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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL,

BOSTON, Jan. 18, 1906.

To the Honorable the President of the Senate.

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

Very respectfully,

HERBERT PARKER,

Attorney-General.

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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES.

Appropriation for 1904,	\$40,000 00
<i>Expenditures.</i>	
For law library,	\$636 35
For salaries of assistants,	14,808 38
For additional legal services,	3,224 81
For clerks,	3,793 39
For stenographers,	2,345 00
For messengers,	1,280 60
For office expenses,	2,853 43
For court expenses,*	2,456 46
Total expenditures,	\$31,398 37
Costs collected,	775 59
Net expenditure,	\$30,622 78

* Of this amount \$775.59 has been collected as costs of suits and paid to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL,
BOSTON, Jan. 18, 1906.

To the General Court,

In compliance with Revised Laws, chapter 7, section 8, I submit my report for the year ending this day.

The cases requiring the attention of the office during the year, to the number of 1,969, are tabulated below:—

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CAPITAL CASES.

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

GEORGE WILLIAM HERBERT, *alias* HUBER, indicted in Berkshire County, January, 1903, for the murder of Gertrude Otillie Bertha Rentall, at Monterey, Sept. 14, 1902. He was arraigned July 21, 1903, and pleaded not guilty. William Turtle and Charles Giddings were assigned by the court as counsel for the defendant. On Jan. 11, 1904, the defendant retracted his former plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty of murder in the second degree. This plea was accepted by the government, and the defendant was thereupon sentenced to State Prison for life. The case was in charge of District Attorney John F. Noxon.

ROSARIO DISANO of Stoughton, indicted in Norfolk County, September, 1903, for the murder of Hiram H. Poole, at Canton, Aug. 2, 1903. He was arraigned Sept. 11, 1903, and pleaded not guilty. James E. Cotter and Frank Keezer were assigned by the court as counsel for the defendant. This indictment was nol prossed on Sept. 20, 1904, and the defendant was indicted for murder in the second degree. On the latter indictment he was arraigned and pleaded guilty on April 28, 1904, and sentenced to State Prison for life. The case was in charge of District Attorney Asa P. French.

SELMAR AKERSON of Quincy, indicted in Norfolk County, December, 1903, for the murder of her infant child, at Quincy, Sept. 10, 1903. She was arraigned Dec. 14, 1903, and pleaded not guilty. On April 5, 1904, the defendant retracted her former plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty to manslaughter. This plea was accepted by the government, and thereupon the defendant was sentenced to the Reformatory Prison for Women for an indefinite period. This case was in charge of District Attorney Asa P. French.