APPROPRIATION FOR CONFEDERATE BURIAL PLATS.

LETTER
FROM
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,
TRANSMITTING
COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR,
SUBMITTING ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR CARE, PROTECTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF CONFEDERATE BURIAL PLATS OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 24, 1912.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, February 23, 1912.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of War of the 21st instant, submitting an estimate of appropriation in the sum of $1,500 for the care, protection, and maintenance of Confederate burial plats, owned by the United States, located and known by the following designations: Confederate Cemetery, North Alton, Ill.; Confederate Cemetery, Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio; Confederate section, Greenlawn Cemetery, Indianapolis, Ind.; Confederate Cemetery, Point Lookout, Md.; Confederate Cemetery, Rock Island, Ill.; and Confederate Mound, Oakwood Cemetery, Ill.

The Secretary of War states that it was impracticable to include this item in the regular annual estimates, for the reason that the matter was not called to the department's attention until the 7th instant.

Respectfully, FRANKLIN MACVEAGH,
Secretary.
APPROPRIATION FOR CONFEDERATE BURIAL PLATS.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, February 21, 1912.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith, for transmission to Congress, a supplemental estimate of an appropriation of $1,500 required by the War Department for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, for the care, protection, and maintenance of Confederate burial plats owned by the United States and located in the Confederate cemeteries at North Alton, Ill.; Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio; Point Lookout, Md.; Rock Island, Ill.; the Confederate section in Greenlawn Cemetery, Indianapolis, Ind.; and the Confederate Mound, Oakwood Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

The Quartermaster General explains that these plats have been cared for by the Commissioner for Marking Graves of Confederate Dead under the act of Congress approved March 9, 1906, and subsequent joint resolutions, but as the work of the commissioner will be completed on December 23, 1912, there will be no appropriation or authority for the care and preservation of the plats after that date. An annual appropriation of $250 is provided for the care and maintenance of the Confederate Mound, Oakwood Cemetery, Chicago, Ill., and if the appropriation now asked for is made, there will be no necessity for a separate appropriation for this purpose.

It was impracticable to include this item in the regular annual estimates submitted in October last, for the reason that the matter was not called to the department's attention until February 7, 1912.

Very respectfully,

H. L. STIMSON,
Secretary of War.

The honorable the SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Additional estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, by the Quartermaster's Department, United States Army.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Confederate burial plats—For the care, protection, and maintenance of Confederate burial plats, owned by the United States, located and known by the following designations: Confederate Cemetery, North Alton, Ill.; Confederate Cemetery, Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio; Confederate section, Greenlawn Cemetery, Indianapolis, Ind.; Confederate Cemetery, Point Lookout, Md.; Confederate Cemetery, Rock Island, Ill.; and Confederate Mound, Oakwood Cemetery, Chicago, Ill. (submitted) $1,500

NOTE.—In the five plats first enumerated there are buried the remains of 10,418 Confederate prisoners of war, whose graves have been marked by individual headstones or central monuments and the plats properly graded, seeded, and inclosed with iron fences, the work having been done by the Commissioner for Marking Graves of Confederate Dead, under the act approved Mar. 9, 1906, entitled "An act to provide for the appropriate marking of the graves of the soldiers and sailors of the Confederate army and navy who died in northern prisons and were buried near the prisons where they died, and for other purposes." This law has been continued in full force and effect by subsequent joint resolutions of Congress until Dec. 23, 1912, when the work will have been completed. There is now no appropriation or authority for the care and preservation of these Confederate plats.

For the care and maintenance of the Confederate Mound, Oakwood Cemetery, Chicago, Ill., in which there are buried 4,275 Confederate soldiers, an annual appro-
Appropriation of $250 has been provided, but if the appropriation now asked for be made there will be no necessity for the separate appropriation for the latter.

This estimate is submitted in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary of War, indorsed upon letter of Feb. 7, 1912, from the Commissioner for Marking Graves of Confederate Dead.

The receipt so recently of this authority rendered it impracticable to include this with the annual estimates submitted for the fiscal year 1913.

J. B. Aleshire,
Quartermaster General, United States Army.