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No. 533.

SALARY OF THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

JUNE 27 (calendar day, JUNE 29), 1918.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SIMMONS, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the
following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4739.]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4739) to fix the annual salary of the collector of customs for the district of North Carolina, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass.

A letter to Senator Overman from the collector of customs at Wilmington, N. C., together with a statement of salaries paid and the amount of customs collections for several collection districts, are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Wilmington, N. C., January 7, 1918.

HON. LEE S. OVERMAN,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR OVERMAN: When I was in your office last month I left copy of the inclosed statement with you in reference to your promise to have the salary of the collector of this State increased, say, to \$5,000, thereby putting the same on a parity with other districts.

You are of course aware that Congress establishes the salaries of the collectors, and therefore it would take an act of Congress to change this. I may be permitted with justifiable pride to direct your attention to the fact that it costs less than 1 cent, actually 7 mills, to collect a dollar in the district of North Carolina, whereas the next lowest is over 2 cents. The only other districts that pay as low a salary as \$2,500 seems to be South Carolina, which pays \$2,500 with entire receipts of \$16,463, Utah and Nevada \$2,500, with receipts of \$11,198, whereas the receipts of North Carolina are \$1,673,107.42.

For your further information, we may state that this increase in receipts of North Carolina is not due to the war. But for the war the amount would have been larger. We will collect this year in round figures \$2,000,000. The inclosed memorandum, as you see, only takes in 22 of the 40-odd districts, but these are the ones that come under the class which North Carolina is now in, as they are classified according to their receipts.

Thanking you in advance for your always generous consideration, I am,
Very faithfully, yours,

WALKER TAYLOR,
Collector

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*Receipts and expenses of 22 principal customs districts, with compensation of collectors.
compiled from Secretary of the Treasury's annual report for the fiscal year ending June
30, 1917.*

District.	Total collection.	Total expense.	Cost to collect \$1.	Salary of collector.
1. New York.....	\$156,411,447.33	\$4,206,815.53	\$0.0269	\$12,000
2. Philadelphia.....	15,487,681.42	494,498.20	.032	8,000
3. New Orleans.....	9,166,214.17	312,807.68	.034	7,000
4. Massachusetts.....	8,648,286.17	881,975.53	.102	8,000
5. Chicago.....	6,518,392.68	283,183.49	.043	7,000
6. San Francisco.....	5,083,392.05	475,091.98	.093	7,000
7. Florida.....	2,797,795.19	104,262.32	.037	6,000
8. Washington.....	2,586,408.43	217,166.88	.084	6,000
9. Michigan.....	2,190,777.53	194,302.82	.089	6,000
10. Buffalo.....	2,117,785.92	158,938.04	.075	6,000
11. Maryland.....	1,856,923.07	262,456.17	.141	7,000
12. North Carolina.....	1,673,107.42	12,476.43	.007	2,500
13. Connecticut.....	1,518,411.33	36,877.07	.024	5,000
14. Virginia.....	1,262,544.46	68,797.95	.054	5,000
15. Hawaii.....	1,169,084.80	91,523.11	.078	5,000
16. Ohio.....	1,147,398.34	91,693.07	.08	6,000
17. Galveston.....	1,057,654.50	78,554.18	.074	5,000
18. St. Louis.....	1,015,700.09	103,303.46	.102	6,000
19. Southern California.....	432,011.12	84,528.60	.196	5,000
20. St. Lawrence.....	378,201.15	84,450.69	.223	5,000
21. Maine and New Hampshire.....	356,482.14	125,350.08	.352	5,000
22. Vermont.....	356,417.47	123,614.92	.347	5,000

