



TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

April 2, 1923.

Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Madam:

In reply to your letter of March 26, 1923, making inquiry as to the exact sum that was paid to Mary Lincoln, widow of President Lincoln, early in 1866, you are advised as follows:

By Private Act approved December 21, 1865 (14 Stat., p. 577), Congress made an appropriation in the sum of \$25,000, to be paid to Mrs. Mary Lincoln, widow of Abraham Lincoln, late President of the United States, with the following proviso:

"That any sum of money which shall have been paid to the personal representatives of the said Abraham Lincoln since his death, on account of his salary as President of the United States for the current year, shall be deducted from the said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars."

Under the provisions of this Act, Pay Warrant No. 5086 was issued by this Department in favor of Mrs. Mary Lincoln, under date of January 6, 1866, in the sum of \$22,025.34. This amount is \$2,974.66 less than the maximum amount of \$25,000 specified in the Act. It is probable that this difference is made up of the amounts covered by the following warrants shown in the statement of moneys paid to Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States furnished with my letter to you of January 9, 1923:

April 4, 1865	Warrant No. 2492	\$1,981.67
Jan. 6, 1866	Warrant No. 5085	992.99
		<u>2,974.66</u>

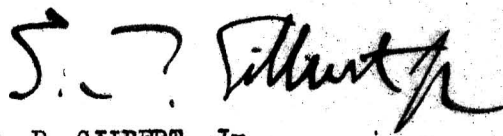
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This Department, however, is not in a position to verify the amounts deducted from the \$25,000 appropriated for the relief of Mrs. Lincoln due to payments made on the salary account of President Lincoln during the fiscal year 1866, inasmuch as all papers pertaining to the adjustment of this account have been transferred to the General Accounting Office, and are now under the custody of the Comptroller General of the United States, as I advised you in my letter of January 9, 1923. It is suggested that for any further information desired pertaining to the deductions made from the sum appropriated for the relief of Mrs. Lincoln in connection with the amount found due her, and covered by Warrant No. 5086 of January 6, 1866, you should address the Comptroller General direct.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "S. P. Gilbert, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

S. P. GILBERT, Jr.,
Under Secretary.