographers.

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