

Appropriation for Committee Stenographers

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To the {Honorable} 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, Cheney case and Western Mail Contracts by the Post Office Committee; Branch Mints and Silver Coinage by the {Committee} on Coinage Weights & Measures; Shanghai Consulate by {Committee} 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 [[?]] payment, by the {Committee} 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 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 \$4,000; 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 estimated amounts due to them respectively.

Washington, May 6th, 1878

With great respect

Your obedient servants

Henry G. Hayes

Andrew Devine

Official Stenographers for Committees.

| Name | Amount due |

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| A. Johns | \$400 |

| E.W. Grant | \$700 |

| J. I. Gilbert | \$950 |

| T.J. Hamilton | \$1050 |

| H.H. Alexander | \$640 |

| {George} ODoherty | \$400 |

| E.C. Bartlett | \$70 |

| E.D. Easton | \$10 |

| B.P. Gaines | \$180 |

| S.D. Caldwell | \$50 |

| J.L. Andem | \$85 |

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Communication from the Stenographers for Committees asking an appropriation for {payment} of extra stenographers.

Read by Chairman

To {Committee on Appropriations}

June 2d. 1848