

CLERKS OF DEPARTMENTS.

LETTER

FROM THE

ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL,

IN ANSWER TO

A resolution of the House of the 7th instant, calling for list of clerks, former occupation, &c.

MAY 9, 1866.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, May 9, 1866.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt at this office of a copy of the following resolution of the House of Representatives, passed the 7th instant:

“Resolved, That the Secretary of State, the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Interior, the Postmaster General, and the Attorney General be directed to report to the House the number of clerks, male and female, in their respective departments; from which States they were appointed; what was their occupation before appointment; and the number and names of such as have served in the Union army; and also the number, names, and residence, if any, of such as have been in the late rebel army, and by whom those respectively of the latter class were recommended for appointment.”

In reply to the same, I beg to state that the following table exhibits the number of clerks employed in this office, their respective occupations before appointment, and the States from which they were severally appointed:

| Names. | Where appointed. | Previous occupation. |
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| M. F. Pleasants..... | New York..... | Merchant. |
| J. A. Rowland..... | District of Columbia..... | Stenographer. |
| F. U. Stitt..... | Tennessee..... | Printer. |
| A. L. Kerr..... | Pennsylvania..... | Clerk. |
| H. Rowland..... | Pennsylvania..... | Teacher. |
| Walt. Whitman..... | New York..... | Author. |
| Louis R. McLain..... | District of Columbia..... | Clerk. |

I may state, in further reply to the resolution, that none of the clerks of this office served in the Union army, and that no person in its employ ever served in the rebel army.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. HUBLEY ASHTON,
Acting Attorney General.

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.