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APPROPRIATIONS FOR SUNDRY MISCELLANEOUS  
EXPENSES, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL  
SUBMITTING A SCHEDULE OF DEFICIENCIES IN APPROPRIA-  
TIONS NEEDED FOR SUNDRY MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
*Washington, D. C., February 21, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of  
Congress, copy of a communication from the Attorney-General of the  
19th instant, submitting a schedule of deficiencies in appropriations  
and of appropriations needed for payment of sundry miscellaneous  
expenses of the Department of Justice, aggregating \$157,304.10.

Respectfully, yours,

L. J. GAGE, *Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
*Washington, D. C., February 19, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a schedule of deficiencies  
in appropriations for expenses of United States courts for the fiscal  
year 1898 and prior years and of appropriations needed for defraying  
sundry miscellaneous expenses, under the control of this Department.

Respectfully,

J. K. RICHARDS,  
*Acting Attorney-General.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

*Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, and prior years, by the Department of Justice.*

General object. (Title of appropriation.)	Detailed objects of expenditure, and explanations.	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE—CONTINGENT EXPENSES.		
Contingent expenses, books for Department library, 1897.	For law books for library of the Department.....	\$187.05
Payment of Nathan Plummer.	For services as accountant, rendered during the month of April, 1893.	150.00
Contingent expenses, miscellaneous items, 1897 and prior years.	For expense of telegraphing (in addition to \$398.23 for 1897, heretofore requested, see Doc. No. 256.)	60.21
Contingent expenses, miscellaneous items, 1898.	For miscellaneous expenditures, including telegraphing, fuel, lights, foreign postage, labor, repairs of building and care of grounds, and other necessities, directly ordered by the Attorney-General (in addition to the \$2,500 requested heretofore, see Doc. No. 256.)	500.00
Contingent expenses, transportation, 1898.	For official transportation, including purchase, keep, and shoeing of animals, and purchase and repairs of wagons and harness (in addition to \$1,000, requested heretofore, see Doc. No. 256.)	500.00
Printing and binding.....	For printing and binding for the Department of Justice, to be executed under the direction of the Public Printer.	4,000.00
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE—MISCELLANEOUS.		
Rent and incidental expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1898.	For rent of offices for the marshal, district attorney, and commissioners; furniture, fuel, books, stationery, and other incidental expenses.	4,000.00
Traveling expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1898.	For the actual and necessary expenses of the judge, clerk, marshal, and attorney, when traveling in the discharge of their official duties.	500.00
Reimbursement of Silas W. Day, special inspector of customs	For the reimbursement of Silas W. Day, special inspector of customs, for expenses incurred in the suit of Alice Le Page v. himself.	410.29
Payment physicians' claims for treatment wounded deputy marshals.	For payment of physicians who rendered medical and surgical aid to United States Deputy Marshals S. B. Lawrence and H. C. Renfro, who were wounded while in the discharge of official duty.	76.00
Payment of John H. Kent...	For payment of John H. Kent, town sergeant of Houston, Va., for arresting and conveying to prison parties charged with robbing the United States mail, in the absence of Federal officers qualified to act in the premises.	18.00
Payment of Kansas Patron..	For payment of the Kansas Patron for publication of notice in the case of the United States v. the Black Bob Band of Shawnee Indians, in November and December, 1890, and in January, 1891.	110.70
Printing opinions in citizenship cases, Indian Territory.	For preparing and printing opinions of the United States courts in the Indian Territory, in citizenship cases; to be expended under the direction of the Attorney-General.	1,000.00
Buildings for United States courts, Territory of Alaska.	To establish sites, and for the erection of a United States court-house and a United States jail at Juneau, Alaska, and for other purposes incident thereto; to be expended under the direction of the Attorney-General, and to be available until expended.	40,000.00
Payment of Columbia Title Insurance Company.	For payment of Columbia Title Insurance Company for furnishing abstracts of title to certain lands acquired by the United States; said abstracts having been furnished in June and July, 1896.	165.00
Payment of Hugh T. Taggart.	For payment of Hugh T. Taggart for services rendered as special assistant to the United States district attorney for the District of Columbia, under appointment of the Department of Justice, in the Potomac Flat cases and others; said services having been rendered in the fiscal years 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, and 1897. (See Doc. No. 158, Fifty-fourth Congress, second session.)	25,500.00
Defending suits in claims against the United States, 1898.	For defraying the necessary expenses incurred in the examination of witnesses and procuring of evidence in the matter of claims against the United States, and in defending suits in the Court of Claims, including the payment of such expenses as in the discretion of the Attorney-General shall be necessary for making proper defense for the United States in the matter of French spoliation claims; to be expended under the direction of the Attorney-General.	10,000.00

Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, and prior years, by the Department of Justice—Continued.

General object. (Title of appropriation.)	Detailed objects of expenditure, and explanations.	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation.
JUDICIAL—UNITED STATES COURTS.		
Salaries, fees, and expenses of marshals, United States courts, 1898.	<p><i>Provided</i>, That when, upon the expiration of a United States marshal's term of four years he received an ad interim appointment by the circuit justice for the proper circuit, and when a marshal was appointed during a recess of the Senate and his appointment was afterwards confirmed by the Senate and he was recommissioned, the acts and services rendered by persons acting as his office or field deputies between July 1, 1896, and July 1, 1898, in pursuance of law and in good faith, are hereby ratified and confirmed, although such services were rendered after the expiration of the marshal's term of four years and before the persons so acting were appointed office or field deputies, and took the oath of office as such subsequent to the qualification of the marshal under his ad interim appointment, or although such services were rendered after the expiration of the marshal's recess appointment and before the persons so acting were appointed office or field deputies, and took the oath of office as such subsequent to the qualification of the marshal under his appointment after confirmation by the Senate; and for all payments heretofore made on account of compensation and expenses of such persons so acting the disbursing officer or marshal by whom such payments are in good faith made shall receive credit therefor in his accounts; and such disbursing officer or marshal is authorized to pay for such services so rendered and expenses incurred by any person so acting as a deputy between July 1, 1896, and July 1, 1898: <i>And provided further</i>, That when, between June 30, 1896, and July 1, 1898, upon the expiration of a United States marshal's term of four years he received an ad interim appointment by the circuit justice for the proper circuit, and afterwards qualified under such ad interim appointment, he shall be allowed and paid salary at the rate provided for his district from the date of such appointment until the date on which he qualified, and shall be allowed and paid his official expenses as provided by the act of May 28, 1896; and all acts and services rendered by him in pursuance of law and in good faith during said period are hereby ratified and confirmed.</p> <p><i>Provided</i>, That the proper accounting officers of the Government, in the settlement of the accounts of John S. Hammer, United States marshal for the southern district of the Indian Territory, are authorized and directed to credit him with the amounts of his disbursements under the several judiciary appropriations between October 1 and December 17, 1897, without furnishing the ordinary and proper vouchers showing such disbursements, upon proof satisfactory to the Attorney-General of the United States that said disbursements were lawfully and in good faith made, and that said vouchers were destroyed by fire when the building used for United States court purposes at Ardmore, Ind. T., was destroyed by fire, on or about the 16th day of December, 1897: <i>Provided further</i>, That said accounting officers, in the settlement of the accounts of Creighton M. Foraker, United States marshal for the district of New Mexico, are authorized and directed to credit him with certain disbursements, amounting to about the sum of \$957.90, under the appropriation for fees of witnesses, United States courts, 1898, and certain disbursements amounting to about the sum of \$2,679.40, under the appropriation for fees of jurors, 1898, without furnishing the proper vouchers showing such disbursements, on proof satisfactory to the Attorney-General of the United States that said disbursements were lawfully and in good faith made by him as United States marshal, and that he took proper vouchers for such disbursements, and that said vouchers were, without fault on his part, stolen from him on or about the 10th day of January, 1898.</p>	
Fees of jurors, United States courts, 1895.	For fees of jurors.....	\$232.00
Fees of jurors, United States courts, 1894.	.....do .....	153.75

Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, and prior years, by the Department of Justice—Continued.

General object. (Title of appropriation.)	Detailed objects of expenditure, and explanations.	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation.
JUDICIAL—UNITED STATES COURTS—continued.		
Fees of jurors, United States courts, 1892.	For fees of jurors.....	\$16.00
Fees of witnesses, United States courts, 1894.	For fees of witnesses.....	177.20
Fees of witnesses, United States courts, 1893.	.....do.....	168.50
Fees of witnesses, United States courts, 1892.	.....do.....	84.70
Fees of witnesses, United States courts, 1891.	.....do.....	166.40
Fees of witnesses, United States courts, 1889.	.....do.....	39.80
Fees of witnesses, United States courts, 1878.	.....do.....	25.40
Fees of witnesses, United States courts, 1880.	.....do.....	10.90
Support of prisoners, United States courts, 1896.	For support of United States prisoners, including necessary clothing and medical aid and transportation to place of conviction or place of bona fide residence in the United States, and including support of prisoners becoming insane during imprisonment, as well before as after conviction, and continuing insane after expiration of sentence, who have no friends to whom they can be sent.	668.85
Support of prisoners, United States courts, 1894.	.....do.....	286.38
Support of prisoners, United States courts, 1891.	.....do.....	202.29
Support of prisoners, United States courts, 1890.	.....do.....	82.28
Pay of bailiffs, etc., United States courts, 1898.	For pay of bailiffs and criers, not exceeding three bailiffs and one crier in each court, except in the southern district of New York: <i>Provided</i> , That all persons employed under section 715 of the Revised Statutes shall be deemed to be in actual attendance when they attend upon the order of the courts: <i>And provided further</i> , That no such person shall be employed during vacation; of reasonable expenses for travel and attendance of district judges directed to hold court outside of their districts, not to exceed \$10 per day each, to be paid on written certificates of the judges, and such payments shall be allowed the marshal in the settlement of his accounts with the United States; expenses of judges of the circuit courts of appeals; of meals and lodgings for jurors in United States cases, and of bailiffs in attendance upon the same when ordered by the court, and of compensation for jury commissioners, \$5 per day, not exceeding three days for any one term of court.	20,000.00
Miscellaneous expenses, United States courts, 1897.	For payment of such miscellaneous expenses as may be authorized by the Attorney-General, for the United States courts and their officers, including the furnishing and collecting of evidence where the United States is or may be a party in interest, and moving the records.	6,000.00
Miscellaneous expenses, United States courts, 1895.	.....do.....	519.08
Miscellaneous expenses, United States courts, 1894.	.....do.....	166.53
Miscellaneous expenses, United States courts, 1893.	.....do.....	38.74
Miscellaneous expenses, United States courts, 1890.	.....do.....	22.00
Salaries and expenses of district attorneys, United States courts, 1898.	For salaries of United States district attorneys, and expenses of United States district attorneys and their regular assistants.	25,000.00
Pay of regular assistant attorneys, United States courts, 1898.	For payment of regular assistants to United States district attorneys, who are appointed by the Attorney-General, at a fixed annual compensation.	6,000.00
Fees of district attorney, southern district of New York, 1898.	For fees of district attorney for southern district of New York, under section 825, Revised Statutes.	66.05
Rent of court rooms, United States courts, 1898.	For rent of United States court rooms.....	10,000.00