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SUNDRY CIVIL APPROPRIATION BILL.

FEBRUARY 23, 1885.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 8256.]

In presenting to the House the bill making appropriations for the sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1886, the Committee on Appropriations herewith submit the following report in explanation thereof:

The estimates upon which the bill is based are to be found on pages 143 to 158, 160 to 163, 177 to 190, and 198 to 216, inclusive, of the Book of Estimates for 1886, and aggregate in all, \$32,326,402.22, of which sum the committee recommend \$22,200,177.22, being a reduction of \$10,126,225 under the estimates. The appropriations for the same purposes for the current fiscal year were \$22,346,749.74, being \$146,572.52 more than is recommended in the accompanying bill for the next fiscal year.

Following is a statement giving the estimates for 1886, amounts recommended for 1886, appropriations for 1885, and expenditures for 1884:

Page of Estimat- Book.	Objects.	Estimates for 1886.	Recommended, 1886.	Appropriations for 1885.	Expenditures for 1884.
143-145	Public buildings under the Treasury Department	\$3,229,366 54	\$1,794,719 84	\$1,784,219 17	\$3,138,883 97
145-148	Light-houses, beacons, and fog-signals	1,261,550 00	213,402 00	331,750 00	386,029 47
149, 150	Navy-yards and stations	1,632,083 00	381,000 00	426,000 00	623,329 86
150	New Naval Observatory	586,138 00			
150	Capitol building and grounds	220,587 41	116,800 00	181,000 00	147,825 54
150	Inferior Department building	171,780 00	5,780 00	107,280 00	62,560 00
151	Buildings and grounds, various institutions	136,600 00	33,100 00	22,350 00	83,079 28
151	National Museum buildings	15,000 00		1,000 00	
.....	Pension Office building		41,000 00	266,559 62	188,996 34
151	Department of Justice building	2,300 00	300 00	10,500 00	
151	Court-house, Washington, D. C.	16,500 00	1,000 00	2,500 00	950 00
152	Penitentiary buildings in the territories	110,000 00	75,000 00	15,000 00	8,485 82
152-158	Arsenals and powder depot	867,753 20	237,525 20	318,655 00	418,277 86
160	Buildings and grounds in Washington	164,250 00	100,750 00	108,750 00	130,256 66
161	State, War, and Navy Department building	500,000 00	400,000 00	350,000 00	435,000 00
161	Washington Monument	75,000 00	40,000 00		176,000 00
161	Buildings for Signal Service	304,000 00			
162	Military posts, roads, &c.	1,000,000 00	165,000 00	245,000 00	294,905 34
181	Public printing, paper, binding, and lithographing	2,676,107 62	2,000,000 00	2,250,000 00	2,378,977 27
181, 182	Life-Saving Service	961,750 00	931,900 00	902,000 00	811,968 19
182, 183	Revenue-Cutter Service, including construction, &c., of revenue steamers	1,170,000 00	875,000 00	955,000 00	941,436 78
183	Engraving and printing	425,000 00	475,700 00	475,700 00	475,026 57
183, 184	Light-House Establishment	2,164,000 00	2,015,500 00	2,014,000 00	1,944,520 10
184-186	Coast and Geodetic Survey	635,570 00	546,498 82	518,070 00	639,414 00
187	Stamps, paper, and dies	475,000 00	410,000 00	410,000 00	454,576 49
187	Punishment for violations of internal-revenue laws	65,000 00	50,000 00	50,000 00	54,624 64
187	Contingent expenses, Independent Treasury	75,000 00	70,000 00	55,000 00	63,071 33
187	Freight on bullion and coin, mints and assay offices	15,000 00	15,000 00	15,000 00	8,754 03
187	Expenses of national currency	50,000 00	20,000 00	20,000 00	23,617 35
187	Distinctive paper for United States securities	55,624 80	30,000 00	35,000 00	35,000 00
187	Redemption of mutilated and worn United States notes	100,000 00			13,551 92
187	Transportation of silver coin	20,000 00		20,000 00	13,282 53
187	Recoinage of gold and silver coins	15,000 00	10,000 00	15,000 00	1,049 52
187, 188	Propagation, steam-vessels, and other expenses of United States Fish Commission	337,500 00	256,000 00	245,380 00	220,977 59
188	International exchanges, Smithsonian Institution	10,000 00	10,000 00	10,000 00	5,375 00
188	North American Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution	50,000 00	40,000 00	40,000 00	39,625 00
188, 189	Current expenses, heating apparatus, furniture, &c., public buildings under control of Treasury Department	1,758,144 00	1,382,500 00	1,283,500 00	1,319,601 27
189	Suppressing counterfeiting and other crimes	60,000 00	60,000 00	60,000 00	61,266 50
189	Lands and other property of the United States	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	720 00
189	Library, Treasury Department	1,000 00		500 00	471 07

189	Compensation in lieu of molesties.....	\$50,000 00	40,000 00	\$35,000 00	\$30,209 54
189, 190	Expenses of agents, and protection of seal-fisheries, &c., in Alaska	38,350 00	28,350 00	28,350 00	38,811 64
190	Storehouse, Revenue-Marine Service, Wood's Holl, Mass	12,000 00			
190	Quarantine Service.....	72,000 00			
190	Preventing the spread of epidemic diseases.....	100,000 00	300,000 00		54,967 54
	Expenses incurred under act relating to Chinese.....			5,000 00	1,382 80
198, 203	Signal Service.....	1,088,249 84	864,580 80	878,357 88	805,795 27
203, 204	National cemeteries, including cemetery roads, pay of superintendents, &c.....	170,440 00	176,440 00	227,540 00	182,428 09
204	Artificial limbs, and appliances for disabled soldiers.....	552,000 00	402,000 00	102,000 00	182,651 80
204	Military surveys.....	53,000 00	8,000 00	8,000 00	6,200 00
204	Mississippi River Commission.....	100,000 00		75,000 00	150,000 00
204	Support of transient paupers.....	15,000 00	22,500 00	15,000 00	15,000 00
204	Expenses of military convicts.....	10,000 00	10,000 00	10,000 00	7,218 53
204	Publication of official records of war of the rebellion.....	36,000 00	36,000 00	36,000 00	37,416 51
204	Maintenance of Army and Navy Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark.	38,230 00	19,000 00		
163	Building for Army and Navy Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark.	76,800 00	30,000 00	8,000 00	56,000 00
205	Expenses of Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Va.....	8,060 00	5,000 00	5,000 00	3,000 00
162	Buildings for Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Va.....	30,000 00			
205	Military Prison, Fort Leavenworth, Kans.....	107,393 93	91,167 76	92,726 59	93,412 25
205	Support of National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.....	1,599,573 88	1,472,000 00	1,299,134 00	1,122,088 03
206	Examination of State claims under act June 27, 1882.....	25,000 00			
206	Collection and payment of bounty, &c., of colored soldiers and sailors.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	2,250 00	468 06
206-211	Public lands service.....	1,402,200 00	937,500 00	867,500 00	922,832 64
212, 213	Surveying the public lands.....	747,200 00	369,700 00	396,000 00	564,209 17
213	Geological Survey.....	567,700 00	467,700 00	453,700 00	306,585 13
	Yellowstone National Park.....		40,000 00	40,000 00	40,000 00
214	Current expenses, Government Hospital for Insane.....	270,000 00	216,538 00	208,300 00	227,499 30
214	Current expenses, Columbia Institution for Deaf and Dumb.....	55,000 00	55,000 00	55,000 00	55,000 00
214	Support of Freedmen's Hospital and Asylum.....	50,500 00	49,000 00	49,000 00	46,671 63
214	Maintenance of Howard University.....	22,500 00	18,500 00	18,500 00	15,000 00
215	Furniture and fixtures, National Museum.....	50,000 00	40,000 00	40,000 00	58,000 00
214, 215	Preservation, &c., collections, National Museum.....	122,500 00	102,500 00	109,500 00	103,612 84
215	Expenses of the Tenth Census.....	10,000 00		30,000 00	133,793 80
215	Expenses of Territorial courts in Utah.....	30,000 00	26,000 00	26,000 00	25,971 55
215	Defending suits in claims against the United States.....	15,000 00	15,000 00	10,000 00	6,422 30
215	Prosecution and collection of claims.....	1,500 00	500 00	500 00	15 00
215	Punishing violations of intercourse acts and frauds.....	5,000 00	5,000 00	5,000 00	4,619 88
216	Support of convicts.....	10,000 00	8,000 00	10,000 00	2,298 39
216	Prosecution of crimes.....	50,000 00	35,000 00	35,000 00	23,570 63
216	Uniform system of book-keeping for United States courts.....	10,000 00		10,000 00	
216	Restoring District court records.....	12,000 00			
216	Expenses of United States courts.....	3,290,000 00	2,900,000 00	2,760,000 00	2,805,055 36
	Conveying votes of electors for President and Vice-President.....			8,000 00	
	International Bimetallic Commission.....			10,000 00	

Page of Estimate Book.	Objects.	Estimates for 1886.	Recommended, 1886.	Appropriations for 1885.	Expenditures for 1884.
.....	World's Industrial Exposition at New Orleans, La.....		\$300,000 00	\$300,000 00
.....	Expositions at Cincinnati and Louisville.....			20,000 00
.....	Pay of two and three year volunteers.....			40,000 00	\$117,103 07
.....	Bounty to volunteers, their widows and legal heirs.....			60,000 00	147,305 63
.....	Bounty under act of July 28, 1866.....			40,000 00	58,795 55
.....	Protection and improvement of Hot Springs, Ark.....		8,000 00	75,000 00	57,960 84
.....	Fulfilling treaties with Creeks.....			45,561 00
.....	Quarantine stations for neat-cattle.....			25,000 00
.....	Pedestal for statue of James A. Garfield.....			30,000 00
.....	Statue of Rear-Admiral Du Pont, and unveiling.....			11,000 00
.....	Unenumerated.....	\$7,600 00	296,724 80	184,116 48
		32,326,402 22	22,200,177 22	22,346,749 74	24,110,860 06

New legislation of a general character is contained in the bill as follows:

Lines 203 to 213:

That hereafter no plan shall be prepared or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury for any public building authorized by Congress to be erected until after the site therefor shall have been purchased and paid for; and he shall not authorize or approve of any plan for any such building which shall involve a greater expenditure in the completion of such building and approaches thereto than the amount that shall remain of the sum specified in the law authorizing the erection of such building as the limit of the cost of the site and building after the site shall have been paid for.

Lines 816 to 841:

TRANSPORTATION OF SILVER COIN: That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to transport from the Treasury or subtreasuries and mints, free of charge, silver coin when requested to do so: *Provided*, That an equal amount in coin or currency shall have been deposited in the Treasury or such subtreasuries by the applicant or applicants. The expenses of such transportation shall be paid from the fund arising from the profits accruing from the coinage of the standard silver dollar, which is hereby appropriated for that purpose. And the Secretary of the Treasury shall annually report to Congress the cost arising under this paragraph, so far as the same relates to the Treasury or subtreasuries.

That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to suspend, in whole or in part, from July first, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, to June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, inclusive, the execution of so much of the act of February twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, as authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase, from time to time, silver bullion, to an extent not less than two million dollars' worth per month nor more than four million dollars' worth per month, and which directs the coinage of the silver bullion so purchased into standard silver dollars, and which appropriates a sufficient sum of money from the Treasury to carry out the provisions of said act in these respects.

Lines 1186 to 1188:

That hereafter in all cases of the survey of private land-claims the cost of the same shall be refunded to the Treasury by the owner before the delivery of the patent.

Lines 1417 to 1424:

That the Secretary of War is authorized and directed to sell at public auction, after due advertisement, and at prices not less than those fixed by the board of appraisers in each case, the following arsenals, namely: Allegheny Arsenal, Pennsylvania; Augusta Arsenal, Georgia; Indianapolis, Arsenal, Indiana, and Kennebec Arsenal, Maine; and the money so received, after paying the necessary expenses of sale, shall be covered into the Treasury.

Lines 2010 to 2015:

That in all contracts hereafter made for service for the House of Representatives involving the employment of horses, the expense of keeping such horses shall be covered by the contract; and no money hereafter appropriated for contingent or other expenses of the House of Representatives shall be expended for stables or forage.