

STATUE OF ROCHAMBEAU.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR,
SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE
PREPARATION OF A SITE, ETC., FOR A STATUE OF ROCHAM-
BEAU.

JANUARY 9, 1902—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be
printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 8, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress copy of a communication from the Secretary of War of the 7th instant, submitting an estimate of appropriation for the preparation of a site, erection of a pedestal, etc., for the statue of Rochambeau, in the city of Washington, \$15,000, with the request that the same may be provided in the urgent deficiency bill now under consideration.

Respectfully,

L. J. GAGE,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 7, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith for transmission to Congress a deficiency estimate (\$15,000) of appropriation "Statue of Rochambeau," required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, with request that it may be included in the urgent deficiency bill.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of War.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

*Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902,
by the Chief of Engineers.*

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON IN CHARGE OF THE CHIEF OF
ENGINEERS.

Statue of Rochambeau—

For the preparation of a site and the erection of a pedestal for the statue of Rochambeau, by Ferdinand Hamar, in the city of Washington, said site to be selected on any unoccupied public ground by, and the said pedestal erected under the supervision of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of War, and the chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library, and to defray the expenses attending the unveiling of said statue of Rochambeau, to be immediately available (submitted)..... \$15,000

Provided, That any part of this sum not required for preparation of the site and erection of said pedestal, and for the expenses attending the unveiling of said statue, may be used and expended for the completion of said statue and pedestal.

And provided further, That said statue shall not be located in the grounds of the Capitol or the Library of Congress.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS,
Washington, December 9, 1901.

GENERAL: I have the honor to inclose herewith copy of letter received from Hon. J. T. McCleary, chairman of the Committee on the Library, House of Representatives, relative to the statue of Rochambeau—in accordance with which letter, this letter is addressed to you.

The French embassy, which naturally takes a great interest in this matter, is very desirous that this statue should be dedicated on Saturday, May 24, 1902, the anniversary of the day on which Rochambeau, at the age of 17, entered the French army.

If this idea be approved by higher authority, prompt action in the matter is necessary, and as the legislation described in Mr. McCleary's letter is only for the statue and pedestal, further provision must be made by Congress for preparation of a site and the construction of a foundation for the pedestal.

If the statue is to be ready for dedication on May 24, 1902, this further appropriation should be borne on the urgent deficiency bill.

Therefore, in accordance with the suggestion of Hon. J. T. McCleary, I have the honor to request that an estimate of \$15,000 may be forwarded, through the usual channels, to the Secretary of the Treasury for submission to Congress for the purposes mentioned in the suggested draft of legislation submitted herewith.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

THEO. A. BINGHAM,

Colonel, U. S. A., Major, Corps of Engineers.

Brig. Gen. G. L. GILLESPIE,

Chief of Engineers, U. S. A.

[First indorsement.]

OFFICE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, UNITED STATES ARMY,
December 11, 1901.

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of War, inviting attention to the proposed recommendations of Colonel Bingham, in charge of public buildings and grounds, in which the Chief of Engineers concurs.

An estimate of \$15,000 is hereby submitted, with the recommendation that it be incorporated in the urgent deficiency bill.

G. L. GILLESPIE,
Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers, U. S. A.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *December 9, 1901.*

SIR: The sundry civil act approved March 3, 1901, appropriated \$7,500 for the purchase of a replica of the bronze statue of Rochambeau by Ferdinand Hamar.

In a communication dated November 30 last * * * the French ambassador expresses to me the hope that a suitable appropriation be granted "for the preparation of a site and the erection of a pedestal for said statue of Rochambeau, and for the expenses attending the unveiling of said statue."

It is desired that the unveiling of the statue should take place on Saturday, May 24, 1902. An estimate for this purpose should therefore be at once included in the urgent deficiency bill about to be reported to Congress.

In order to bring this matter through the proper channels to the attention of the Committee on Appropriations I will be obliged to you if you will kindly forward the ambassador's request to the Secretary of the Treasury, to be transmitted by him to the chairman of the above-named committee.

Very truly, yours,

J. T. McCLEARY,
*Chairman Committee on the Library,
House of Representatives.*

Col. THEO. A. BINGHAM, U. S. A.,
*Superintendent Public Buildings and Grounds,
Washington, D. C.*

Draft of suggested legislation to be inserted in the urgent deficiency bill in the House of Representatives, December, 1901.

Statue of Rochambeau.—For the preparation of a site and the erection of a pedestal for the statue of Rochambeau by Ferdinand Hamar in the city of Washington, said site to be selected on any unoccupied public ground by, and the said pedestal erected under the supervision of, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of War, and the chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library, and to defray the expenses attending the unveiling of said statue of Rochambeau, fifteen thousand dollars, to be immediately available: *Provided*, That any part of this sum not required for preparation of the site and erection of said pedestal and for the expenses attending the unveiling of said statue may be used and expended for the completion of said statue and pedestal: *And provided further*, That said statue shall not be located in the grounds of the Capitol or the Library of Congress.

