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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., December 4, 1889.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith to the House of Representatives the twelfth number of the *Statistical Abstract*, prepared by the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, under my direction. This Abstract embraces tables in regard to finance, coinage, commerce, immigration, tonnage, and navigation, the postal service, public lands, population, education, railroads, agriculture, and mining.

I also inclose herewith a copy of a draught of a permanent bill to authorize the annual printing of this document, which accompanied the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury dated the 21st of last December. The enactment of a law embodying the features of this draught would be very desirable, for the reasons then stated, and I therefore renew the recommendation regarding it.

Respectfully yours,

W. WINDOM,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF STATISTICS,
Washington, D. C., December 2, 1889.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to inclose a copy of a bill providing that the annual Statistical Abstract of the United States, prepared under your direction, shall be submitted to Congress in printed form as early as practicable after its meeting each year in December, and to ask that you recommend its passage.

There is no permanent law authorizing the preparation and publication of this important document, but it has been prepared and submitted annually to Congress since 1878, and there has been much delay each year in the passage of a special resolution authorizing its printing, thus lessening the value of the document by the delay in its publication.

If the inclosed bill, or one similar in its provisions, were enacted the difficulties indicated would be obviated, and the work of preparing this document would be facilitated.

Respectfully yours,

S. G. BROCK,
Chief of Bureau.

Hon. WILLIAM WINDOM,
Secretary of the Treasury.

A BILL AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF STATISTICAL ABSTRACT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall annually prepare and publish a Statistical Abstract of the United States, containing in condensed and succinct tabular form, information as to the growth and progress of the trade, commerce, navigation, finances, manufactures, postal service, population, railroads, agriculture, mining, education, and other leading interests of the country, collated and prepared from the reports published by the various departments of the Government, and from other trustworthy sources; and the heads of other departments of the Government are hereby directed to furnish to the Secretary of the Treasury, so far as practicable, such information for incorporation in this Abstract as he may ask them to supply.

SEC. 2. That there shall be printed annually by the Public Printer, as soon after December first as practicable, eighteen thousand copies of this Abstract, of which five thousand shall be for the use of the Senate, fifteen thousand for the use of the House of Representatives, and three thousand for distribution by the Bureau of Statistics, and so much money as may be necessary to defray the cost of printing said Abstract shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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