

Office of the Commissioner of Public Buildings,  
Capitol of the United States,

Washington City, *Nov. 17*, 1865.

*J. Certly,*  
Acting Assist Architect  
Treasury Dept.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th. inst. enclosing an account for various articles of furniture, & for repairing furniture at President's House, amounting to \$1,369.29. and also a bill for \$424.54 for work done in the East Room, incident to the funeral of President Lincoln. All the bills for funeral expenses have been paid at the Department of the Interior, there being no money in my hands applicable thereto. I have therefore forwarded the latter bill to that Department.

The former bill, for furniture, will be paid at this office as soon as money is appropriated by Congress to pay for furniture at the President's, provided the President, or

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Mrs. J. D. Church  
Com. of Pub. Build.

Return bills for furniture  
as furnished the President.  
for duplicate copies with  
certificates. Bills for fixtures  
of East Room have been re-  
ferred to Dept. Interior.

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some authorized person, will certify that the furniture was ordered and received, and the repairs made, as charged in the account. The account will have to be made in triplicate, & a certificate, as above mentioned be attached to each.

I therefore return the account to you, & respectfully advise that you cause two more accounts to be made and all certified either by the President or his Private Secy. & as soon as an appropriation is made, present them again for payment.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt. Servt.

J. O. French  
Com. of P. B.