

REMOVALS AND APPOINTMENTS IN INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

IN ANSWER TO

A resolution of the House of February 11, relative to removals and appointments in the Interior Department.

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To the House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith a report from the Secretary of the Interior, in reply to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 11th instant, calling for certain information relative to removals and appointments in his department since the adjournment of the 1st session of the 39th Congress.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, *February 25, 1867.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 25, 1867.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the report of this department, in reply to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 11th instant, calling for the following information, viz:

"1. The number and names in each of the States and Territories of all registers and receivers of land offices, Indian agents, commissioners, and other persons employed in his (the Interior) Department who have been removed since the adjournment of the last session of Congress, together with the names of their successors, and the causes and reasons in each case for such removals and appointments.

"2. Whether the salaries or emoluments of persons so appointed have been increased from those of their predecessors; and if so, to what extent in each case and in the aggregate."

The accompanying tables furnish the information required so far as it lies in my power to comply with the requirements of the resolution.

It is impossible for me to assign the causes for removal and appointment of officers and employes of this department, made prior to the 1st of September last, under my predecessor.

In all cases of removal and appointment since the 1st of September, ultimo, (when I assumed the duties of the department,) the reasons for such removals and appointments are given where special causes existed.

In some cases changes have been made for the sole reason that they were recommended by respectable and influential men of the States and Territories where the officers were located, but the number of such is very small.

With the exception of those enumerated in accompanying tables marked A, B, C, and D, all appointments of officers and employés of this department have been made to fill vacancies caused by resignation, death, or expiration of the term of former incumbents.

In reply to the second interrogatory, I have to state that the compensation of persons appointed since the adjournment of Congress has not been increased from that of their predecessors.

I have the honor to be, sir, with great respect, your obedient servant,

O. H. BROWNING,

Secretary of the Interior.

The PRESIDENT.

A.—List of removals in the Indian Department since the adjournment of the first session of the thirty-ninth Congress, with the names of successors to persons removed, and date of removal.

Name of appointee.	Where from.	Office to which appointed.	Date.	In place of—
H. B. Denman.....	Kansas.....	Sup't Indian Affairs, Northern superintendency.	Oct. 29, 1866	E. B. Taylor.
Lewis Lowry.....	Nebraska....	Agent for Indians of Omaha agency.	Oct. 26, 1866	R. W. Furnas.
Mathewson F. Patrick	do	Agent for Indians of Upper Platte agency.	Aug. 3, 1866	Vital Jarrat.
John J. Humphreys.....	Tennessee...	Agent for Indians of Cherokee agency.	Sept. 25, 1866	Justin Harlan.
Martin W. Choclar.....	Agent for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians.	Aug. 22, 1866	Isaac Coleman.
Henry Orman, jr.....	California...	Agent for the Indians of Smith River reservation.	Sept. 21, 1866	William Bryson.*
George W. Dent.....	do	Sup't Indian Affairs, Territory of Arizona.	Aug. 9, 1866	Geo. W. Leihy.
Thomas J. McKenney...	Iowa	Sup't Indian Affairs, Territory of Washington.	Sept. 25, 1866	W. H. Waterman.
Joel B. Bassett	Minnesota...	Agent for Chippewas of the Mississippi, &c.	Nov. 9, 1866	E. Clark.
H. S. Cunningham.....	New York....	Agent for the Indians of New York State.	Oct. 25, 1866	C. B. Rich.
J. M. Sena Baca.....	New Mexico.	Special Indian agent in New Mexico.	Oct. 10, 1866	M. Garcia.

* For hanging an Indian without trial.

B.—List of land officers in the various States and Territories who have been removed since the adjournment of the first session of the thirty-ninth Congress, with the names of their successors and the date of appointment.

Name of appointee.	To what office appointed.	In place of—	Date.
George J. Tickney.....	Receiver at Vermillion, Dakota	John W. Boyle	Aug. 6, 1866
John F. Wielandy.....	Register at Boonville, Missouri.....	Geo. W. Boardman	Sept. 18, 1866
Edward B. McPherson.....	Receiver at Boonville, Missouri.....	John S. McFarlan	do
Charles A. Gilman.....	Receiver at St. Cloud, Minnesota.....	W. B. Mitchell.....	do
John M. Waldron.....	Register at Greenleaf, Minnesota.....	Benj. F. Baker.....	Nov. 14, 1866
Henry Hill.....	Receiver at Greenleaf, Minnesota.....	Hezekiah Fletcher	do
John S. Tully.....	Register at New Orleans, Louisiana.....	Simon Jones.....	Sept. 20, 1866
Isaac G. Worden.....	Register at East Saginaw, Michigan.....	H. C. Driggs.....	Sept. 24, 1866
John Williams.....	Register at Junction City, Kansas.....	G. W. Martin.....	Oct. 27, 1866
T. W. Bedford.....	Register at Brownsville, Nebraska.....	Chas. G. Dorsey.....	Nov. 9, 1866
Edward S. Reed.....	Register at Nebraska City, Nebraska.....	Royal Buck.....	Sept. 24, 1866
Albert Tuxbury.....	Receiver at Nebraska City, Nebraska.....	W. H. H. Waters.....	do
Francis M. Ziebach.....	Register at Sioux City, Iowa.....	James T. Davis.....	Oct. 5, 1866

C.—List of removals of pension agents since the adjournment of the first session of the thirty-ninth Congress, with the names of successors and date of appointment.

Location of agency.	Name of appointee.	Date.	Former incumbent.
Dover, Delaware.....	William Walker.....	Sept. 17, 1866	David F. Burton.
Indianapolis, Indiana.....	William A. Low.....	Nov. 15, 1866	John W. Ray.
Springfield, Illinois.....	Edward L. Merritt.....	Aug. 15, 1866	John W. Bunn.
New Orleans, Louisiana.....	Frederick J. Knapp.....	Sept. 28, 1866	Chas. F. Buck.
Lexington, Kentucky.....	Marcus E. Browning.....	Sept. 3, 1866	Alex. H. Adams.
Augusta, Maine.....	Eben F. Pillsbury.....	Oct. 1, 1866	Chas. F. Potter.
Macon City, Missouri.....	Clark H. Green.....	Oct. 21, 1866	Himself, removed and reappointed.
Detroit, Michigan.....	Anthony Ten Eyck.....	Sept. 20, 1866	Thos. J. Noyes.
St. Paul, Minnesota.....	Reuben B. Galusha.....	Nov. 19, 1866	Robert P. Lewis.
Concord, New Hampshire.....	John F. Marsh.....	Nov. 1, 1866	David Cross.
Trenton, New Jersey.....	Philemon Dickinson.....	Oct. 8, 1866	R. C. Bellville.
Columbus, Ohio.....	Ezekiel T. Cox.....	Sept. 22, 1866	J. W. Dwyer.
Wheeling, West Virginia.....	John M. Doddridge.....	Sept. 17, 1866	John Bishop.
St. Johnsbury, Vermont.....	James H. Williams.....	Oct. 20, 1866	E. C. Redington.

D.—List of removals in the Department of the Interior since the adjournment of the first session of the thirty-ninth Congress, with the names of their successors, (as far as possible to furnish the names of their successors,) with the date of appointment and removal, and the cause of said removals.

EMPLOYEES REMOVED.					Cause of removal.	SUCCESSORS APPOINTED.		
Date.	Name.	State.	Position.	Office.		Date.	Name.	State.
Sept. 17, 1866	R. R. Moffatt		Second asst. exam'r.	Patent	Official misconduct.			
Sept. 20, 1866	W. H. Babcock	Dist. Col.	Clerk	Indian	Removal recommended by Commissioner Cooley.			
Oct. 31, 1866	Wm. S. Marsh	Iowa	Disbursing agent ..	Wash. aqueduct, &c.		Nov. 1, 1866	S. B. Kendig	New York.
	James A. Ashley	Minnesota ..	Clerk	Land	Cessation of work in Census office ..			
	J. L. Bishop	Pennsylvania ..	do.	do.	do.			
Do.	A. W. Kimmell	do.	do.	Pension		Nov. 1, 1866	George Ewing	Penn.
Nov. 15, 1866	W. H. D. Morrill	California ..	Temporary clerk ..	do.	For disrespectful and profane language towards the President of the United States.			
Nov. 16, 1866	Wm. H. Heustis	Dist. Col.	Insp'r stone work ..	Capitol	Serv's no longer needed by architect.			
Do.	W. N. Walton	Pennsylvania ..	Temporary clerk ..	Patent	For misconduct.	Nov. 16, 1866	E. J. Smith	Minn.
Nov. 17, 1866	Josiah Shaw	New Jersey ..	Clerk	Pension				
Do.	J. F. Stewart	N. Carolina ..	Temporary clerk ..	do.	Reported "incompetent" by Com'r of Pensions.			
Do.	J. S. Poler	New York ..	Clerk	do.				
Do.	Eli S. Prime	Maryland ..	Temporary clerk ..	do.	Reported "incompetent" by Com'r of Pensions.			
Do.	J. N. Campbell	Ohio	do.	do.	do.			
Do.	J. D. Pettit	Pennsylvania ..	do.	do.	do.			
Do.	Robert L. Edwards ..	Dist. Col.	do.	do.	do.			
Dec. 1, 1866	W. R. Murphy	Tennessee ..	do.	do.	do.			
Dec. 5, 1866	John Clark	Dist. Col.	Laborer	do.	To make place for a soldier.			
Dec. 20, 1866	Alex. Johnson	Ohio	Clerk	Indian	Recommended by Com'r of Ind. Aff.	Dec. 21, 1866	E. F. Ruth, (prom. from lower grade.)	Tenn.
Do.	Wm. H. McCabe	Maine	Temporary clerk ..	Patent	For continued absence without leave.			
Jan. 19, 1867	Geo. W. Scriver	New York ..	do.	Indian	To make place for a soldier.			
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Nov. 3, 1866	Z. C. Robbins	Dist' Col.	Register of Wills, Dist. Col.			Nov. 3, 1866	Jas. R. O'Beirne	D. C.