

SENATE.....No. 99.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, February 27, 1871.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives :

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the information and consideration of the Legislature, the Annual Report of the Adjutant-General of the Commonwealth; and a communication from the Trustees of the Antietam National Cemetery.

WILLIAM CLAFLIN.

BOSTON, February 10, 1871.

His Excellency WILLIAM CLAFLIN, *Governor of Massachusetts.*

SIR:—I beg leave to hand you herewith, a circular from a committee of the board of trustees of the Antietam National Cemetery, by which it appears that the sum of fifteen hundred and seventy-two dollars (\$1,572) is still due from Massachusetts.

The original sum called for was \$85,000, apportioned to the States having dead there, in proportion to their representation in the national house of representatives.

The amount received by the board has been, it is believed, expended judiciously and with economy. The cemetery is completed, with the exception of a monument, a plan for one having been adopted, which accompanies the circular, to cost \$30,000, and for the completion of which the board must depend upon the amounts still unpaid, a small balance now on hand, the treasurer informs me, being only adequate to the necessary additions of shrubbery and sods, to place the cemetery in good order.

The governors of the States, still deficient in approximations for this object, have mostly assured the committee that they will bring the subject before their respective legislatures, and doubtless the amounts will be forthcoming.

I would respectfully recommend that the balance from Massachusetts be appropriated, but not paid over until other States have voted to pay their quota, still deficient.

I annex a table exhibiting the amounts assessed, with amounts paid, and those still deficient, from the various States interested.

Very respectfully yours,

HENRY EDWARDS,
Trustee for Massachusetts.

P. S.—I also enclose a copy of the Act of the State of Maryland, regarding the Confederate dead, which effectually disposes of the vexed question of admitting them into the national cemetery,—a separate cemetery to be provided.

HAGERSTOWN, MD., January 26, 1871.

His Excellency WILLIAM CLAFLIN, *Governor of Massachusetts.*

DEAR SIR:—The Antietam National Cemetery is so far completed as to be ready for the erection of the monument, which is a part of the original design.

The Board of Trustees are anxious to consummate their labor for the burial of the patriotic dead of Antietam, South Mountain, and Monocacy, by this crowning work to the memory of fallen heroes in those battles.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held in Washington City, December 9, 1869, the undersigned were appointed a committee to solicit from the States having dead buried in this cemetery, funds for the erection of the monument, the cost of which will be \$30,000. In addition to this sum it may require a small amount to finish sodding the mounds, gravelling the walks, and other matters of expense for the full completion of the cemetery.

The photographic design which accompanies this circular is the style of monument adopted by the Board, at a meeting held September 16, 1867.

There being about 1,410 unknown dead buried in the grounds (and it is impossible to ascertain how many were citizens of each of the different States which have contributed to this cemetery), it has been deemed fair to apportion equally among the States interested this class of dead.

The State of Massachusetts represents 80 of these dead, and having 193 known dead, would make the number for this State, known and unknown, 273.

Therefore the Committee respectfully ask an appropriation from your State, to assist in the completion of this enterprise.

The original estimate of the cost of this cemetery, in which there are now buried the remains of four thousand five hundred and ninety-six Union soldiers, was about \$80,000. According to the apportionment of the charter, the share of the expense assessed to your State was \$5,574, and it has paid \$4,000. You will thereby observe that there is yet due from

your State the sum of \$1,574. For the erection of the contemplated monument, the Committee now ask that an appropriation of \$1,574 be made by the legislature of your State at its approaching session, to accomplish the object desired.

The Committee earnestly and respectfully request that you present the matter to the legislature in time to avoid any delay.

Any communication you may have to make, can be addressed to either of the following Committee.

Very respectfully,

G. I. CRANMER, *Wheeling, West Virginia.*

JAS. G. BLAIN, *Washington City.*

H. H. STARKWEATHER, *Washington City.*

E. A. CARMAN, *Jersey City, N. J.*

THOS. A. BOULLT, *Hagerstown, Md.*

Antietam National Cemetery.

STATES INTERESTED.	Number of dead in the Cem- etry.	Am't Assessed.	Amount Paid.	Amount Unpaid.
New York,	745	\$17,281 00	\$10,000 00	\$7,281 00
Pennsylvania,	529	13,379 00	7,700 00	5,679 00
Ohio,	175	10,592 00	5,000 00	5,592 00
Massachusetts,	177	5,572 00	4,000 00	1,572 00
Wisconsin,	123	3,334 00	3,334 00	-
Michigan,	105	3,334 00	3,000 00	334 00
Maine,	90	2,787 00	2,787 00	-
Indiana,	81	6,132 00	6,132 00	-
Connecticut,	73	2,229 00	2,229 00	-
Maryland,	54	2,787 00	15,000 00	-
New Jersey,	50	2,787 00	2,500 00	287 00
Vermont,	53	1,672 00	1,600 00	72 00
West Virginia,	40	1,672 00	1,672 00	-
New Hampshire,	30	1,672 00	-	1,672 00
Rhode Island,	24	1,114 00	1,000 00	114 00
Delaware,	24	557 00	-	557 00
Illinois,	14	7,804 00	-	7,804 00
Minnesota,	2	1,114 00	652 00	462 00
Totals,	2,393	\$85,838 00	\$66,498 00	\$31,426 00

Number of dead,	2,393
Regulars,	69
Unknown,	1,118

Total number of dead in the Cemetery, 3,580

