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## SUNDRY CIVIL APPROPRIATION BILL.

FEBRUARY 21, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

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

### R E P O R T .

[To accompany H. R. 8428.]

In presenting to the House the bill making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year 1899, the Committee on Appropriations submit the following in explanation thereof:

The regular estimates upon which this bill is based will be found in the Book of Estimates submitted to Congress for the fiscal year 1899, and aggregate \$56,148,103.63, in addition to which supplemental estimates amounting to \$1,836,330.72, submitted in sundry House and Senate documents, were also considered in connection with the preparation of the bill.

The bill appropriates in the aggregate \$44,766,393.31, being \$11,381,710.32 less than the regular estimates, \$13,218,041.04 less than the regular and supplemental estimates, and \$8,845,390.07 less than the appropriations for the current fiscal year.

The principal appropriations proposed in the bill for the several branches of the public service, compared with those made for the current year, are as follows:

For public buildings, \$3,132,800.60; a reduction of \$1,191,994.62.

For light-houses, beacons, and fog signals, \$154,860; a reduction of \$232,640.

For the Light-House Establishment, \$3,006,000; an increase of \$112,400.

For the Life-Saving Service, \$1,593,075; an increase of \$30,280.

For the Revenue-Cutter Service, \$1,100,000; being the same as appropriated for the current year.

For the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, \$1,182,700; an increase of \$69,000.

For the Coast and Geodetic Survey, \$521,070; an increase of \$25,000.

For the National Museum, \$235,000; an increase of \$14,000.

For the Fish Commission, \$411,920; an increase of \$13,500.

For the Interstate Commerce Commission, \$250,000; being the same as appropriated for the current year.

For punishment for violation of internal-revenue laws, \$75,000; an increase of \$25,000.

For pay of assistant custodians and janitors of public buildings, \$900,000; an increase of \$32,000 over current appropriation including deficiency.

For fuel, lights, and water for public buildings, \$870,000; being the same as appropriated for the current year.

For suppressing counterfeiting and other crimes, \$100,000; an increase of \$25,000.

For enforcement of Chinese exclusion act, \$100,000; a reduction of \$25,000.

For the quarantine service, \$150,000; an increase of \$13,000.

For expenses of collecting the revenue from sales of public lands, \$827,000; a net increase of \$42,500. Under this title is included a new appropriation of \$75,000 for the protection and administration of forest reserves.

For surveying the public lands, \$325,000; being the same as the current appropriation.

For the United States Geological Survey, \$641,100; an increase of \$2,000.

For the Government Hospital for the Insane, \$312,732.40; a reduction of \$59,988.64.

For armories and arsenals, \$193,375; an increase of \$54,765.

For military posts, \$420,000; being the same as the current appropriation.

For work on rivers and harbors under authorized contracts, \$13,210,613.56; a reduction of \$5,367,899.35.

For survey for deep waterways between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean, \$225,000; an increase of \$75,000.

For national cemeteries, \$205,380; an increase of \$3,500.

For artificial limbs, \$125,575; a reduction of \$57,425.

For the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, \$2,821,021; an increase of \$254,675.

For back pay and bounty claims that may be certified to be due by the accounting officers of the Treasury during the fiscal year 1899, \$524,000; a reduction of \$17,000.

For expenses of United States courts, \$4,846,012; a reduction of \$548,500 under the appropriations for the current year, including deficiencies that have already been provided for. The sum recommended in this bill for United States courts is \$524,500 less than the appropriations, including deficiencies, for the fiscal year 1897, and \$2,023,847 less than for the fiscal year 1896.

For the Paris Exposition, \$100,000, which appropriation is recommended pursuant to legislation enacted during the last session of Congress, and under estimates submitted in a special message of the President at this session and printed as Senate Document No. 4.

For printing and binding, \$3,202,000; being the same as the current appropriation.

The accompanying comparative statement exhibits in detail the appropriation made by the sundry civil act for 1898, the amounts estimated for 1899, and the sums recommended in the accompanying bill for 1899.

The following limitations touching certain branches of the public service for which appropriations are made, and not heretofore imposed, are recommended in the bill, namely:

On page 41, the following:

*That all court houses, custom-houses, post-offices, appraiser's stores, barge offices, subtreasuries, and other public buildings which have been heretofore*

*purchased or erected, or are at present in course of construction, or which may hereafter be erected or purchased out of any appropriation under the control of the Treasury Department, together with the site or sites thereof, are hereby expressly declared to be under the exclusive jurisdiction and control and in the custody of the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall have full power to take possession of and assign and reassign rooms therein to such Federal officials, clerks, and employees as in his judgment and discretion should be furnished with offices or rooms therein.*

On page 50, the following:

*That the salary of the register and receiver at Sitka, Alaska, shall be one thousand five hundred dollars a year each, until June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, from and after the passage of this act.*

On page 55, the following:

*That hereafter no public moneys shall be expended for the survey of any portion of the public domain embraced within any forest reserves of the United States, except for such surveys as may be necessary to designate the exterior boundaries of such reserves, and of such lands within said reserves as may be embraced within or covered by legal claims initiated prior to the date of the proclamation of reservation, such lands so embraced to be surveyed as heretofore under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.*

On page 60, the following:

*The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to prescribe rules and regulations governing the custody and disposition of such funds or property as may now be in the hands of, or may hereafter be intrusted to the care of, the superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane for the use of a patient or patients in the hospital. He is also authorized, if in his judgment it appear advisable, to deposit said trust funds in the United States Treasury, and to draw therefrom under such regulations as may be prescribed hereunder.*

On page 63, the following:

*The president and directors of the Howard University shall report to the Secretary of the Interior the condition of the institution on the first of July of each year, embracing therein the number of pupils received and discharged or leaving the same for any cause during the preceding year, and the number remaining; also, the branches of knowledge and industry taught and the progress made therein, together with a statement showing the receipts of the institution and from what sources, and its disbursements and for what objects.*

On page 71, the following:

*That for the erection of barracks and quarters for artillery in connection with the project adopted for seacoast defense there shall not hereafter be expended at any one point more than fifty thousand dollars for a one-battery post and twenty-five thousand dollars additional for each additional battery, from any appropriation made by Congress, unless special authority of Congress be granted for a greater expenditure.*

On page 94, with reference to the general treasurer of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, the following:

*And the general treasurer may hereafter designate a clerk in his office who, in the necessary absence or inability of the general treasurer from any cause whatever, shall perform his duties, and the general treasurer may*

*require the said clerk when so designated to give bonds for the faithful performance of such duties during the absence or inability of the general treasurer, but the general treasurer shall in every respect be responsible, as now provided by law, to the United States.*

On page 95, the following:

*That so much of the sundry civil appropriation act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, as requires in the settlement of claims for pay, bounty, prize money, or other moneys due to private soldiers, sailors, or marines, or their legal representatives, that the amount allowed as attorney's fees be stated in a separate certificate in favor of the agent or attorney, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.*

On page 112, the following:

*And hereafter one bound copy of the Congressional Record shall be furnished gratuitously to the Department of Labor.*

*Recapitulation of sundry civil bill for 1899.*

Object.	Appropriations for 1898.	Estimates for 1899.	Recommended for 1899.	
			Amounts.	Page of bill.
Alaska, education in .....	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	63
Alaska, reindeer for .....	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	63
Alaska, seal fisheries .....	12,950.00	12,950.00	12,950.00	46
Alaska, rent and traveling expenses .....	2,500.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	98
Alaska, protecting salmon fisheries in .....	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	47
Alaska, repairs of buildings .....		5,000.00		98
Alaska, relief of native inhabitants of .....	19,500.00	19,500.00	19,500.00	47
Appraisers, local, expenses meetings of .....	800.00	1,500.00	1,200.00	45
Alien contract-labor laws, enforcement of .....	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	48
Armories and arsenals .....	138,610.00	564,480.00	193,375.00	64
Army Medical Museum .....		6,000.00		
Artificial limbs and appliances for soldiers .....	185,000.00	127,575.00	127,575.00	82
Appropriations, preparation statement of .....	1,200.00		1,200.00	109
Aransas Pass Harbor Co., improvements of .....	5,000.00			
Assistant custodians and janitors, public buildings .....	845,000.00	932,119.50	900,000.00	41
Astrophysical Observatory .....	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	25
Attorney-General, opinions of, publication .....		500.00	500.00	99
Balloons, experimental work .....		10,000.00		
Biennial Register .....	4,000.00			
Bounty on sugar .....	1,085,156.66			
Botanic Garden .....	5,500.00	6,305.00	5,500.00	109
Branch hydrographic offices .....	15,000.00			
Buildings and grounds in Washington .....	49,800.00	114,650.00	52,300.00	66
Cables for harbor defenses .....		20,000.00		
California Débris Commission .....	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	83
Canceling United States securities .....	200.00	200.00	200.00	40
Capitol building and grounds .....	12,000.00	12,000.00	20,000.00	49

Recapitulation of sundry civil bill for 1899—Continued.

Object.	Appropriations for 1898.	Estimates for 1899.	Recommended for 1899.	
			Amount.	Page of bill.
Capitol building and grounds, lighting.....	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	50
Capitol building, repairs, etc.....	30,000.00	30,000.00	40,500.00	49
Capitol building, flags for.....	100.00			
Capitol building, cleaning works of art in.....	1,500.00			
Capitol, shelving for law library in.....	400.00			
Capitol, House wing, new boiler for.....	8,500.00			
Capitol, ventilation, Senate.....	3,165.00			
Capitol, Senate stables.....	500.00	500.00	500.00	50
Chickamauga and Chattanooga Park.....	75,000.00	75,000.00	60,000.00	73
Chinese exclusion act, enforcement of.....	125,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	47
Coast and Geodetic Survey.....	496,070.00	648,270.00	521,070.00	16
Claims, back pay, and bounty to soldiers.....	541,000.00	532,000.00	524,000.00	95
Cooley, W. B., payment to.....	2,000.00			
Congress, acts of, to be furnished United States judges.....	100.00			
Congress, officers and employees of, payment to.....	86,731.80			
Court-house, District of Columbia, repairs.....	3,000.00	5,500.00	1,000.00	96
Custody of dies, rolls, and plates.....	6,800.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	41
Defending suits in claims.....	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	96
Deaf and Dumb Institution.....	57,500.00	57,500.00	57,500.00	62
Deep Waterways Commission.....	150,000.00		225,000.00	79
Defense in Indian depredation claims.....	52,000.00	52,000.00	52,000.00	98
Destitute patients (Providence Hospital).....	19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	83
Distinctive paper for United States securities.....	65,000.00	88,814.27	80,000.00	40
Domestic sugar production, inquiry.....	5,000.00			
Electors, printing final ascertainment of.....	1,500.00			
Engraving and printing.....	1,113,700.00	1,247,800.00	1,182,700.00	15
Epidemic diseases, prevention of.....		200,000.00		48

Ethnology, American.....	45,000.00	50,000.00	45,000.00	24
Executive Mansion, expenses of.....	29,000.00	42,500.00	40,000.00	68
Executive Mansion and public grounds, lighting.....	16,431.00	18,621.00	17,156.00	69
Fish Commission.....	398,420.00	472,020.00	411,920.00	27
Fort Monroe, Va., wharf.....	6,787.75	6,759.75	6,759.75	72
Fuel, lights, and water, public buildings.....	870,000.00	870,000.00	870,000.00	42
Furniture, public buildings.....	180,000.00	193,400.00	180,000.00	42
Fur-seal fisheries, investigation.....	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	45
Garfield Hospital, maintenance.....	19,000.00	25,000.00	19,000.00	83
General Grant National Park.....		2,500.00		
Gettysburg Military Park.....	50,000.00	150,000.00	50,000.00	74
Geological Survey.....	659,100.00	643,100.00	641,100.00	57
Heating apparatus, public buildings.....	100,000.00	125,000.00	100,000.00	6
Holloway, J. B., payment to.....	2,000.00			
Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.....	2,566,346.00	3,154,221.00	2,821,021.00	84
Homes for soldiers in States and Territories, aid to.....	825,000.00	925,000.00	825,000.00	94
Hospital for the Insane.....	372,721.04	312,732.40	312,732.40	60
Howard University.....	32,600.00	32,600.00	32,600.00	62
Idaho and Montana boundary survey.....	7,650.00			
Independent Treasury, contingent expenses.....	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	38
Inspector of furniture, salary and expenses.....	5,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	42
Interior Department and Pension buildings.....	5,000.00	5,000.00	7,000.00	49
International exchanges, Smithsonian Institution.....	19,000.00	24,000.00	21,000.00	23
International Catalogue of Exports and Imports.....	5,000.00			
International Conference of the Red Cross.....	2,000.00			
Interstate Commerce Commission.....	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	36
Jails, United States, repair of.....		5,000.00		
Lafayette State road, Georgia, improvement.....	18,000.00			
Lands and other property of the United States.....	400.00	1,000.00	400.00	48
Life-Saving Service.....	1,562,795.00	1,593,075.00	1,593,075.00	11
Light-houses, beacons, and fog signals.....	387,500.00	2,208,310.00	154,880.00	7
Light-House Establishment.....	2,893,600.00	3,326,000.00	3,006,000.00	9
Maps for War Department.....		10,000.00		



Recapitulation of sundry civil bill for 1899—Continued.

Object.	Appropriations for 1898.	Estimates for 1899.	Recommended for 1899.	
			Amounts.	Page of bill.
Military posts, enlargement of .....	\$420,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$420,000.00	71
Mission Indians, California, counsel for .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	98
Moieties, compensation in lieu of .....	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	45
National cemeteries, headstones, etc .....	201,880.00	221,880.00	205,380.00	80
National currency, expenses of .....	15,000.00	19,557.38	15,000.00	40
National Museum .....	221,000.00	320,000.00	235,000.00	25
New York Harbor, preventing deposits in .....	59,000.00	59,000.00	59,000.00	83
Nicaragua Canal Commission .....	150,000.00			
Omaha Exposition .....	200,000.00			
Paper and stamps, internal revenue .....	35,000.00	40,000.00	35,000.00	37
Paris Exposition .....			100,000.00	105
Paris Tribunal award, enforcement of conditions .....	1,500.00	1,500.00	500.00	47
Penitentiary building, United States .....	50,000.00	50,000.00		
Penitentiary, location of site for in the South .....			15,000.00	96
Pensacola, Fla., National Cemetery road .....	10,000.00			
Plans for public buildings .....	3,500.00	4,000.00	3,500.00	7
Pneumatic-tube service, public buildings .....		30,000.00	35,000.00	43
Potomac River memorial bridge, survey, etc .....	2,500.00			
Prosecution and collection of claims .....	500.00	500.00	500.00	97
Prosecution of crimes .....	35,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	97
Public buildings, construction of, including marine hospitals and quarantine stations .....	4,224,795.22	3,415,272.60	3,132,800.60	1
Public lands, collecting revenue from sales of .....	784,500.00	827,000.00	827,000.00	50
Public lands, surveying, including private land claims, etc .....	346,000.00	346,000.00	346,000.00	54
Public printing and binding .....	3,222,000.00	3,602,938.17	3,202,000.00	109
Punishing violations of intercourse acts .....	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	97
Punishment for violations of internal-revenue laws .....	50,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	37
Quarantine service .....	137,000.00	175,000.00	150,000.00	48
Recoinage of gold coins .....	7,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	39

Recoinage of silver coins.....	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	39
Recoinage of minor coins.....	6,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	39
Records of the rebellion, publication of.....	115,000.00	115,000.00		
Repair of water pipes.....	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	70
Revised Statutes, Supplement.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	45
Revenue-Cutter Service, expenses of.....	1,100,000.00	1,200,000.00	1,100,000.00	13
Revenue-Cutter Service, new vessels.....	380,000.00			
River and harbor work (authorized by law).....	18,578,412.91	18,098,007.56	13,210,613.56	75
Great Kanawha River, improvement.....	273,000.00			
Cache River, protection of.....	100,000.00			
Water hyacinth, investigation.....	5,000.00			
Sabine Pass, dredge boat.....	130,000.00			
Pearl Harbor, survey of.....	10,000.00			
Mobile Bay channel.....	25,000.00			
Sea separating United States securities.....	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,000.00	40
Senate, pages of, payment to.....	4,760.00			
Sequoia National Park.....		6,300.00		
Shiloh Military Park.....	60,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	74
Shipping service, contingent expenses.....		9,000.00		
Solicitor-General, stenographer for.....			1,600.00	96
Special witness, destruction of United States securities.....	1,565.00	1,565.00	1,565.00	40
Springfield, Mo., national cemetery road.....	2,700.00			
Survey of Northern and Northwestern lakes.....	27,000.00	53,000.00	28,000.00	82
Supreme Court reports.....	304.00	608.00	608.00	59
Surveys and reconnoissances, military departments.....		15,000.00		
Suppressing counterfeiting and other crimes.....	75,000.00	75,000.00	100,000.00	44
Telegraph line to connect Capitol and departments.....	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	70
Transportation of reports and maps to foreign countries.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	2
Transportation of silver coin.....	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	37
Treasury Department, librarian.....	1,600.00			
United States courts, expenses of.....	5,019,512.00	4,980,012.00	4,846,012.00	99
Vaults, safes, and locks, public buildings.....	35,000.00	40,000.00	25,000.00	6
Washington Monument.....	11,520.00	12,060.00	11,520.00	70
Washington post-office building, electric plant for and expenses of removal to.....	75,000.00			
Wyoming military road.....	10,000.00			

Recapitulation of sundry civil bill for 1899—Continued.

Object.	Appropriations for 1898.	Estimates for 1899.	Recommended for 1899.	
			Amounts.	Page of bill.
Yellowstone Park.....	\$35,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$35,000.00	73
Yosemite National Park.....		6,300.00		
Zoological Park .....	55,000.00	75,000.00	60,000.00	26
Total.....	53,611,783.38	56,148,103.63	44,766,393.31	

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