

Itemized expenses. All other expenses, itemized as follows: Maps, bulletins, stationery, and scientific and other publications for stations; and the maintenance of a printing office in the District of Columbia for printing the necessary circulars, weather maps, bulletins, and monthly weather reviews (including the hire of printers, lithographers, and other necessary working force); for traveling expenses; for freight and express charges; for instruments and shelters therefor; for telegraphing or telephoning reports and messages, the rates to be fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture, by agreement with the companies performing the services; for rents and other incidental expenses of offices maintained as stations of observation; for maintenance and repair of seacoast telegraph lines; for river observations and reports; for storm and other signals; for cotton-region observations and reports; for corn and wheat observations and reports; for aerial observations and reports; for supplies for climate and crop services, and for investigations on climatology, including assistance and all necessary expenses, four hundred and thirty-nine thousand five hundred dollars.

West Indies stations. For maintaining the Weather Bureau stations already established by the Secretary of Agriculture, or to be established by the Secretary of Agriculture, in the West Indies or on adjacent coasts, and for establishing and equipping meteorological stations in the Hawaiian Islands; for taking daily observations of meteorological phenomena; for collecting reports thereof by cable and otherwise; for disseminating information based thereon of the approach of tropical hurricanes and other storms, and for collecting and publishing such climatological data as may be of public benefit, including salaries of one professor of meteorology, at not exceeding three thousand dollars; one forecast official, at not exceeding two thousand dollars; section directors, observers, and other necessary employees (all for duty at the places named in this Act or at such points in the United States as the exigencies of the weather service may require); rents of offices; stationery, furniture, and instrumental supplies; traveling expenses; freight and express charges; cablegrams and telegrams, and all other necessary expenses, sixty thousand dollars.

Destruction of old telegrams authorized. That hereafter all telegrams pertaining to the business of the Weather Bureau may be destroyed after they are three years old, and the accounts based thereon have been settled by the Treasury Department; and the present accumulation of these old telegrams may be destroyed.

Settlement of accounts for disbursements from former appropriations, etc. The accounting officers are hereby directed to settle all accounts for disbursements from former appropriations for the Department of Agriculture on account of salaries and services according to the terms and conditions of this Act, except that no increase of compensation herein provided shall be allowed for the current and prior fiscal years.

Approved, May 25, 1900.

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**CHAP. 556.**—An Act Providing for the transfer to Post Thirty-nine, Grand Army of the Republic, at Lawrence, Massachusetts, of certain guns now in possession of Battery C, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia.

Transfer to Post 39, G. A. R., Lawrence, Mass., of certain guns authorized.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, under such conditions as he may see fit, to transfer to Post Thirty-nine, Grand Army of the Republic, at Lawrence, Massachusetts, four three-inch muzzle-loading field guns with carriages and limbers, now in possession of Battery C, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia.

Approved, May 25, 1900.

**CHAP. 586.**—An Act Making appropriation for the support of the Regular and Volunteer Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one.

May 26, 1900.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Army for the year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one:

Army appropriations.

COMMANDING GENERAL'S OFFICE.

To defray the contingent expenses of the Commanding General's Office, in his discretion, one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Commanding General's Office.

CONTINGENCIES OF THE ARMY: For all contingent expenses of the Army not provided for by other estimates, and embracing all branches of the military service, to be expended under the immediate orders of the Secretary of War, two hundred thousand dollars.

Contingent expenses.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

For contingent expenses at the headquarters of the several military departments including the staff corps serving thereat, except the department judge-advocates, being for the purchase of the necessary articles of office, toilet, and desk furniture, binding, maps, books of reference, professional newspapers and periodicals, and police utensils, six thousand dollars, to be allotted by the Secretary of War, and to be expended in the discretion of the several military department commanders.

Adjutant-General's Department.

For contingent expenses of the military-information division, Adjutant-General's Office, including the purchase of law books, books of reference, periodicals and newspapers, and of the military attachés at the United States embassies and legations abroad, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, six thousand six hundred and forty dollars.

Military-information division.

UNITED STATES SERVICE SCHOOLS: To provide means for the theoretical and practical instruction at the artillery school at Fort Monroe, Virginia; the infantry and cavalry school at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the cavalry and light-artillery school at Fort Riley, Kansas, by the purchase of text-books, books of reference, scientific and professional papers, and for all other absolutely necessary expenses, to be allotted in such proportions as may, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, be for the best interest of the military service, eight thousand five hundred dollars.

United States service schools.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

CONTINGENCIES, INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT: For contingent expenses of the Inspector-General's Department at the offices of the several department inspectors-general, being for the purchase of the necessary articles of office, toilet, and desk furniture, binding, maps, books of reference, and police utensils, one thousand dollars.

Inspector-General's Department.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER.

SIGNAL SERVICE OF THE ARMY: For expenses of the Signal Service of the Army, as follows: Purchase, equipment, and repair of field electric telegraphs, signal equipments and stores, binocular glasses, telescopes, heliostats, and other necessary instruments, including necessary meteorological instruments for use on target ranges; war balloons; telephone apparatus (exclusive of exchange service) and maintenance of the same; electrical installations and maintenance at military posts; maintenance and repair of military telegraph lines and cables, including salaries of civilian employees, supplies, and general repairs,

Signal Service.