

RECORDS OF JUDGMENTS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT  
UNDER THE NAVY AND TREASURY DEPARTMENTS

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COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

RECORDS OF JUDGMENTS RENDERED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT BY THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS, AS SUBMITTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY—UNDER THE NAVY DEPARTMENT, \$900; THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, \$980; TOTAL, \$1,880

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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington, January 3, 1927.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress, in accordance with the provisions contained in the deficiency act of April 27, 1904 (33 Stat. 422), records of judgments rendered against the Government by the United States district courts, as submitted by the Attorney General through the Secretary of the Treasury, as follows:

Under the Navy Department.....	\$900
Under the Treasury Department.....	980
Total.....	1,880

The necessity for the appropriation asked is explained in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith, in whose conclusions and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington, December, 31, 1926.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration, and upon your approval for transmission to Congress, in accordance with the provisions contained in the deficiency act of April 27, 1904 (33 Stat., 422), records of judgments rendered against the Government by the United States district courts, as submitted by the Attorney General through the Secretary of the Treasury, as follows:

Under the Navy Department.....	\$900
Under the Treasury Department.....	980
Total.....	1,880

These judgments are submitted under the provisions of an act entitled "An act authorizing suits against the United States in admiralty for damage caused by and salvage services rendered to public vessels belonging to the United States, and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1925 (43 Stat., 1112).

For the payment of these judgments there is required an appropriation of \$1,880, together with such additional sum as may be necessary to pay interest as and where specified in said judgments, with the proviso that these judgments shall not be paid until the right of appeal shall have expired.

Since the foregoing are obligations of the Government lawfully imposed, and which (subject to the reserved right of appeal) must be paid, an appropriation for that purpose is necessary at this time.

Very respectfully,

H. M. LORD,  
*Director of the Bureau of the Budget.*

The PRESIDENT.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., July 8, 1926.

In re Neptune Line (Inc.) (Barge *West Point*) v. United States  
(Navy Steam Tug No. 56).

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing certified copy of final decree which has been entered in the eastern district of New York in the above matter, awarding the libelant the sum of \$900. Suit was instituted under the public vessel act of March 3, 1925.

This suit was instituted claiming damages in the sum of \$1,500 arising out of the collision between these vessels on September 22, 1922. At the time of the collision, the barge *West Point* was lying at anchor. A careful examination showed that the Government vessel was responsible for the collision and the libelant offered to settle the case for the sum of \$900. After a careful consideration, it was determined that a settlement on that basis would be advantageous to the Government and the United States attorney consented

to the entry of a final decree in that sum. For this reason there will be no appeal by either side.

It is requested that the final decree be placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

Name: Neptune Line (Inc.), as owner of barge *West Point*. No. 7782.

Amount: \$900.

Costs: None.

Date of judgment: June 28, 1926.

Nature of claim: Action to recover damages due to collision between barge *West Point* and U. S. S. Navy tug *No. 56*.

Final decree: Ordered, adjudged, and decreed that libelant, Neptune Line, as owner of the barge *West Point* recover of and from the United States of America as owner of the Navy tug *No. 56*, the sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900), with interest thereon at the rate of 4 per cent per annum from the entry of this decree until paid.

(United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., November 13, 1926.

In re United States Gypsum Transportation Co. (barge *Charles W. Baird*) v. United States (Coast Guard destroyer *McDougal*).

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing certified copy of final decree which has been entered in the eastern district of New York in the above matter awarding the libelant the sum of \$980 in full settlement of its damages. A careful investigation of the matter disclosed that the Coast Guard vessel was solely responsible for the collision and the resulting damages to the barge. After the collision the barge was inspected by a naval officer who estimated the damages to the barge in the sum of \$1,400. In view of the fact that libelant's offer was considerably less than this estimate and further that the Government's vessel was clearly liable for the collision; in accordance with section 6 of the public vessel act, the United States attorney was authorized to settle the damages on the basis of libelant's offer. The inclosed final decree is transmitted to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

Name: United States Gypsum Transportation Co. No. 9154.

Amount: \$980.

Costs: None.

Date of judgment: November 4, 1926.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages to barge *Charles W. Baird* due to collision with Coast Guard destroyer *McDougal* (Treasury).

Final decree: Ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the libelant have and recover of and from the respondent, the United States of America, the sum of \$980, with interest thereon until paid at the rate of 4 per cent per annum from the date of entry of this decree; and it is further ordered that this final decree be paid in the manner provided for by the statutes of the United States.

(United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.)

