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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,  
 Washington, D. C., November 15, 1870.

SIR: The ordinary revenues of this Department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1870, were \$19,772,220 65, and the expenditures of all kinds, \$23,993,837 63. For the year ended June 30, 1869, the ordinary revenues were \$18,344,510 72, and the expenditures, \$23,698,131 50. The increase of revenue for the year 1870 over the year 1869 was \$1,427,709 93, or 7.78 per cent., and the increase of expenditures, \$300,706 13, or 1.32 per cent., showing a net increase in revenue of \$1,127,003 80. The increase in revenue for the year 1870 over the year 1868 was \$3,479,619 85, or 21.35 per cent., and the increase of expenditures for 1870 over 1868 was \$1,268,244 98, or 5.57 per cent. The increase in revenue for 1870, as compared with 1869, was less than the increase for 1869, as compared with 1868, by \$624,199 99; and the increase in expenditures for 1870, compared with 1869, was less than the increase for 1869, compared with 1868, by \$666,832 72.

If, in addition to the ordinary revenues, the Department be credited with \$700,000, appropriated for free matter and the amounts drawn and expended for subsidies to steamship lines, it will appear that the deficiency provided out of the general treasury for the year 1870 is \$2,314,116 98, as against \$3,970,237 45 for the year 1869.

The accompanying report of the Auditor fully sets forth the details of the financial operations of the Department.

The estimated expenditures for the year ending June 30, 1872, are.....	\$25,436,698 00	<small>Estimates for 1872.</small>
The revenues estimated at 10 per cent. increase over last year.....	\$20,767,315 00	
Standing appropriations for free matter.....	700,000 00	
	21,467,315 00	
Leaving a deficiency of.....	3,969,383 00	

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The foregoing estimates do not include the following special appropriations in the nature of subsidies:

For mail steamship service between San Francisco, Japan, and China.....	\$500,000 00
For like service between the United States and Brazil.....	150,000 00
For like service between San Francisco and Sandwich Islands.....	75,000 00
Total.....	<u>725,000 00</u>

Balance unexpended.	Of the deficiency appropriated for the year 1869, there was unexpended at the close of that year the sum of.....	\$1,500,000 00
	Deficiency appropriated for the year 1870..	5,740,000 00

A total of.....	7,240,000 00
Of this sum there was drawn during the last fiscal year, and used to make the revenue equal the expenditures.....	2,500,000 00
Leaving in the treasury unexpended the sum of.....	4,740,000 00

Unliquidated accounts.	Against which there are chargeable sundry unliquidated accounts, estimated as follows:	
	For balances to foreign countries .....	\$317,500 00
	For mail service under contract and not yet reported..	354,286 00
	For mail service unrecognized.....	146,620 00
	Due money-order service, being excess of transfers to postage account.....	242,843 00
	Excess of expenditures over gross receipts during year just closed.....	204,476 13
		<u>1,265,725 13</u>

Net balance.	Leaving, after settlement of all liabilities to June 30, 1870, a net balance of.....	<u>3,474,274 87</u>
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Issues of postage stamps and stamped envelopes.	The number of adhesive postage stamps issued during the year was 468,118,445, representing.....	\$13,976,768 00
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