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DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL,
BOSTON, JAN. 21, 1920.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the department for the year ending this day.

Very respectfully,

HENRY A. WYMAN,
Attorney-General.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

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¹ Resigned Aug. 13, 1919.

² Resigned Nov. 15, 1919.

³ Resigned Nov. 1, 1919.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES.

Appropriation for 1919,	\$50,000 00
Appropriation, additional,	10,000 00
<i>Expenditures.</i>	
For law library,	\$542 22
For salaries of assistants,	18,761 92
For clerks,	6,426 66
For office stenographers,	4,914 00
For telephone operator,	673 74
For legal and special services and expenses,	6,929 92
For office expenses,	3,693 39
For court expenses,	10,223 36
Total expenditures,	\$52,165 21

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL,
BOSTON, Jan. 21, 1920.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 8 of chapter 7 of the Revised Laws, as amended, I herewith submit my report for the year ending this day.

The cases requiring the attention of this department during the year, to the number of 10,872, are tabulated below:—

Corporate franchise tax cases,	1,029
Extradition and interstate rendition,	194
Grade crossings, petitions for abolition of,	65
Indictments for murder,	49
Inventories and appraisals,	15
Land Court petitions,	77
Land-damage cases arising from the taking of land by the Charles River Basin Commission,	6
Land-damage cases arising from the taking of land by the Massachusetts Highway Commission,	37
Land-damage cases arising from the taking of land by the Directors of the Port of Boston,	3
Land-damage cases arising from the taking of land by the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board,	11
Land-damage cases arising from the taking of land by the Metropolitan Park Commission,	23
Land-damage cases arising from the taking of land by the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands,	8
Land-damage cases arising from the taking of land by the State House Building Commission,	2
Miscellaneous cases arising from the work of the above-named commissions,	39
Miscellaneous cases,	868
Petitions for instructions under inheritance tax laws,	31
Public charitable trusts,	102
Settlement cases for support of persons in State Hospitals,	44
All other cases not enumerated above, which include suits to require the filing of returns by corporations and individuals and the collection of money due the Commonwealth,	8,269

CAPITAL CASES.

Indictments for murder pending at the date of the last annual report have been disposed of as follows:—

AUGUST ALVES, *alias*, indicted in Hampden County, September, 1918, for the murder of Jose Rodriguez, at Ludlow, on July 7, 1918. He was arraigned Sept. 20, 1918, and pleaded not guilty. Silvio Martinelli, Esq., appeared as counsel for the defendant. On Dec. 19, 1918, the defendant retracted his former plea, and pleaded guilty to manslaughter. This plea was accepted by the Commonwealth, and the defendant was thereupon sentenced to State Prison for a term of not more than five nor less than two and one-half years. The case was in charge of District Attorney Joseph B. Ely.

ISAIAH E. BOOTH, indicted in Suffolk County, December, 1918, for the murder of Fred Pullum, on Nov. 9, 1918. He was arraigned March 19, 1919, and pleaded guilty to manslaughter. This plea was accepted by the Commonwealth, and the defendant was thereupon sentenced to State Prison for a term of not more than five nor less than two and one-half years. William H. Lewis, Esq., appeared as counsel for the defendant. The case was in charge of District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier.

WILLARD E. ELLIS, indicted in Hampden County, September, 1918, for the murder of Henry M. Green, at Wilbraham, on June 27, 1918. He was arraigned Sept. 20, 1918, and pleaded not guilty. James E. Dunleavy, Esq., and William J. Granfield, Esq., appeared as counsel for the defendant. Later the defendant retracted his former plea, and pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree. This plea was accepted by the Commonwealth, and the defendant was thereupon sentenced to State Prison for life. The case was in charge of District Attorney Joseph B. Ely.

DOMENICO FIORANTI, indicted in Suffolk County, September, 1918, for the murder of Marie Tamburino, at Bos-

ton, on May 9, 1918. The defendant was arraigned Dec. 9, 1918, and pleaded not guilty. Louis Cohen, Esq., and John W. Connolly, Esq., appeared as counsel for the defendant. In May, 1919, the defendant was tried by a jury before Callahan, J. The result was a verdict of not guilty. The case was in charge of District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier.

LINCOLN M. GRANT, indicted in Berkshire County, July, 1917, for the murder of Miles Hewitt, at Pittsfield, on Feb. 26, 1917, and Margaret Hewitt, indicted for being accessory before the fact to the murder of Miles Hewitt. The defendants were arraigned July 26, 1917, and each pleaded not guilty. Robert M. Stevens, Esq., appeared as counsel for the defendant Lincoln M. Grant, and Patrick J. Moore, Esq., appeared as counsel for the defendant Margaret Hewitt. In April, 1919, the defendant Lincoln M. Grant was tried by a jury before Morton, J. The result was a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree. The defendant Lincoln M. Grant was thereupon sentenced to State Prison for life. On July 28, 1919, the defendant Margaret Hewitt was released on her own recognizance. The cases were in charge of District Attorney Joseph B. Ely.

JAMES HOUSTON, indicted in Suffolk County, August, 1918, for the murder of John Jackson, on July 10, 1918. He was arraigned Aug. 23, 1918, and pleaded not guilty. John Burke, Esq., appeared as counsel for the defendant. On March 20, 1919, the defendant retracted his former plea, and pleaded guilty to manslaughter. This plea was accepted by the Commonwealth, and the defendant was thereupon sentenced to State Prison for a term of not more than ten nor less than eight years. The case was in charge of District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier.

VINCENZO ISSARELLA, indicted in Essex County, May 2, 1918, for the murder of Vito Rocco, at Haverhill, on Feb. 10, 1918. He was arraigned May 28, 1918, and pleaded not guilty. William J. McDonald, Esq., appeared as counsel for the defendant. On Feb. 14, 1919, the defendant retracted