

Six dollars a month
made minimum rate.

And it is further provided, That from and after the passage of this Act, all pensioners now on the rolls, who are pensioned at less than six dollars per month, for any degree of pensionable disability, shall have their pensions increased to six dollars per month; and that hereafter, whenever any applicant for pension would, under existing rates, be entitled to less than six dollars for any single disability, or several combined disabilities, such pensioner shall be rated at not less than six dollars per month: *Provided also,* That the provisions hereof shall not be held to cover any pensionable period prior to the passage of this Act, nor authorize a re-rating of any claims for any part of such period, nor prevent the allowance of lower rates than six dollars per month, according to the existing practice in the Pension Office in pending cases covering any pensionable period prior to the passage of this Act.

No prior effect.

Agents' salaries.

For salaries of eighteen agents for the payment of pensions, at four thousand dollars each, seventy-two thousand dollars.

Clerk hire.
Proviso.
Apportionment.

For clerk hire, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided,* That the amount of clerk hire for each agency shall be apportioned as nearly as practicable in proportion to the number of pensioners paid at each agency, and the salaries paid shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, but the appointment of the clerk to sign official checks, who shall receive the same compensation at each agency as was paid during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, shall be made by the pension agent without other or further approval.

Fuel.

For fuel, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Lights.

For lights, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Stationery, etc.

For stationery and other necessary expenses, to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thirty-five thousand dollars.

Rents.

For rents, twenty-three thousand and seventy dollars.

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CHAP. 162.—An Act Making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, for the armament thereof, for the procurement of heavy ordnance for trial and service, and for other purposes.

Fortifications ap-
propriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sums of money herein provided for be, and the same are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be available until expended, namely:

Gun and mortar
batteries.

GUN AND MORTAR BATTERIES: For construction of gun and mortar batteries, four hundred thousand dollars.

For construction of gun and mortar platforms, one hundred thousand dollars.

Preservation, etc.

PRESERVATION AND REPAIR OF FORTIFICATIONS: For the protection, preservation, and repair of fortifications for which there may be no special appropriation available, forty-five thousand dollars.

For preparation of plans for fortifications, five thousand dollars.

Torpedoes for har-
bor defense.

TORPEDOES FOR HARBOR DEFENSE: For the purchase of submarine mines and necessary appliances to operate them for closing the channels leading to our principal seaports, twenty thousand dollars.

For needful casemates, cable galleries, and so forth, to render it possible to operate submarine mines, twenty thousand dollars.

Armament.
Seacoast guns
Army gun factory.

ARMAMENT OF FORTIFICATIONS: For finishing and assembling eight-inch, ten-inch, and twelve-inch seacoast guns at the Army Gun Factory, two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Steel for guns.

For purchase under contract after due advertisement of oil-tempered and annealed steel for high-power coast-defense guns of eight, ten, and twelve inch caliber, in quality and dimensions conforming to specifications, subject to inspection at each stage of the manufacture, and including all the parts of each caliber, two hundred thousand dollars.

For purchase and manufacture of carriages for mounting steel breech-loading seacoast guns of eight, ten, and twelve inch caliber, one hundred thousand dollars.

Carriages.

For eight, ten, and twelve inch guns manufactured by contract under the provisions of the fortifications Acts approved August eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety, and February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, fifty thousand dollars.

Contract guns.
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For steel field guns of three and two-tenths inch caliber, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Steel field guns.

For carriages for field-gun batteries, sixty-one thousand dollars.

Carriages.

For steel field mortars of three and six-tenths inch caliber, eight thousand dollars.

Mortars.

For carriages and platforms for steel field mortars of three and six-tenths inch caliber, two thousand four hundred and sixty dollars.

Carriages, etc.

For alteration of existing carriages for ten-inch and fifteen-inch smoothbore guns to adapt them to present service conditions, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Altering carriages.

For sights for cannon, and for fuses, six thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

Sights and fuses.

For inspecting instruments, gauges, and templets for the manufacture of cannon, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Inspecting instruments, etc.

For powder for issue to service, twenty thousand dollars.

Powder and projectiles.

For projectiles for issue to the service, twenty thousand dollars.

For powders and projectiles for the proof of eight-inch, ten-inch, and twelve-inch guns, thirty thousand dollars.

For steel deck-piercing shells for twelve-inch breech-loading mortars, thirty thousand dollars.

Steel shells.

For purchase and erection of steel plates for the test of deck-piercing shells, twelve thousand two hundred and forty dollars.

Plates for tests.

For steel armor-piercing shot for seacoast breech-loading guns, thirty thousand dollars.

Steel shot.

For purchase and erection of armor plates for testing armor-piercing shot, fifteen thousand dollars.

Armor plates for tests.

To provide for payments that will become due during the fiscal years eighteen hundred and ninety-five and eighteen hundred and ninety-six on contracts which have been made pursuant to Acts of Congress, and for which appropriations have not been made, and to provide for payments that may become due in the purchase or manufacture of machine tools and fixtures to complete the equipment of the south wing of the Army Gun Factory, Watervliet Arsenal, West Troy, New York; steel breech-loading rifled seacoast mortars of twelve-inch caliber; oil-tempered and annealed steel for high-power coast-defense guns of eight, ten, and twelve inch caliber; carriages for breech-loading rifled mortars of twelve-inch caliber; and carriages for mounting new steel breech-loading eight, ten, and twelve inch guns, procured under the provisions of the fortifications Act approved July twenty-third, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, said payments being in excess of the moneys appropriated by said Act and by the Acts approved February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and August first, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, for these objects, one hundred and thirty-three thousand six hundred dollars: *Provided*, That the total amount expended for each of these said objects shall not exceed the amount specified there for in the Act of July twenty-third, eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

Watervliet Arsenal.
Tools, etc.

Mortars.

Steel for guns.

Carriages.

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Limit.

Steel for coast defense guns.

Carriages.

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To provide for payments that may become due in the purchase or manufacture of oil-tempered and annealed steel for high-power coast-defense guns of eight-inch, ten-inch, and twelve-inch caliber; carriages for breech-loading rifled mortars of twelve-inch caliber; and carriages for mounting new steel breech-loading eight-inch, ten-inch, and twelve-inch guns, procured under the provisions of the fortifications Act approved February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, said payments being in excess of the money therein appropriated for these objects by said Act and by the fortifications Act approved August first,

eighteen hundred and ninety-four, one hundred and forty-four thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the total amount expended for each of these said objects shall not exceed the amount specified therefor in the said Act.

Sandy Hook proving ground.
Maintenance.

PROVING GROUND, SANDY HOOK, NEW JERSEY: For current expenses and maintenance of the ordnance proving ground, Sandy Hook, New Jersey, including general repairs and alterations, and accessories incidental to testing and proving ordnance, including hire of assistants for the Ordnance Board, skilled mechanical labor, purchase of instruments and other supplies, building and repairing butts and targets, clearing and grading ranges, twenty thousand dollars.

Expenses of officers.

For the necessary expenses of officers while temporarily employed on ordnance duties at the proving ground and absent from their proper stations, at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per diem while so employed, and the compensation of draftsmen while employed in the Army Ordnance Bureau on ordnance construction, eight thousand dollars.

Repairs.
Watertown Arsenal.
Railroad.

For repairs of railroad and wharf, nine thousand dollars.
WATERTOWN ARSENAL, WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS: For grading and laying one railroad from erecting shop to the wharf, five thousand dollars.

Tools.

For new machine tools for the carriage plant, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Board of Ordnance and Fortification.
Purchases, tests, etc.

BOARD OF ORDNANCE AND FORTIFICATION: To enable the board to make all needful and proper purchases, experiments, and tests to ascertain, with a view to their utilization by the Government, the most effective guns, small arms, cartridges, projectiles, fuses, explosives, torpedoes, armor plates, and other implements and engines of war, and to purchase or cause to be manufactured, under authority of the Secretary of War, such guns, carriages, armor plates, and other war materials and articles as may, in the judgment of the board, be necessary in the proper discharge of the duty devolved upon it by the Act approved September twenty-second, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight; to pay the salary of the civilian member of the Board of Ordnance and Fortifications provided by the Act of February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and for the necessary traveling expenses of said member when traveling on duty as contemplated in said Act; for the payment of the necessary expenses of the board, including a per diem allowance to each officer detailed to serve thereon when employed on duty away from his permanent station, of two dollars and fifty cents a day; and for the test of experimental guns and carriages procured in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Ordnance and Fortifications, one hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That before any money shall be expended in the construction or test of any gun, gun carriage, ammunition, or implements under the supervision of the said board, the board shall be satisfied, after due inquiry, that the Government of the United States has a lawful right to use the inventions involved in the construction of such gun, gun carriage, ammunition, or implements, or that the construction or test is made at the request of a person either having such lawful right or authorized to convey the same to the Government.

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Expenses.

Proviso.
Right to use inventions.

Purchases to be of American manufacture.
Exception.

That all material purchased under the foregoing provisions of this Act shall be of American manufacture, except in cases when, in the judgment of the Secretary of War, it is to the manifest interest of the United States to make purchases in limited quantities abroad, which material shall be admitted free of duty.

Fort Monroe, Va.
Repairs, etc., wharf.
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FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA, CONTINGENT REPAIRS TO ROADS, WHARVES, AND SEWERS: Repair and maintenance of wharf: For labor and material to redeck one-third of main pier, two thousand seven hundred and seventy-three dollars; labor and material to redeck apron of pier, four hundred and eighty-two dollars; sixty oak fender piles, one thousand five hundred dollars; labor and material to renew oak binders of apron to pier, three hundred and twenty-five dollars; wharfinger, one

thousand and twenty dollars; laborer, cleaning wharf, four hundred and eighty dollars; in all, six thousand five hundred and eighty dollars; for one-half of said sum to be supplied by the United States, three thousand two hundred and ninety dollars.

Repairs and maintenance of roads, pavements, streets, lights, and general police: For twenty thousand bushels of oyster shells, at five cents per bushel, one thousand dollars; thirty thousand paving bricks, at ten dollars per thousand, three hundred dollars; one hundred and fifty square yards of granolithic pavement for street crossings, at two dollars and twenty-five cents per square yard, three hundred and thirty-seven dollars; one horse and cart for police of street, two hundred and fifty dollars; one laborer to drive same, three hundred and sixty dollars; eight Dietz street lamps with iron posts complete, one hundred and ninety-six dollars; oil and supplies for same, fifty-two dollars; one laborer to care for lamps, two hundred and forty dollars; in all, two thousand seven hundred and thirty-five dollars; for one-half of said sum to be supplied by the United States, one thousand three hundred and sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

Repairs of roads, etc.

Maintenance of sewer system: For one superintendent, one thousand two hundred dollars; two enginemen, at nine hundred dollars each; two firemen, at six hundred dollars each; three laborers, at five hundred dollars each; one horse and cart, six hundred and fifty dollars; coal, six hundred dollars; waste, oil, and pump repairs, two hundred and fifty dollars; sewer pipe, cement, brick, and supplies, three hundred dollars; in all, seven thousand five hundred dollars; for one-half of said sum to be supplied by the United States, three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Sewer system.

SEC. 2. That whenever any party shall present for test a completed breech-loading mortar of twelve inches caliber, of not more than forty thousand pounds weight, built of mortar steel, with a proper supply of ammunition therefor, not exceeding two hundred rounds, such mortar shall be tested by the Board of Ordnance and Fortification, and should it be shown to the satisfaction of said Board of Ordnance and Fortification by such test to be at least equal in accuracy, range, power, endurance, material, and general efficiency to the best breech loading service mortar in use, the mortar and ammunition shall be paid for, including cost of transportation, and a contract shall be made for a further supply of fifty and no more, at such reasonable cost as the Board of Ordnance and Fortification shall determine, not to exceed six thousand five hundred dollars each, the entire number to be delivered in one year from date of contract. Said mortar, and all which may be contracted for under this provision, shall be subject to inspection at each stage of manufacture.

Steel breech loading mortar.
Test authorized.

Contract.

SEC. 3. That the following paragraph of section six of the fortification appropriation Act approved September twenty-second, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, namely: "Whenever any party shall present for test a completed cast-iron breech-loading mortar of twelve inches caliber, of about thirty-two thousand pounds weight, with a proper supply of ammunition therefor, not exceeding two hundred rounds, such mortar shall be tested in the presence of the party presenting the same, and should it be shown to the satisfaction of the Board by such tests to be equal in accuracy, range, power, endurance, material, and general efficiency to the twelve-inch cast-iron steel-hooped breech-loading mortar now at Sandy Hook, the mortar and ammunition shall be paid for, including cost of transportation, and contract be made for a further supply of not less than fifty, and not more than one hundred, at such reasonable cost as the Board herein provided for shall determine, not to exceed six thousand five hundred dollars each. The entire number to be delivered in one year from date of contract. Said mortar and all which may be contracted for under this provision shall be subject to inspection at each stage of manufacture;" is hereby repealed.

Cast-iron mortars.
Authority to purchase repealed.
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