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*To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island :*

Gentlemen :— At the session of the General Assembly in January, 1865, an act was passed providing for the taking of a decennial census of the inhabitants of the State ; and at the May session following, an additional act was passed, requiring the statistics of the manufactures, business and agriculture of the State to be taken at the same time.

The acts alluded to, direct the Secretary of State, with the advice of the Governor, to provide such blanks for the returns of the census and statistics as they may deem necessary, and to employ the requisite agents to perform the several duties required by the acts in question.

No time was lost in making the preliminary arrangements for this important work, and the State was fortunate in securing the services of Dr. EDWIN M. SNOW, of Providence, a gentleman whose experience and high reputation as a statistician is not surpassed, if equalled, by that of any one in the United States. This gentleman was therefore made Superintendent of the Census, with full power to prepare such printed blanks and to adopt such plans as would ensure the careful collection of the facts contemplated by the act ; to condense and tabulate them ; to accompany them with such remarks, in the form of a report, as would elucidate and render them most useful, and to superintend their publication.

All this work has been performed in the most satisfactory manner, and the printed abstract will be found to contain many more particulars relating to the population of the State, the statistics of its manufactures, business, and agriculture, than have ever before been brought together, in relation to this State, and upon some subjects, more than have ever been collected by any State in the Union.

The report of Dr. Snow is herewith respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. BARTLETT,  
*Secretary of State.*

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CENSUS  
OF  
RHODE ISLAND.

JUNE 1, 1865.

REPORT.

THE present volume contains the results obtained by the Census of Rhode Island; the statistics of population being for the first day of June, 1865, and those of agriculture, fisheries, and manufactures, for the year ending at that date.

The census was taken in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly passed March 17, 1865, and of an "Act in Amendment of and in Addition" thereto, passed on the 10th of June of the same year. These Acts, copies of which are given in the Appendix, provide for taking a census of the inhabitants, and also the statistics of the manufactures, business, and agriculture of the State, on the 1st day of June, 1865, and every tenth year thereafter.

The late period at which these Acts of the General Assembly were passed, and the amendments and additions provided in the second Act, caused much delay in the preparation of the blanks, and also in obtaining the statistics, and in preparing the tables from them, which rendered it impossible to complete the final report at the time required by law. The delay has, however, given an opportunity to make the tables much more full and complete than they would otherwise have been.

At the January session, (1866,) of the General Assembly, a partial report was presented, containing the statistics of the population, agriculture, and fisheries of the State. Since that time, the