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SUNDRY CIVIL APPROPRIATION BILL.

FEBRUARY 6, 1899.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 12008.]

In presenting to the House the bill making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year 1900 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 1900, and aggregate \$51,024,859.75.

The bill appropriates \$42,928,101.14, and in addition thereto, \$20,000,000 to carry out the obligations of the treaty between the United States and Spain.

Exclusive of the latter sum the whole amount appropriated by the bill is \$8,095,758.61 less than the regular estimates and \$5,929,311.12 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, \$2,771,943.94; a reduction of \$608,456.66.

For heating apparatus for public buildings, \$125,000; an increase of \$25,000.

For light-houses, beacons, and fog signals, \$353,000; a reduction of \$103,410.

For the Light-House Establishment, \$3,136,000; an increase of \$80,000.

For the Life-Saving Service, \$1,612,592.50; an increase of \$19,517.50.

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

For the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, \$1,416,400; an increase of \$198,700.

For the Coast and Geodetic Survey, \$544,750; an increase of \$25,180.

For the National Museum, \$216,540; a reduction of \$23,460.

For the Fish Commission, \$407,860; a reduction of \$43,358.

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, being the same as appropriated for the current fiscal year.

For pay of assistant custodians and janitors of public buildings, \$950,000; an increase of \$50,000.

For fuel, lights, and water for public buildings, \$840,000; a reduction of \$30,000.

For furniture for public buildings, \$225,500; an increase of \$45,500.

For suppressing counterfeiting and other crimes, \$100,000, being the same as appropriated for the current fiscal year.

For enforcement of Chinese exclusion act, \$110,000; an increase of \$10,000.

For the quarantine service, \$150,000, being the same as appropriated for the current year.

For expenses of collecting the revenue from the sale of public lands, \$922,666; a net reduction of \$18,334.

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

For the United States Geological Survey, \$677,100; an increase of \$20,000.

For the Government Hospital for the Insane, \$319,005.20; an increase of \$6,272.80.

For armories and arsenals, \$170,700; a reduction of \$117,525.

For military posts, \$670,000; an increase of \$50,000.

For work on rivers and harbors under authorized contracts, \$8,918,197, being a reduction of \$5,113,416.58.

For survey for deep waterways between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean, \$60,000; a reduction of \$165,000.

For artificial limbs, \$547,275; an increase of \$421,700.

For the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, \$3,314,044; an increase of \$473,023.

For State or Territorial soldiers' homes, \$900,000; an increase of \$50,000.

For back pay and bounty claims that may be certified to be due by the accounting officers of the Treasury during the fiscal year 1900, \$450,000; a reduction of \$50,000.

For United States penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., \$500,000.

For expenses of United States courts, \$4,804,812; a reduction of \$51,200. The sum recommended in this bill for United States courts is \$870,700 less than the appropriations, including deficiencies, for the fiscal year 1898, and \$596,197 less than for the fiscal year 1897, and \$2,065,047 less than for the fiscal year 1896.

For the purpose of carrying out the obligations of the treaty between the United States and Spain concluded at Paris on December 10, A. D. 1898, to become immediately available upon the exchange of the ratifications of said treaty, \$20,000,000.

For printing and binding, \$3,677,000; an increase of \$75,000.

The accompanying comparative statement exhibits in detail the appropriation made by the sundry civil act for 1899, the amounts estimated for 1900, and the sums recommended in the accompanying bill for 1900.

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:

In connection with the appropriations heretofore made for the post-office and court-house at Chicago, Ill., on page 2, the following:

For the employment in Washington of temporary draftsmen and skilled service, to continue preparation of plans and specifications, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is authorized to be used from the sums heretofore appropriated for continuation of said building.

In connection with the appropriations for Bureau of Engraving and Printing, on page 15, the following:

That the faces of all tobacco stamps for use upon packages of two pounds and upward, and of all beer, whisky, cigar, snuff, oleomargarine, and special liquor-tax stamps, shall hereafter be printed from engraved plates upon hand-roller, plate printing presses.

The bill appropriates in the aggregate \$42,927,301.14, being \$8,097,558.61 less than the regular estimates and \$5,931,111.12 less than the appropriations for the current fiscal year.

In connection with the appropriations under the Smithsonian Institution, on page 24, the following:

Estimates shall be submitted for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and one and annually thereafter, in detail, for salaries of all officers and employees paid from appropriations under the Smithsonian Institution.

In connection with the appropriation for paper for internal-revenue stamps, on page 37, the following:

Hereafter the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, is authorized to procure any of the stamps provided for in the act entitled "An act to provide ways and means to meet war expenditures, and for other purposes," approved June thirteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, by contract whenever such stamps can not be speedily prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; and said contracts shall be awarded under such terms, restrictions, and regulations as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

In connection with the appropriation for food and clothing for the native inhabitants on the islands of Saint Paul and Saint George, Alaska, on page 45, the following:

In the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury any portion of this sum may be expended in transporting said native inhabitants to the mainland of Alaska.

In connection with the appropriation for classification of mineral lands in Montana and Idaho, on page 51, the following:

The time for the completion of the classification of lands within the land grant and indemnity land grant limits of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, authorized by the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for the examination and classification of certain mineral lands in the States of Montana and Idaho," approved February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and the acts supplementary thereto, is hereby extended to and including the thirty-first day of October, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, on or before which date the work of the commissioners shall be completed and the said commissioners be discharged.

In connection with the appropriation for surveying public lands, on page 55, the following:

And provided further, That hereafter all standard, meander, township, and section lines of the public land surveys shall, as heretofore, be established under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, whether the lands to be surveyed are within or without reservations, except that where the exterior boundaries of public forest reservations are required to be coincident with standard, township, or section lines, such boundaries may, if not previously established in the ordinary course of the public land surveys, be established and marked under the supervision of the Director of the United States Geological

Survey, whenever necessary to complete the survey of such exterior boundaries.

And the system of public land surveys is hereby extended to the district of Alaska.

In connection with the appropriation for the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, on page 61, the following:

Hereafter one-half of the indefinite appropriation to pay for the instruction of the indigent blind children of the District of Columbia, formerly instructed in the Columbia Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind, shall be paid out of the revenues of the District of Columbia, and the other half out of the Treasury of the United States.

In connection with the appropriations for buildings and grounds in and around Washington, on page 67, the following:

One-half of the foregoing sums under "Buildings and grounds in and around Washington" shall be paid from the revenues of the District of Columbia, and the other half from the Treasury of the United States.

Of the whole amount appropriated in the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation act for the fiscal year nineteen hundred, under the title "Public buildings and grounds," the sum of twenty-two thousand four hundred and ten dollars shall be paid from the revenues of the District of Columbia, and the remainder from the Treasury of the United States.

In connection with the appropriations for lighting public grounds in Washington, except those within the inclosure about the Executive Mansion, on page 69, and the appropriations for the Garfield and Providence hospitals, on page 82, it is proposed to require the revenues of the District of Columbia to bear one-half of such expenses.

In connection with the appropriation for improving the Mississippi River from the mouth of the Ohio River to the mouth of the Missouri River, on page 77, the following:

Provided, That of this amount ten thousand dollars shall be expended in the completion of work which has been commenced for the protection of the bank on the Missouri side, and to deepen and straighten the channel at Claryville, in Perry County, in the State of Missouri; and ten thousand dollars shall be expended for the protection of the bank on the Missouri side, and to deepen and straighten the channel at Wittenberg, in Perry County, in the State of Missouri; and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended to improve the channel of the river and to protect the east bank of the Mississippi River from caving in and being washed away at or near a point opposite the mouth of the Missouri River and extending south along said east bank.

In connection with the appropriation for improving the Mississippi River from the mouth of the Missouri River to St. Paul, on page 77, the following:

Provided, That of this amount ten thousand dollars shall be expended for removing the sand bar in front of the steamboat landing at Quincy, in the State of Illinois; and ten thousand dollars shall be expended for dredging the channel at Quincy Bay, at Quincy, in the State of Illinois; and five thousand dollars shall be expended for the repair and maintenance of the natural and artificial banks of the Mississippi River from Warsaw to Quincy, in the State of Illinois; and five thousand dollars shall be expended for maintaining the harbor at Rock Island, Illinois; and ten thousand dollars shall be expended to deepen the harbor at Davenport, Iowa, from the Government bridge to the island owned by the city of Davenport in the

Mississippi River; and fifteen thousand dollars shall be expended for improving and straightening the channel at and near Clinton, Iowa.

In connection with the appropriation for improving the Mississippi River from Head of the Passes to the mouth of the Ohio River, on page 78, the following:

Provided, That of said sum fifty thousand dollars shall be used in the work of rectifying the bank at and near Greenville Harbor, in Mississippi; and thirty thousand dollars shall be used in rectifying the banks at and near the city of Caruthersville, Missouri.

In connection with the appropriation for improving the Missouri River, on page 79, the following:

Provided, That of this amount the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, shall be expended in works of improvement at the following places, namely: Saint Joseph, Missouri, thirty thousand dollars; Omaha, Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa, fifty thousand dollars; opposite Leavenworth, Kansas, five thousand dollars; Jefferson City, Missouri, twenty thousand dollars; Nigger Bend, Missouri, ten thousand dollars; Randolph Bend, Missouri, fifteen thousand dollars; Lexington, Missouri, ten thousand dollars.

The four preceding limitations on or diversions of appropriations for work on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers are proposed in the bill on the recommendation of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, officially communicated to the Committee on Appropriations; otherwise the appropriations proposed for river and harbor works under the contract system are literally in accordance with the law authorizing said works.

In connection with the appropriation for expenses of the California Débris Commission, on page 82, the following:

That officers of the commission traveling on duty in connection with the commission's work may be paid their actual traveling expenses in lieu of mileage allowed by law.

In connection with the appropriation for purchase of supplies for United States courts, on page 104, the following:

That the money heretofore, or that shall hereafter be, appropriated for this purpose shall be expended in payment for such supplies only as have been or shall be purchased, in the discretion of the Attorney-General, for delivery at the Department of Justice and distribution therefrom.

In connection with the appropriation for the pay of bailiffs for United States courts, on page 103, the following:

That the duties heretofore performed by criers shall hereafter be performed by the marshals, their deputies, or the bailiffs.

Recapitulation of sundry civil bill for 1900.

Object.	Appropriations for 1899.	Estimates for 1900.	Recommended for 1900.	
			Amounts.	Page of bill.
Alaska, education in	\$30,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$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	45
Alaska, rent and traveling expenses	7,000.00	7,200.00	9,500.00	97
Alaska, protecting salmon fisheries in	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	45
Alaska, new public buildings .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alaska, repairs of buildings	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Alaska, relief of native inhabitants of	19,500.00	19,500.00	19,500.00	45
Appraisers, local, expenses meetings of	1,200.00	1,600.00	1,200.00	45
Alien contract-labor laws, enforcement of	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	46
Antietam battlefield	3,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	73
Armories and arsenals	288,225.00	552,547.00	170,700.00	63-65
Army Medical Museum .....	.....	6,000.00	.....	.....
Artificial limbs and appliances for soldiers	127,575.00	549,275.00	549,275.00	81
Appropriations, preparation statement of	1,200.00	.....	1,200.00	104
Assistant custodians and janitors, public buildings	900,000.00	974,915.00	950,000.00	41
Astrophysical observatory	10,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00	25
Attorney-General, opinions of, publications	500.00	1,000.00	.....	.....
Traveling and miscellaneous expenses .....	.....	10,000.00	.....	.....
Biennial Register .....	.....	4,000.00	4,000.00	60
Bismarck, N. Dak., Agricultural Station buildings	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Bolton's Sons, S., reimbursement of	13,458.75	.....	.....	.....
Botanic Garden	5,500.00	7,500.00	5,500.00	105
Buildings and grounds in Washington	54,300.00	63,850.00	77,950.00	65-67
California Débris Commission	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	82
Canceling United States securities	200.00	200.00	200.00	41
Capitol building and grounds	20,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	48
Capitol building and grounds, lighting	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	48

Capitol building, repairs, etc	40,500.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	48
Capitol building, flags for	100.00			
Capitol building, cleaning works of art in	1,500.00			
Capitol, repairs of fire-engine house and stables	500.00	1,500.00	500.00	48
Capitol, heating and ventilation, Senate	4,859.00			
Chickamauga and Chattanooga Park (including for 1899 \$35,000 for purchase of Point Park, on Lookout Mountain)	95,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	73
Chinese exclusion act, enforcement of	100,000.00	110,000.00	110,000.00	45
Coast and Geodetic Survey	519,570.00	578,743.00	544,750.00	15-24
Claims, back pay, and bounty to soldiers	524,000.00	505,000.00	450,000.00	95
Court-house, District of Columbia, repairs	1,500.00	5,000.00	1,500.00	95
Custody of dies, rolls, and plates	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	41
Customs revenue, collection special counsel		20,000.00		
Defending suits in claims	40,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	96
Deaf and Dumb Institution	57,500.00	59,500.00	57,500.00	61
Deep Waterways Commission	225,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	83
Defense in Indian depredation claims	52,000.00	52,000.00	52,000.00	98
Des Moines River lands settlers	25,000.00			
Destitute patients (Providence Hospital)	19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	82
Distinctive paper for United States securities	80,000.00	97,859.63	80,000.00	40
Engraving and printing	1,217,700.00	1,512,400.00	1,416,400.00	13-15
Epidemic diseases, prevention of (for 1899 in deficiency act)	200,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	47
Ethnology, American	50,000.00	65,000.00	50,000.00	25
Executive Mansion, expenses of	40,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	68
Executive Mansion and public grounds, lighting	17,256.00	17,756.00	17,756.00	68
Fish Commission	451,218.00	462,740.00	407,860.00	27-36
Fort Monroe sewer system, etc.	6,754.75	6,864.00	6,864.00	71
Fuel, lights, and water, public buildings	870,000.00	840,000.00	840,000.00	42
Furniture, public buildings	180,000.00	225,500.00	225,500.00	42
Garfield Hospital, maintenance	19,000.00	25,000.00	19,000.00	82
General Grant National Park		2,500.00		
Geological Survey	657,100.00	677,100.00	677,100.00	57
George, James Z., payment to heirs of	5,000.00			
Gettysburg Military Park	50,000.00	75,000.00	60,922.50	74
Government Printing Office, site for addition	225,000.00			

Recapitulation of sundry civil bill for 1900—Continued.

Object.	Appropriations for 1899.	Estimates for 1900.	Recommended for 1900.	
			Amounts.	Page of bill.
Harris, Isham G., payment to heirs of	\$5,000.00			
Howard University	33,600.00	\$33,600.00	\$35,100.00	62
Hospital for the Insane	312,732.40	321,755.20	319,005.20	60
Homes for soldiers in States	825,000.00	950,000.00	900,000.00	95
Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers	2,841,021.00	3,024,544.00	3,314,044.00	84-95
Heating apparatus, public buildings	100,000.00	200,000.00	125,000.00	6
Indian Territory, deputy clerks (for 1899 in deficiency act)	7,200.00			
Independent Treasury, contingent expenses	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	38
Inspector of public buildings	4,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	41
Inspector of furniture, salary and expenses	3,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	42
Interior Department and Pension buildings	7,000.00	8,500.00	18,500.00	47
International exchanges, Smithsonian Institution	21,000.00	24,000.00	21,000.00	24
International Industrial Conference, Brussels	5,000.00			
Interstate Commerce Commission	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	36
Isolating building, contagious diseases (Providence Hospital)	32,000.00			
Isolating building, contagious diseases (Garfield Hospital)	33,000.00			
Jails, United States, in Indian Territory (for 1899 in deficiency act)	60,000.00	40,000.00		
Lands and other property of the United States	400.00	500.00	400.00	46
Leavenworth, Kans., Penitentiary, site		50,000.00		
Life-Saving Service	1,593,075.00	1,612,592.50	1,612,592.50	10-13
Light-houses, beacons, and fog signals	456,410.00	2,475,232.75	353,000.00	7
Light-House Establishment	3,056,000.00	3,636,000.00	3,136,000.00	8-10
Maps for War Department		10,000.00	10,000.00	81
Military posts, enlargement of	720,000.00	1,000,000.00	670,000.00	71
Miller, Samuel F., payment to widow of	7,419.00			
Mission Indians, California, counsel for	500.00	1,000.00	500.00	98
Mobile Harbor, dredging	30,000.00			

Moieties, compensation in lieu of.....	10,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00	44
National cemeteries, headstones, etc.....	210,380.00	209,880.00	204,880.00	79-81
National currency, expenses of.....	15,000.00	20,771.15	15,000.00	40
National Museum.....	240,000.00	286,540.00	216,540.00	25
New York Harbor, preventing deposits in.....	59,000.00	110,500.00	110,500.00	82
Numbering and adding machines, purchase of.....	1,000.00			
Paper and stamps, internal revenue.....	35,000.00	50,000.00	35,000.00	37
Paris Exposition.....	200,000.00			
Paris Tribunal award, enforcement of conditions.....	500.00			
Pay of Army, two artillery regiments.....	491,163.20			
Plans for public buildings.....	3,500.00	4,000.00	3,500.00	6
Pneumatic-tube service, public buildings.....	25,000.00		20,000.00	43
Prosecution and collection of claims.....	500.00	500.00	500.00	97
Prosecution of crimes.....	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	97
Public buildings, construction of, including marine hospitals and quarantine stations.....	3,380,400.60	3,140,507.22	2,771,943.94	1-6
Public lands, collecting revenue from sales of (including, for 1899, \$100,000 for forest-reserve inspection and \$1,000 for preservation of records, in deficiency act).....	941,000.00	950,000.00	922,666.00	48-53
Public lands, surveying, including private land claims, etc.....	346,000.00	355,000.00	346,000.00	53-57
Public printing and binding.....	3,602,000.00	3,811,095.30	3,677,000.00	105-109
Punishing violations of intercourse acts.....	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	96
Punishment for violations of internal-revenue laws.....	75,000.00	100,000.00	75,000.00	38
Quarantine service.....	150,000.00	175,000.00	150,000.00	46
Recoinage of gold coins.....	5,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	39
Recoinage of silver coins.....	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	39
Recoinage of minor coins.....		25,000.00		
Records of the rebellion, publication of.....	94,080.00			
Repair of water pipes.....	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	70
Revised Statutes, Supplement.....	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Revenue-Cutter Service, expenses of.....	1,103,000.00	1,200,000.00	1,100,000.00	13
River and harbor work (authorized by law).....	14,031,613.56	12,883,437.00	8,918,197.00	74-79
Sealing and separating United States securities.....	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,000.00	40
Seminole Indians, inquiry into alleged outrages against.....	20,000.00			
Sequoia National Park.....		6,300.00		

Recapitulation of sundry civil bill for 1900—Continued.

Object.	Appropriations for 1899.	Estimates for 1900.	Recommended for 1900.	
			Amounts.	Page of bill.
Shiloh Military Park.....	\$55,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$55,000.00	73
Shipping service, contingent expenses.....		9,000.00		
Solicitor-General, stenographer for.....	1,600.00			
Spain, compliance of treaty with.....			20,000,000.00	
Special witness, destruction of United States securities.....	1,565.00	1,565.00	1,565.00	40
State Department, temporary typewriters and stenographers.....	2,000.00			
Survey of Northern and Northwestern lakes.....	28,000.00	150,000.00	28,000.00	81
Supreme Court reports.....	608.00	608.00	608.00	59
Surveys and reconnoissances, military departments.....		15,000.00		
Suppressing counterfeiting and other crimes.....	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	44
Telegraph line to connect Capitol and departments.....	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	70
Transportation of minor coin.....	20,000.00		25,000.00	39
Transportation of reports and maps to foreign countries.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	81
Transportation of silver coin.....	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	39
United States courts, expenses of.....	4,856,012.00	4,834,312.00	4,804,812.00	98-105
United States penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.....	15,000.00		500,000.00	96
Vaults, safes, and locks, public buildings.....	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	6
Washington Monument.....	11,520.00	11,520.00	11,520.00	70
Webster statue, pedestal.....	4,000.00			
Wilmington Harbor, Delaware.....	205,846.00			
Yellowstone Park.....	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	73
Yosemite National Park.....	4,000.00	4,000.00		
Zoological Park.....	65,000.00	100,000.00	70,000.00	26
Total.....	48,858,412.26	51,024,859.75	62,929,101.14	