
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. |
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| 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 |

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| 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 | |

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| | 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.