

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 19, 1900.

Mr. PAYNE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

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**A BILL**

To extend the laws relating to customs and internal revenue over the island of Puerto Rico ceded to the United States.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That the laws of the United States relating to customs and  
4       internal revenue, including those relating to the punishment  
5       for crimes in connection with the enforcement of said laws,  
6       are hereby extended to and over the island of Puerto Rico and  
7       all adjacent islands and waters of the islands ceded to the  
8       United States by the Government of Spain by treaty con-  
9       cluded April eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, so  
10      far as such laws may be applicable.

11       SEC. 2. That there shall be in the ceded island one cus-  
12      toms collection district, as follows: The district of Puerto Rico,  
13      to comprise all the islands ceded, as aforesaid, in which San  
14      Juan shall be the port of entry, and Ponce, Mayaguez, Are-  
15      cibo, Aguadilla, Arroyo, and Ilumacao subports of entry; and

1 there shall be in said collection district a collector of customs,  
2 who shall reside at San Juan, and shall receive an annual  
3 salary of four thousand dollars.

4 Customs officers shall be stationed at said subports, with  
5 authority to enter and clear vessels, receive duties, fees, and  
6 other moneys, and perform such other service as is provided  
7 by law, and they shall receive such compensation as the Sec-  
8 retary of the Treasury may deem just and reasonable.

9 SEC. 3. That the President of the United States is hereby  
10 authorized to establish an internal-revenue collection district  
11 to embrace all the said islands, or in his discretion to annex  
12 said islands to some other internal-revenue collection district  
13 of the United States.



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