

had to be returned to the parties for correction, often more than once. The Oyster and other laws of the same Session also imposed new and additional duties.

By reason of this large increase of business, the regular clerical force is insufficient. I respectfully request, therefore, that express authority be granted for the temporary employment of such additional assistance as may be found necessary.

There is no provision in the Act of 1864, chapter 15, which requires the County Commissioners or City Register to account for the money placed in their hands for the payment of bounties, although they are expressly held responsible for any misapplication of the fund. Some legislation is necessary to secure a full report of their proceedings and a prompt return to the Treasury of the balance in their hands.

The receipts into the Treasury during the year ending the 30th of September, 1866, as estimated in Statement "C," will probably amount to \$2,243,000. The probable disbursements are estimated in Statement "D" at \$3,025,000, and, as it is supposed, will exceed the receipts by the sum of \$782,000.

The principal item in the estimate of disbursements, is the sum of \$1,250,000 for bounties. This estimate is based on the certified rolls on file in this Office, and, assuming that nearly all the outstanding claims to bounty will be presented during the year, is not thought too high. These rolls indicate that the total unliquidated liabilities of the State, on this account, at the close of the fiscal year, were as follows:

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| For final bounty to White Volunteers, under Act of 1864, and supplements, averaged at \$65,..... | \$158,075 00 |
| Full bounty to 246 Free Colored Volunteers, at \$300,..... | 73,800 00 |
| Full bounty to 725, (Free or Slave,) averaged at \$250,..... | 181,250 00 |
| Full bounty to 2059 former Slaves, at \$100,..... | 205,900 00 |
| Final bounty to 2379 Colored Volunteers, at \$50,..... | 118,950 00 |
| Owners' claims, 611, at \$100,..... | 61,100 00 |
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| | \$799,075 00 |
| State Bounty Commissioners' drafts, per ch. 33, of 1865,..... | 417,300 00 |
| For Volunteers under both Acts, on rolls not yet returned, estimated at..... | 233,625 00 |
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| Total amount of bounty claims due and unpaid on 30th Sept. 1865,..... | \$1,450,000 00 |