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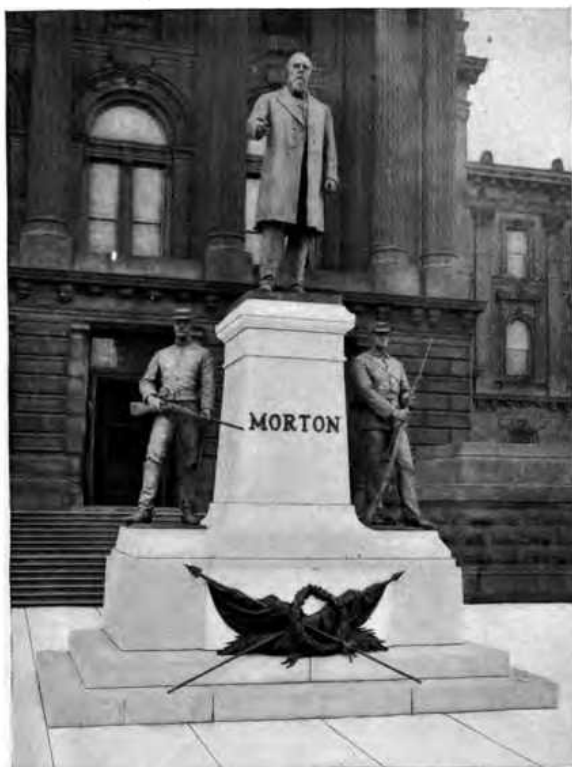
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OLIVER P. MORTON



MORTON MONUMENT

REPORT OF COMMISSION

HON. J. FRANK HANLY, *Governor of Indiana*:

SIR—The Commission appointed by you to erect a statue of Oliver P. Morton, respectfully reports:

That at its twenty-fifth annual Encampment held at Winona, Ind., in June, 1904, the Department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of honorably discharged soldiers who served in the army and navy and preserved the integrity of the Republic of the United States of America in the great Civil War from A. D. 1861 to 1865, memorialized the Legislature of the State of Indiana to appropriate sufficient money to erect a monument to perpetuate the memory of Oliver Perry Morton, Governor of Indiana during that period. The memorial adopted was presented by Comrade Warren R. King of Greenfield, Indiana. The Department Commander, Daniel R. Lucas, appointed Comrades Warren R. King, George W. Grubbs, David N. Foster, A. D. Vanosdol and Charles M. Travis, a committee to present said memorial to the Legislature of Indiana at its next session, which would assemble the 5th day of January, 1905. The committee faithfully performed the duty for which it had been appointed, and the following act was passed by the Legislature, and at once after its passage, and upon presentation to the Governor, was signed by him February 25, 1905:

An act to provide for the erection of a monument in memory of Oliver P. Morton, and appropriating money therefor, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, No man in civil life, save Abraham Lincoln, did more for the Union during the Civil War than Oliver P. Morton, the great War Governor of Indiana, and

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WHEREAS, The State of Indiana has never erected a monument or any other suitable memorial within the borders of the state to perpetuate his name and memory, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic, has memorialized this General Assembly to appropriate sufficient funds from the state treasury to erect an heroic statue of enduring material, in a conspicuous location within the state house grounds to perpetuate his name and memory; therefore

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the funds in the state treasury for the purpose of erecting an heroic statue of enduring material to perpetuate the name, memory and services of Oliver Perry Morton, the great War Governor of Indiana, the eminent senator, the courageous patriot: Provided, That five thousand dollars only of said appropriation shall be available in the year 1905, and the remainder of said appropriation shall be available in the year 1906.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of organizing to build such monument, the Governor shall appoint five commissioners, three of whom shall be members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Indiana. Such appointments shall be made not later than thirty days after the passage and approval of this act, and their terms shall be not exceeding four years; the Governor shall at once notify such persons of their appointment, under his certificate and seal, and such notice shall constitute their commission, and shall be by them deposited in the office of the secretary of state, and there recorded. The commissioners so appointed shall, within twenty days after their appointment, qualify by taking an oath that they will honestly, diligently and according to law, discharge their duties as such commissioners, and shall give bond to be approved by the Governor, each in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), conditioned for the faithful performance of such duties as may be imposed upon them by law, and that the cost of said monument shall not exceed said appropriation herein. Such commissioners shall constitute and be known as the "Board of Commissioners of the Oliver P. Morton Monument." They shall elect one of their number as president, whose duty shall be to preside over meetings of said board, sign the record of proceedings thereof, and sign or

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stamp all vouchers before a warrant is drawn for their payment. They shall cause to be kept a record of their proceedings and shall report quarterly to the Governor, for the use of the public, a synopsis of their proceedings and an account of their expenditures. They may make such rules and regulations for the payment of money, the government of contractors and employes, and the management of the grounds and premises as they may deem prudent, not inconsistent with this act and the laws of the state. They may meet on their own adjournment and shall meet at the call of the president of the Board; a majority thereof present at such meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. They shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be entitled to their actual expenses for the time they are actually employed in attending to their duties as commissioners, to be paid on itemized statements, sworn to by the claimant. The Governor may, for just cause, remove any member of said Board, and fill all vacancies therein caused by removal or otherwise.

SEC. 3. Such commissioners are authorized and directed, as herein provided, to build such monument, in a conspicuous location within the state house grounds; but no greater amount than is hereby appropriated shall ever be paid out of the funds of the state treasury: Provided, however, That said commissioners are authorized to receive private contributions and to expend the same according to the provisions of this act.

SEC. 4. Said commissioners shall prepare, select or adopt a design or plan for said monument, and to enable them to do so, they shall at once cause publication to be made in at least two newspapers within the state and two newspapers without the state, that at a certain time, not to exceed six months thereafter, they will proceed to examine such designs or plans and specifications for such monument, not to exceed in cost the appropriation herein, submitted to them by competent architects or artisans skilled in such work, and each of said architects or artisans so competing shall submit full and careful estimates of the cost of erecting said monument, and a sealed proposal of the fees, salary or percentage he will charge or expect if his plans should be adopted: Provided, however, That said commissioners may reject any and all plans and designs so submitted if they consider them unsuitable, and readvertise in the same manner for further plans or designs. The commissioners shall then proceed to give the plans or designs, specifications and