

CLERKS—POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

LETTER

FROM

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,

TRANSMITTING

A statement of the number, classes, and compensation of persons employed in the Post Office Department on the 1st of January, 1829.

FEBRUARY 25, 1843.

Referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, *February 24, 1843.*

SIR: In obedience to the resolution of the House of Representatives adopted on the 15th instant, I have the honor to report the number, classes, and compensation of persons employed in this Department on the 1st of January, 1829. They were as follows:

2 Assistant Postmasters General, at	-	-	-	-	\$2,500	per annum.
1 chief clerk, at	-	-	-	-	1,700	"
2 clerks, at	-	-	-	-	1,400	"
2 clerks, at	-	-	-	-	1,300	"
2 clerks, at	-	-	-	-	1,200	"
4 clerks, at	-	-	-	-	1,100	"
15 clerks, at	-	-	-	-	1,000	"
13 clerks, at	-	-	-	-	800	"
1 clerk, at	-	-	-	-	600	"
2 clerks, at	-	-	-	-	500	"
1 messenger, at	-	-	-	-	700	"
2 assistant messengers	-	-	-	-	350	"
2 watchmen, (separate compensation for watch service does not appear on record.)	-	-	-	-		
1 laborer, at	-	-	-	-	240	"

There does not appear to have been any separation or division of the force of the Department into distinct bureaus on the 1st of January, 1829.

In pursuance of the act of the 2d of July, 1836, authorizing its reorganization, the Department was divided into four separate bureaus, each having a distinct assignment of duties. These bureaus are given below, with the number and compensation of persons employed in each of them on the 1st of January, 1843.

CONTRACT OFFICE.

1 Assistant Postmaster General, at	-	-	-	\$2,500	per annum.
1 principal clerk, at	-	-	-	1,600	"
1 topographer, at	-	-	-	1,600	"
5 clerks, at	-	-	-	1,400	"
8 clerks, at	-	-	-	1,200	"
3 clerks, at	-	-	-	1,000	"
1 temporary clerk, at	-	-	-	1,000	"

APPOINTMENT OFFICE.

1 Assistant Postmaster General, at	-	-	-	2,500	"
1 principal clerk, at	-	-	-	1,600	"
3 clerks, at	-	-	-	1,400	"
3 clerks, at	-	-	-	1,200	"
1 clerk, at	-	-	-	1,000	"

INSPECTION OFFICE.

1 Assistant Postmaster general, at	-	-	-	2,500	"
1 principal clerk, at	-	-	-	1,600	"
2 clerks, at	-	-	-	1,400	"
5 clerks, at	-	-	-	1,200	"
1 temporary clerk, at	-	-	-	1,000	"

MISCELLANEOUS.

1 chief clerk, at	-	-	-	2,000	"
3 clerks, at	-	-	-	1,400	"
3 clerks, at	-	-	-	1,200	"
5 clerks, at	-	-	-	1,000	"
1 temporary clerk, at	-	-	-	1,000	"

Besides the persons in the foregoing bureaus, there were employed in the Department, on the 1st of January last—

1 messenger, at	-	-	-	\$750	per annum.
3 assistant messengers, at	-	-	-	350	"
2 watchmen, (for the night,) at	-	-	-	300	"
1 laborer and assistant messenger, at	\$350				} These are paid out of the annual appropriation for the contingent expenses of the Department.
1 day watchman, at	-	-	-	360	
3 laborers, at	-	-	-	300	

As the Auditor's office was established by the act of the 2d July, 1836, as a bureau of the Treasury Department, of course no notice of it is taken in this communication.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. A. WICKLIFFE.

HON. JOHN WHITE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.