

SENATE No. 290

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, Jan. 22, 1919.

HON. EDWIN T. MCKNIGHT, *President of the Senate, State House,
Boston, Mass.*

DEAR SIR:— I beg to advise you that the estimates requested in the order of the Senate approved Jan. 17, 1919, relative to disbursements to Massachusetts residents in the service of the United States under the provisions of chapter 211 of the General Acts of 1917, as extended by chapter 92 of the General Acts of 1918, are as follows:—

1. Total disbursements to Jan. 16, 1919, to Massachusetts residents in the service of the United States under the provisions of chapter 211, General Acts of 1917, and chapter 92, General Acts of 1918, \$2,850,768 02
2. Estimate of further disbursements required thereunder, 2,000,000 00
3. Estimate of the further cost to the Commonwealth of new legislation continuing payments as therein provided from the date of their discontinuance until the first day of January, 1919, . . . 19,500,000 00

Many difficulties were experienced in compiling this data by reason of the conditions of voluntary enlistments, discharges, releases to attend school, promotions, deaths, etc. In consulting with the Adjutant-General we are informed that the Federal government has not furnished the Commonwealth with the credits of voluntary enlistments, and, while this information may be ultimately received, the delay

deprives this department of accurate data relative to this branch of the service. The estimates furnished the Honorable Senate are therefore based upon such records as are available in the two departments.

The following is a table of appropriations in connection with this report:—

Chapter 211, General Acts of 1917 (bond issue), . . .	\$1,500,000
Chapter 1, Special Acts of 1918 (revenue), . . .	250,000
Chapter 17, Special Acts of 1918 (revenue), . . .	250,000
Chapter 75, Special Acts of 1918 (revenue), . . .	500,000
Chapter 170, Special Acts of 1918 (revenue), . . .	1,000,000
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	\$3,500,000

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES L. BURRILL,

Treasurer and Receiver-General.