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GENERAL DEFICIENCY BILL.

MARCH 1, 1881.—Committed to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMAHON, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 7251.]

[To accompany the bill (H. R.—) making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881, and for prior years, and for those certified as due by the accounting officers of the Treasury in accordance with section 4 of the act of June 14, 1878, heretofore paid from permanent appropriations, and for other purposes.]

In presenting the regular deficiency appropriation bill the Committee on Appropriations submit the following report in explanation thereof:

The bill is principally based on the estimates presented in Executive Document No. 44, amounting to \$3,944,606.48, being the annual estimates from the Treasury Department, and upon the estimates in Executive Document No. 30, claims allowed by accounting officers of the Treasury under the act of June 14, 1878, amounting to \$930,561.27, and other estimates and letters amounting to about \$1,000,000; of which under Ex. Doc. No. 44, 46th Cong., 3d session, and other estimates, there is recommended as follows:

For the Court of Claims to meet judgments (upon expiration of right of appeal)	450,000 00
Executive Office	2,458 89
State Department (7)	16,427 80
Territories	19,255 00
Internal revenue	603,307 25
Treasury miscellaneous	91,676 76
State war claims: Pennsylvania, Kansas, Connecticut, New York	28,371 07
Repayment to importers excess of deposits for duties	300,000 00
For lengthening steamer Fish Hawk	12,709 00
War Department:	
Artificial limbs	200,000 00
Land grant railroads	275,000 00
Miscellaneous	41,560 04
Quartermaster's Department	140,260 00
Navy Department miscellaneous	18,267 48
Interior Department:	
Patent and Pension Office and public lands	\$41,634 01
Indian affairs	83,220 47
Post-Office Department	255,155 01
Department of Justice	155,623 53
House of Representatives	4,520 05
District of Columbia	13,336 92
Public printing	300,000 00

and under Executive Document numbered 30, Forty-sixth Congress, third session :

For Court of Claims	\$34 80
For Department of State	507 59
For internal revenue	6, 436 57
For miscellaneous under Treasury Department	5, 271 05
For Department of Interior, public lands.....	8, 484 98
For the State of Kansas, 5, 3, and 2 per centum fund to States	192, 268 27
For Department of Justice	20, 594 00
For expenses of collecting revenue from customs.....	1, 557 59
For light-house, life-saving, revenue-cutter service, and miscellaneous....	3, 468 07
For pay and travel expense of volunteers, pay of Army, recruiting, contingencies, ordnance and ordnance stores, artificial limbs, draft and substitute fund, medical, and for collecting and drilling volunteers	18, 645 43
For Indian Office, pay of agents, contingencies, support of various tribes of Indians, and for transportation.....	8, 650 57
Army:	
For army transportation.....	\$42, 759 27
For regular supplies.....	8, 859 52
For incidental expenses.....	8, 165 30
For barracks and quarters.....	12, 335 17
For horses for cavalry and artillery.....	3, 566 00
For subsistence.....	2, 212 44
For commutation of rations to prisoners of war.....	10, 305 87
For pay, transportation service, and supplies of Oregon and Washington volunteers	6, 958 53
For transportation of officers and their baggage.....	62 70
For clothing, camp, and garrison equipage.....	67 00
For horses and other property lost in the military service	67, 180 00
To pay claim of George T. Wright, steamer Peerless.....	35, 000 00
For Navy Department, miscellaneous.....	10, 852 78
For bounty to seamen, for destruction of enemy's vessels, and indemnity for lost clothing	5, 297 77
Under Secretary of Treasury's letter of February 10, 1881.....	1, 817 00
Deficiency in postal revenues	18, 315 43
To pay the Miami Indians.....	224, 157 86

The total sum appropriated is \$4,065,618.99, not including indefinite appropriations which are principally for bounty to soldiers.

The appropriation for bounty and back-pay of volunteer soldiers covers a probable expenditure of about (and not more than) \$314,000.

Land-grant railroads, \$275,000.

The increasing business of the country, adding largely to the revenue in the Internal Revenue Department and the Post-Office Department, has added over \$1,000,000 to their bill.

Many claims of every shade and degree of equity and inequity have been presented to the committee for allowance, for employes of the House, as well as for other persons. But the committee has allowed nothing that is not in some definite shape an audited and allowed claim. All accounts against the present House audited and allowed by Committee on Accounts, are regarded as finally adjusted under the practice of the House.