

Treasury Department,

FIRST COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

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Prof. James R. Patterson,

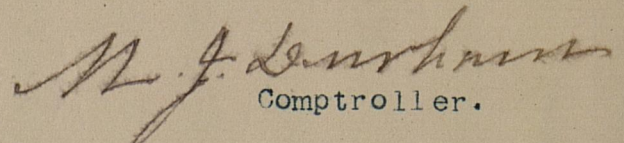
Lexington, Ky.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 30th; and, in reply, I will say, that the Secretary of the Treasury has been very much engaged in the preparation of his annual report, and has not been at the Department, except to attend to a few private matters, for nearly a month; but I have to day addressed him a letter upon the advisability of asking Congress to make an early appropriation for the agricultural stations for the nine months ending June 30, 1888; and I have no doubt that the Secretary will act promptly in the matter.

I will also see him in person, as soon as the completion of his annual report shall give him leisure for general business.

Very respectfully,


Comptroller.