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DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL,  
BOSTON, JAN. 17, 1917.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.*

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

Very respectfully,

HENRY C. ATTWILL,  
*Attorney-General.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL,  
State House.

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*Chief Clerk.*

LOUIS H. FREESE.

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES.

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|--|-------------|
| Appropriation for 1916, . . . . .                  | \$48,000 00 |
| <i>Expenditures.</i>                               |             |
| For law library, . . . . .                         | \$2,057 42  |
| For salaries of assistants, . . . . .              | 17,101 25   |
| For clerks, . . . . .                              | 6,689 72    |
| For office stenographers, . . . . .                | 4,425 00    |
| For telephone operator, . . . . .                  | 608 00      |
| For special legal services and expenses, . . . . . | 5,647 02    |
| For office expenses, . . . . .                     | 1,309 00    |
| For court expenses, . . . . .                      | 6,204 57    |
| Total expenditures, . . . . .                      | \$44,041 98 |
| Costs collected, . . . . .                         | 2,731 16    |
| Net expenditures, . . . . .                        | \$41,310 82 |

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL,  
BOSTON, JAN. 17, 1917.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.*

Pursuant to the provisions of section 8 of chapter 7 of the Revised Laws 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 7,450 are tabulated below:—

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| Corporate franchise tax cases, . . . . .   | 1,096 |
| Extradition and interstate rendition, . . . . .  | 154   |
| Grade crossings, petitions for abolition of, . . . . .   | 85    |
| Indictments for murder, . . . . .  | 51    |
| Inventories and appraisals, . . . . .  | 15    |
| Land Court petitions, . . . . .  | 103   |
| Land-damage cases arising from the taking of land by the Harbor and Land Commission, . . . . .   | 4     |
| Land-damage cases arising from the taking of land by the Charles River Basin Commission, . . . . .   | 23    |
| Land-damage cases arising from the taking of land by the Massachusetts Highway Commission, . . . . .   | 23    |
| 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, . . . . .  | 3     |
| Land-damage cases arising from the taking of land by the Metropolitan Park Commission, . . . . .   | 22    |
| Land-damage cases arising from the taking of land by the Armory Commissioners, . . . . .   | 1     |
| Land-damage cases arising from the taking of land by the State House Building Commission, . . . . .  | 7     |
| Miscellaneous cases arising from the work of the above-named commissions, . . . . .  | 36    |
| Miscellaneous cases, . . . . .   | 586   |
| Petitions for instructions under inheritance tax laws, . . . . .   | 59    |
| Public charitable trusts, . . . . .  | 112   |
| Settlement cases for support of persons in State Hospitals, . . . . .  | 36    |
| 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, . . . . . | 5,032 |