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GENERAL DEFICIENCY BILL.

FEBRUARY 28, 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. 12203.]

In presenting the bill making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year 1899 and for prior years, the Committee on Appropriations submit the following report in explanation thereof:

The bill is based mainly on estimates submitted in House Documents Nos. 15 and 185, and 57, 69, 76, 97, 103, 104, 112, 127, 144, 145, 183, 188, 190, 191, 193, 197, 200, 202, 204, 205, 211, 214, and 236, of this session.

The whole amount recommended in the bill is \$21,089,384.73, as follows:

Executive Office .....	\$19, 157. 63
State Department.....	29, 414. 00
Treasury Department.....	1, 924, 684. 82
Fish Commission.....	41, 118. 75
District of Columbia.....	170, 460. 32
War Department.....	12, 218, 701. 53
State, War, and Navy building.....	7, 150. 00
Navy Department.....	1, 407, 915. 04
Interior Department.....	637, 820. 06
Department of Justice.....	718, 928. 70
Post-Office Department.....	2, 649. 17
Out of postal revenues.....	2, 081, 256. 39
Library of Congress.....	500. 00
Government Printing Office.....	102, 800. 00
House of Representatives.....	48, 377. 21
Judgments, United States courts.....	4, 304. 84
Judgments, Court of Claims.....	1, 349, 503. 79
Judgments, Indian depredation claims.....	273, 551. 00
Section 2, audited claims.....	51. 391. 48
Total.....	21, 089, 384. 73

The bill contains no proposed changes in or general provisions of legislation, but there is recommended in it certain limitations on proposed appropriations not heretofore imposed and provisions for adjusting or settling accounts in current or past expenditures as follows:

On pages 4 and 5, in connection with appropriation for certain additional clerks in Treasury Department, the following:

*The temporary or additional force rendered necessary because of increased work incident to the war with Spain, provided for in the act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred,*

approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, or provided in any other act making provisions for said temporary or additional force rendered necessary because of increased work incident to the war with Spain, shall be appointed hereafter without compliance with the condition prescribed by the act entitled "An act to regulate and improve the civil service," approved January sixteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-three.

On pages 9 and 10, under Treasury Department, the following:

Authority is hereby granted to the proper accounting officers of the Treasury to allow and credit in the accounts of certain officers of the Corps of Engineers of the United States Army amounts standing against them on the books of the Treasury, as follows: Major Charles F. Powell, ninety-seven dollars and eighty-seven cents; Captain C. S. Riche, twelve dollars and eighty-one cents; in all, one hundred and ten dollars and sixty-eight cents.

On page 20, in connection with the appropriation to pay the Northern Liberty Market claims in the District of Columbia, the following:

That in the payment of these claims the provisions of section thirty-four hundred and seventy-seven, Revised Statutes of the United States, shall be observed, and for that purpose the section aforesaid is hereby declared to be applicable in its requirements to the District of Columbia.

On page 21, in connection with the appropriation to reimburse the recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia for certain office expenses, the following:

And the recorder of deeds is authorized to pay, after December thirty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, out of the fees of his office, for the proper cleaning and sweeping of said office, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars per annum to the janitor and for such assistance as may be necessary for said purpose, instead of two hundred and fifty-two dollars per annum now paid to said janitor.

On page 21, under War Department, the following:

Authority is hereby granted to the proper accounting officers of the Treasury to pass the accounts aggregating one hundred and five dollars and fifty cents set forth in House Document Numbered One hundred and ninety, of this session, to the credit of the disbursing clerk of the War Department.

On page 29, under miscellaneous, War Department, the following:

The appropriation made in the deficiency appropriation act approved January fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, for services of surveyors, draftsmen, photographers, and clerks to engineer officers on the staff of division and corps commanders, is hereby made available also for civilian employees to engineer officers on the staff of department commanders.

On pages 34 and 35, under Navy Department, the following:

The accounting officers of the Treasury Department are hereby authorized and directed to credit the amount disallowed in the account of Paymaster C. M. Ray, United States Navy, being his final account of the United States steamship Maine for the third quarter of eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and being for expenses for burial of Ensign J. O. Breckinridge, United States Navy, amounting to four hundred and eleven dollars and fifty-five cents.

On page 45, in connection with appropriation for salaries of registers and receivers of land offices, the following:

The accounting officers of the Treasury are hereby authorized and directed to pay to John C. W. Rhode, receiver of public moneys for the Weare (late Nulato), Alaska, land district, salary as such receiver, at the statutory rate of one thousand five hundred dollars per annum, from July

*first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, to the present time, out of the current appropriation for salaries and commissions, registers and receivers; also reimbursement for his transportation and for freight charges upon Government property for said land office in such sum as the Secretary of the Interior may deem just and equitable, payable out of current appropriation for contingent expenses, land offices.*

On pages 45 and 46, in connection with appropriation for clerk hire and incidental expenses of land offices, the following:

*The accounting officers of the Treasury are hereby authorized and directed to allow and credit on the accounts of George W. Evans, disbursing clerk, Department of the Interior, the sum of one hundred and sixty-two dollars and eighty-six cents, being the amount disbursed by him under the authority and direction of the Secretary of the Interior from the above-mentioned appropriation in payment of the salaries of W. S. Tancre from May twenty-third to June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, at seven hundred and twenty dollars per annum, seventy-seven dollars and ten cents; and O. H. Gates from May tenth to June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, at six hundred dollars per annum, eighty-five dollars and seventy-six cents; in all, one hundred and sixty-two dollars and eighty-six cents, employees in the Gainesville (Florida) land office, temporarily detailed by the Secretary of the Interior, under the provisions of section three of the act of May twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, for duty in the office of surveyor-general at Tallahassee, to assist in bringing up to date the work of that office.*

On pages 57-59, in connection with the appropriation, salaries, fees, and expenses of United States marshals, the following:

*Provided, That hereafter all unserved process remaining in the hands of a United States marshal or his deputies, when the marshal ceases to be such, shall be immediately delivered to the succeeding marshal upon request; and when a deputy United States marshal resigns or is removed he shall, upon request, deliver to the United States marshal for the district all process remaining in his hands: Provided, That an act entitled "An act to authorize United States marshals to arrest offenders and fugitives from justice in Indian Territory," approved June fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, is hereby repealed: Provided, That the salary of Abner Gaines, late United States marshal for the eastern district of Arkansas, for services as marshal of said district from March twenty-seventh to April ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, both dates inclusive, in amount one hundred and fifty-four dollars and forty-four cents, or so much thereof as remains unpaid, shall be paid the same as if said marshal had received an ad interim appointment and qualified thereunder: Provided, That the salaries of the office deputy marshals appointed by Charles H. Evans, late United States marshal for the district of Maryland, from and after July seventeenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and until their successors were duly appointed and entered upon their duties, or until their services as said office deputies actually ceased, shall be paid in all respects the same as if they had been duly appointed by the present United States marshal and had qualified: Provided, That credit shall be allowed to Zoeth Houser, United States marshal for the district of Oregon, in the settlement of his accounts, for payments heretofore made by him to his deputies on account of fees earned by them during the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, on the basis of double the fees allowed by law for United States marshals and their deputies in other districts: Provided, That credit shall be allowed in the settlement of the accounts of Barry Baldwin, late United States marshal for the northern district of California, for the expenses of Deputy Marshal James H. Lyndon in returning*

*from Boston, Massachusetts, to San Francisco, California, after having transported a United States prisoner to Boston upon a warrant of removal.*

On page 59, in connection with the appropriation for salaries of United States attorneys, the following:

*That this appropriation shall be available for the payment, upon the approval of the Attorney-General, of the expenses of the United States district attorneys while absent from their respective districts in connection with services heretofore rendered, or to be rendered, before the Supreme Court of the United States.*

On page 75, in connection with appropriation to pay judgment in favor of Southern Pacific Company, the following:

*And authority is hereby granted to the Secretary of the Treasury, in his discretion, to dispose of, without commission, at not less than par and accrued interest, any notes or other evidence in his possession touching the indebtedness of the Central Pacific Railroad Company to the United States.*

