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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.

Hawaiian Islands.

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.