I am of opinion that this claim should be allowed though there is no express enactment of Congress authorizing the Journals of their proceedings for the present year to be published.

The selection of a public printer ~~was~~ is evidence of their intention, and the appropriation of $11,000. for printing laws & for contingencies of the State Department was based upon an estimate from that Dept. which the acting Secy of State informs me was provided to defray all expenses for printing of this character.

Heretofore the copy of the Journals has been furnished to the publisher by the Dept. of State, as the archives of the House of Representatives were then deposited in that office but under authority of an act of last Congress making permanent the office of Chief Clerk of the House the Journals are placed under his charge and

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