

Unimportant letters from eighteen hundred and twenty-five to eighteen hundred and eighty.

Postal Guides, railway guides, postal laws and regulations, obsolete editions.

Postmasters' quarterly postal accounts from January, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, to and including eighteen hundred and eighty-three.

Steamship reports and reports by postmasters of the weights of foreign dispatches from eighteen hundred and fifty-two to eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

Also miscellaneous accounts between the United States and foreign countries from eighteen hundred and sixty-four to eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

All international money order coupons that are dated prior to January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and each succeeding year all such coupons as may be on hand bearing date four years prior to date of destruction.

Repeal.

SEC. 11. That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with this Act are repealed.

Approved March 15, 1898.

March 15, 1898.

CHAP. 69.—An Act Making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Army appropriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Army for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine:

Pay.

PAY OF OFFICERS OF THE LINE.

Line.

For pay of officers of the line, two million eight hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars.

Longevity.

For pay of officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, seven hundred and ninety thousand dollars.

PAY OF ENLISTED MEN.

Enlisted men.

For pay proper of enlisted men of all grades, four million two hundred and ninety thousand dollars.

Longevity.

Additional pay for length of service, including Hospital Corps, six hundred and seventy-one thousand one hundred and seventy-two dollars.

HOSPITAL CORPS.

Hospital Corps.

For Hospital Corps, one hundred and ninety-seven thousand four hundred dollars.

Clerks and messengers at headquarters.

For clerks and messengers at the headquarters of the Army and at the several department headquarters; at the recruiting headquarters and rendezvous; at the Military Academy at West Point; at the Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia; at the Infantry and Cavalry School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and at the Cavalry and Light Artillery School at Fort Riley, Kansas, not exceeding ninety clerks, at one thousand dollars each; twenty-five clerks, at one thousand one hundred dollars each; ten clerks, at one thousand two hundred dollars each, and forty-five messengers, at seven hundred and twenty dollars each, one hundred and sixty-one thousand nine hundred dollars.

Apportionment.

And said clerks and messengers shall be employed and apportioned to the several headquarters, stations, and inspection districts by the Secretary of War.

FOR PAY OF THE GENERAL STAFF.

General staff.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT: For pay of officers in the Adjutant-General's Department, as now authorized and provided by law, forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars;

Adjutant-General's Department.

For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, fourteen thousand two hundred and fifty dollars;

Longevity.

In all, sixty-one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT: For pay of officers in the Inspector-General's Department, as now authorized and provided by law, twenty-three thousand five hundred dollars;

Inspector-General's Department.

For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, seven thousand and fifty dollars;

Longevity.

In all, thirty thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS: For pay of officers in the Corps of Engineers, as now authorized and provided by law, two hundred and thirty-nine thousand five hundred dollars;

Corps of Engineers.

For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, seventy-one thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars;

Longevity.

In all, three hundred and eleven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT: For pay of officers in the Ordnance Department, as now authorized and provided by law, one hundred and twenty-six thousand dollars;

Ordnance Department.

For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, thirty-seven thousand eight hundred dollars;

Longevity.

In all, one hundred and sixty-three thousand eight hundred dollars.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT: For pay of officers in the Quartermaster's Department, as now authorized and provided by law, one hundred and thirty-eight thousand five hundred dollars;

Quartermaster's Department.

For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, forty-two thousand one hundred and fifty dollars;

Longevity.

In all, one hundred and eighty thousand six hundred and fifty dollars.

SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT: For pay of officers in the Subsistence Department, as now authorized and provided by law, sixty-nine thousand five hundred dollars;

Subsistence Department.

For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, twenty thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars;

Longevity.

In all, ninety thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT: For pay of officers in the Medical Department, as now authorized and provided by law, three hundred and eighty seven thousand five hundred dollars;

Medical Department.

For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, one hundred and sixteen thousand two hundred and fifty dollars;

Longevity.

In all, five hundred and three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

PAY DEPARTMENT: For pay of officers in the Pay Department, as now authorized and provided by law, seventy-one thousand five hundred dollars;

Pay Department.

For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, twenty-one thousand four hundred and fifty dollars;

Longevity.

In all, ninety-two thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars.

JUDGE-ADVOCATE-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT: For pay of officers in the Judge-Advocate General's Department, as now authorized and provided by law, twenty-seven thousand dollars;

Judge-Advocate-General's Department.

- Longevity.** For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, eight thousand one hundred dollars;
In all, thirty-five thousand one hundred dollars.
- Signal Corps.** **SIGNAL CORPS:** For pay of the officers of the Signal Corps, as now authorized and provided by law, twenty-four thousand six hundred dollars;
- Longevity.** For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, seven thousand three hundred and eighty dollars;
In all, thirty-one thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars.
- Record and Pension Office.** **RECORD AND PENSION OFFICE:** For pay of officer of the Record and Pension Office, as now authorized and provided by law, three thousand five hundred dollars;
- Longevity.** For additional pay to such officer for length of service, to be paid with his current monthly pay, one thousand dollars;
In all, four thousand five hundred dollars.

Retired list.**RETIRED OFFICERS.**

- Officers.** For pay of officers on the retired list, and for officers who may be placed thereon during the current year, one million two hundred thousand dollars;
- Longevity.** For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, three hundred and seventy thousand dollars;
In all, one million five hundred and seventy thousand dollars.

RETIRED ENLISTED MEN.

- Enlisted men.** For pay of the enlisted men of the Army on the retired list, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- Hospital matrons.** For pay of not exceeding one hundred hospital matrons, twelve thousand dollars;
- Veterinary surgeons.** For pay of four senior veterinary surgeons, ten junior veterinary surgeons, thirteen thousand eight hundred dollars;
In all, twenty-five thousand eight hundred dollars.
- Paymasters' clerks, messengers, etc.** For pay of thirty-five paymasters' clerks, at one thousand four hundred dollars each, forty-nine thousand dollars; not exceeding thirty paymasters' messengers, ten thousand dollars; traveling expenses of paymasters' clerks and expert accountant of the Inspector-General's Department, two thousand five hundred dollars; in all, sixty-one thousand dollars.
- Courts-martial, etc.** For compensation of reporters and witnesses attending upon courts-martial and courts of inquiry, five thousand dollars.
- Pay to officer public buildings and grounds, D. C.** Additional pay to officer in charge of public buildings and grounds at Washington, District of Columbia, one thousand five hundred dollars.
- Commutation of quarters, officers.** For commutation of quarters to commissioned officers on duty, without troops, at stations where there are no public quarters, two hundred thousand dollars.
- Allowances, enlisted men.** For travel allowance to enlisted men on discharge, one hundred and eighty thousand dollars; retained and detained pay to enlisted men on discharge, twenty thousand dollars; clothing not drawn due to enlisted men on discharge, four hundred thousand dollars; and interest on deposits of enlisted men, eighty-five thousand dollars; in all, six hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars.
- Military information clerk.** For pay of a clerk attendant on the collection and classification of military information, one thousand five hundred dollars.
- Expert accountant.** For pay of expert accountant for the Inspector-General's Department, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For mileage to officers when authorized by law, one hundred and thirty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the maximum sum to be allowed and paid to any officer of the Army shall be seven cents per mile, distances to be computed over the shortest usually traveled routes: *Provided further*, That when any officer so traveling shall travel in whole or in part on any railroad on which the troops and supplies of the United States are entitled to be transported free of charge, or over any of the bond-aided Pacific railroads, or over the railroad of any railroad company which is entitled to receive only fifty per centum of the compensation earned by such company for transportation services rendered to the United States, he shall be furnished with a transportation request by the Quartermaster's Department for such travel; and the cost of the transportation so furnished shall be a charge against the officer's mileage account for such travel, to be deducted by the Paymaster who pays the account, at rates paid by the general public for travel over such roads: *Provided further*, That officers who, by reason of the decision of the accounting officers of the Treasury, have been compelled to pay from their own means one-half of the cost of their travel fare over railroads known as fifty per centum railroads, shall be reimbursed the same by the Pay Department, and paymasters against whom disallowances have been made by the accounting officers of the Treasury under such decision shall have the amount so disallowed passed to their credit.

For traveling expenses and commutation of quarters for civilian physicians employed by the Surgeon-General, five hundred dollars. Making in all, for pay and general expenses of the Army, thirteen million six hundred and fourteen thousand four hundred and two dollars.

All the money hereinbefore appropriated, except the appropriation "for mileage to officers when authorized by law," shall be disbursed and accounted for by the Pay Department as pay of the Army, and for that purpose shall constitute one fund.

SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT.

SUBSISTENCE OF THE ARMY: Purchase of subsistence supplies: For issue, as rations to troops, civil employees when entitled thereto, hospital matrons, general prisoners at posts, prisoners of war (including Indians held by the Army as prisoners, but for whose subsistence appropriation is not otherwise made), estimated for the fiscal year on the basis of nine million seven hundred and thirty-six thousand three hundred and seventy-five rations; for sales to officers and enlisted men of the Army; for authorized issues of candles; of toilet articles, barbers', laundry, and tailors' materials for use of general prisoners confined at military posts without pay or allowances, and recruits at recruiting stations; of matches for lighting public fires and lights at posts and stations and in the field; of flour used for paste in target practice; of salt and vinegar for public animals; of issues to Indians visiting military posts, and to Indians employed with the Army, without pay, as guides and scouts. For payments: For meals for recruiting parties and recruits; for hot coffee, canned beef, and baked beans for troops traveling, when it is impracticable to cook their rations; for scales, weights, measures, utensils, tools, stationery, blank books and forms, printing, advertising, commercial newspapers, use of telephones, office furniture; for temporary buildings, cellars, and other means of protecting subsistence supplies (when not provided by the Quartermaster's Department); for extra pay to enlisted men employed on extra duty in the Subsistence Department for periods of not less than ten days, at rates fixed by law; for compensation of civilians employed in the Subsistence Department, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars; and for other necessary expenses incident to the purchase, care, preservation, issue, sale, and accounting for subsistence supplies for the Army. For the payment of the regulation allowances for commutation in lieu of rations: To enlisted men on furlough, to ordnance sergeants

Mileage to officers.
Provisos.
 Limit.
 Travel on bond-aided, etc., railroads, etc.
 Fifty per centum railroads; reimbursement to certain officers.
 Civilian physicians.
 Amount.
 Accounting.
 Subsistence Department.
 Supplies.
 Purchases.
 Payments.
 Extra-duty pay.
 Civilian employees.
 Commutation of rations.

on duty at ungarrisoned posts, to enlisted men stationed at places where rations in kind can not be economically issued, to enlisted men traveling on detached duty when it is impracticable to carry rations of any kind, to enlisted men selected to contest for places or prizes in department and Army rifle competitions while traveling to and from places of contest; to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War; in all. one million five hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Amount.

Quartermaster's Department.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Regular supplies.

REGULAR SUPPLIES: Regular supplies of the Quartermaster's Department, including their care and protection, consisting of stoves and heating apparatus, required for heating offices, hospitals, barracks, and quarters, and recruiting stations; also ranges and stoves, and appliances for cooking and serving food, and repair and maintenance of such heating and cooking appliances; of fuel and lights for enlisted men, including recruits, guards, hospitals, storehouses, and offices, and for sale to officers; for post bakeries; for the necessary furniture, textbooks, paper, and equipment for the post schools and libraries; for the tableware and mess furniture for kitchens and mess halls, each and all for the enlisted men, including recruits; of forage in kind for the horses, mules, and oxen of the Quartermaster's Department at the several posts and stations and with the armies in the field, and for the horses of the several regiments of cavalry, the batteries of artillery, and such companies of infantry and scouts as may be mounted, and for the authorized number of officers' horses, including bedding for the animals; of straw for soldiers' bedding, and of stationery, including blank books for the Quartermaster's Department, certificates for discharged soldiers, blank forms for the Pay and Quartermaster's Departments, and for printing department orders and reports, one million eight hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That hereafter no part of the appropriations for the Quartermaster's Department shall be expended on printing unless the same shall be done by contract, after due notice and competition, except in such cases as the emergency will not admit of the giving notice for competition: *Provided further*, That after advertisement all the supplies for the use of the various departments and posts of the Army and of the branches of the Army service shall hereafter be purchased where the same can be purchased the cheapest, in the markets of the United States, quality and cost of transportation and the interest of the Government considered, except that purchases may be made in open market, in the manner common among business men, when the aggregate amount required does not exceed two hundred dollars, but every such purchase shall be immediately reported to the Secretary of War.

Amount.

Provisos.
Printing.
Post, p. 433
Post, p. 1350.

Purchases where cheapest, etc.

Incidental expenses.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES: Postage; cost of telegrams on official business received and sent by officers of the Army; extra pay to soldiers employed on extra duty, under the direction of the Quartermaster's Department, in the erection of barracks, quarters, and storehouses, in the construction of roads and other constant labor for periods of not less than ten days, and as clerks for post quartermasters at military posts, and for prison overseers at posts designated by the War Department for the confinement of general prisoners; for expenses of expresses to and from frontier posts and armies in the field, of escorts to paymasters and other disbursing officers, and to trains where military escorts can not be furnished; expenses of the interment of officers killed in action or who die when on duty in the field, or at military posts or on the frontiers, or when traveling under orders, and of noncommissioned officers and soldiers; authorized office furniture; hire of laborers in the Quartermaster's Department, including the hire of interpreters, spies, or guides for the Army; compensation of clerks and other employees to the officers of the Quartermaster's Department, and incidental expenses of recruiting; for the apprehension, securing, and delivering of deserters, and the

expenses incident to their pursuit, and no greater sum than ten dollars for each deserter shall be paid to any officer or citizen for such services and expenses; for a donation of five dollars to each dishonorably discharged prisoner upon his release from confinement, under court-martial sentence, involving dishonorable discharge; for the following expenditures required for the several regiments of cavalry, the batteries of light artillery, and such companies of infantry and scouts as may be mounted, the authorized number of officers' horses, and for the trains, to wit: Hire of veterinary surgeons, purchase of medicines for horses and mules, picket ropes, blacksmith's tools and materials, horseshoes and blacksmith's tools for the cavalry service, and for the shoeing of horses and mules, and such additional expenditures as are necessary and authorized by law in the movements and operation of the Army and at military posts, and not expressly assigned to any other department, six hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That two hundred thousand dollars of the appropriation for incidental expenses, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be set aside for the payment of enlisted men on extra duty at constant labor of not less than ten days in the Quartermaster's Department; but no such payment shall be made at any greater rate per day than is fixed by law for the class of persons employed at the work done therein.

Amount.
Proviso.
Extra duty pay.

HORSES FOR CAVALRY AND ARTILLERY: For the purchase of horses for the cavalry and artillery, and for the Indian scouts, and for such infantry and members of the Hospital Corps in field campaigns as may be required to be mounted, and the expenses incident thereto, one hundred and thirty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the number of horses purchased under this appropriation, added to the number on hand, shall not at any time exceed the number of enlisted men and Indian scouts in the mounted service, and that no part of this appropriation shall be paid out for horses not purchased by contract after competition duly invited by the Quartermaster's Department, and an inspection by such department, all under the direction and authority of the Secretary of War.

Purchase of horses
Post, p. 433.

Proviso.
Limit.
Post, pp. 1350, 1351.

BARRACKS AND QUARTERS: For barracks and quarters for troops, storehouses for the safe-keeping of military stores, for offices, recruiting stations, and for the hire of buildings and grounds for summer cantonments, and for temporary buildings at frontier stations, for the construction of temporary buildings and stables, and for repairing public buildings at established posts, including the extra-duty pay of enlisted men employed on the same, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no more than one million dollars of the sums appropriated by this Act shall be paid out for the services of civilian employees in the Quartermaster's Department, including those heretofore paid out of the funds appropriated for regular supplies, incidental expenses, barracks and quarters, army transportation, clothing, camp and garrison equipage; that no employee paid therefrom shall receive as salary more than one hundred and fifty dollars per month, unless the same shall be specially fixed by law; and no part of the moneys so appropriated shall be paid for commutation of fuel, and for quarters to officers or enlisted men.

Barracks and quarters.

Proviso.
Civilian employees.
Post, p. 434.

Salaries.

TRANSPORTATION OF THE ARMY AND ITS SUPPLIES: Transportation of the Army, including baggage of the troops when moving either by land or water, and including also the transportation of recruits and recruiting parties heretofore paid from the appropriation for "Expenses of recruiting;" of supplies to the militia furnished by the War Department; of the necessary agents and employees; of clothing, camp and garrison equipage, and other quartermaster stores, from army depots or places of purchase or delivery to the several posts and army depots, and from those depots to the troops in the field; of horse equipments and subsistence stores from the places of purchase, and from the places of delivery under contract to such places as the circumstances of the service may require them to be sent; of ordnance, ordnance stores, and small arms from the foundries and armories to the arsenals, fortifica-

Transportation.

tions, frontier posts, and army depots; freights, wharfage, tolls, and ferriages; the purchase and hire of draft and pack animals and harness, and the purchase and repair of wagons, carts, and drays, and of ships and other seagoing vessels and boats required for the transportation of supplies and for garrison purposes; for drayage and cartage at the several posts; hire of teamsters and other employees; extra-duty pay of enlisted men driving teams, repairing means of transportation, and employed as train masters, and in opening roads and building wharves; transportation of funds of the Army; the expenses of sailing public transports on the various rivers, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Atlantic and Pacific oceans; for procuring water, and introducing the same to buildings, at such posts as from their situation require it to be brought from a distance, and for the disposal of sewage and drainage, and for constructing roads and wharves; for the payment of army transportation lawfully due such land-grant railroads as have not received aid in Government bonds (to be adjusted in accordance with the decisions of the Supreme Court in cases decided under such land-grant acts), but in no case shall more than fifty per centum of the full amount of service be paid, two million three hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That such compensation shall be computed upon the basis of the tariff or lower special rates for like transportation performed for the public at large, and shall be accepted as in full for all demands for such service: *Provided further*, That in expending the money appropriated by this Act a railroad company which has not received aid in bonds of the United States, and which obtained a grant of public land to aid in the construction of its railroad on condition that such railroad should be a post route and military road, subject to the use of the United States for postal, military, naval, and other Government services, and also subject to such regulations as Congress may impose restricting the charge for such Government transportation, having claims against the United States for transportation of troops and munitions of war and military supplies and property over such aided railroads, shall be paid out of the moneys appropriated by the foregoing provision only on the basis of such rate for the transportation of such troops and munitions of war and military supplies and property as the Secretary of War shall deem just and reasonable under the foregoing provision, such rate not to exceed fifty per centum of the compensation for such Government transportation as shall at the time be charged to and paid by private parties to any such company for like and similar transportation; and the amount so fixed to be paid shall be accepted as in full for all demands for such service.

Payment to land-grant railroads.

Maximum.

Proviso.
Compensation, how computed.

Fifty per cent to roads not bond-aided.

Hospitals. CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF HOSPITALS: For construction and repair of hospitals at military posts already established and occupied, including the extra-duty pay of enlisted men employed on the same, and including also all expenditures for construction and repairs required at the Army and Navy Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas, except quarters for the officers, ninety thousand dollars.

Quarters for hospital stewards. QUARTERS FOR HOSPITAL STEWARDS: For construction of quarters for hospital stewards at military posts already established and occupied, including the extra-duty pay of enlisted men employed on the same, seven thousand dollars.

Shooting ranges, etc. SHOOTING GALLERIES AND RANGES: For shelter, shooting galleries, ranges for small-arms target practice, repairs, and expenses incident thereto, ten thousand dollars.

Clothing, camp and garrison equipage. CLOTHING, AND CAMP AND GARRISON EQUIPAGE: For cloth, woollens, materials, and for the manufacture of clothing for the Army, for issue and for sale at cost price according to the Army Regulations; for altering and fitting clothing and washing and cleaning, when necessary; for equipage, and for expenses of packing and handling, and similar necessities; for a suit of citizen's outer clothing to cost not exceeding ten dollars, to be issued upon release from confinement to each prisoner who has been confined under a court-martial sentence involving dishonourable discharge, nine hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Medical Department.

MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT: For the purchase of medical and hospital supplies, including disinfectants for general post sanitation, expenses of medical-supply depots, pay of employees, medical care and treatment of officers and enlisted men of the Army on duty at posts and stations for which no other provision is made; for the proper care and treatment of cases in the Army suffering from contagious or epidemic diseases, and the supply of the Army and Navy Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas; advertising and other miscellaneous expenses of the Medical Department, one hundred and fourteen thousand eight hundred dollars; experimental cooking, two hundred dollars; in all, one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars: *Provided*, That not to exceed forty thousand dollars shall be expended for pay of civilian employees.

Supplies, etc.

ARMY MEDICAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY: For Army Medical Museum, preservation of specimens and the preparation and purchase of new specimens, five thousand dollars;

Provido.
Civilian employees.
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Medical Museum.

For the library of the Surgeon-General's Office, ten thousand dollars;
In all, fifteen thousand dollars.

Library.

ENGINEER DEPARTMENT.

Engineer Department.

ENGINEER DEPOT AT WILLETS POINT, NEW YORK: For incidental expenses of the depot, including fuel, lights, chemicals, stationery, hardware, extra-duty pay to soldiers necessarily employed for periods not less than ten days as artificers on work in addition to and not strictly in the line of their military duties, such as carpenters, blacksmiths, draftsmen, printers, lithographers, photographers, engine drivers, teamsters, wheelwrights, masons, machinists, painters, overseers, laborers, repairs of, and for materials to repair, public buildings, machinery, and unforeseen expenses, five thousand dollars.

Incidental expenses.

For the purchase of material for use of United States Engineer School and for instruction of engineer troops at Willets Point in their special duties as sappers and miners; for land and submarine mines, pontoniers, torpedo drill, and signaling, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Materials.

For purchase and repair of instruments, to be issued to officers of the Corps of Engineers and to officers detailed and on duty as acting engineer officers, for use on public works and surveys, three thousand dollars.

Instruments.

LIBRARY OF THE UNITED STATES ENGINEER SCHOOL: For purchase and binding of professional works of recent date treating of military and civil engineering and kindred scientific subjects, five hundred dollars.

Library.

Construction of fireproof instrument-repair shop, eight thousand dollars.

Instrument repair shop.

To complete the reserve train of bridge equipage now in store at Willets Point, eighteen thousand dollars.

Reserve train, bridge equipage.

Total for engineer department, thirty-six thousand dollars.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

Ordnance Department.

ORDNANCE SERVICE: For current expenses of the ordnance service required to defray the current expenses at the arsenals; of receiving stores and issuing arms and other ordnance supplies; of police and office duties; of rents, tolls, fuel, and lights; of stationery and office furniture; of tools and instruments for use; incidental expenses of the ordnance service and those attending practical trials and tests of ordnance, small arms, and other ordnance supplies, including payment for mechanical labor in the office of the Chief of Ordnance, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Current expenses.

For manufacture of metallic ammunition for small arms and ammunition for reloading cartridges, and tools for the same, including the cost of targets and material for target practice, ammunition for burials

Ammunition for small arms.

at National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and its several Branches, and marksmen's medals and insignia for all arms of the service, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Repair of ordnance, etc. For repairing and preserving ordnance and ordnance stores in the hands of troops and for issue at the arsenals and depots, ten thousand dollars.

Ordnance stores. For purchase and manufacture of ordnance stores to fill requisitions of troops, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Equipments. For infantry, cavalry, and artillery equipments, including horse equipments for cavalry and artillery, two hundred and fifteen thousand dollars.

Preserving, etc., new ordnance. For overhauling, cleaning, and preserving new ordnance on hand at the arsenals, five thousand dollars.

Morning and evening gun. For firing the morning and evening gun at military posts prescribed by General Orders, Numbered Seventy, Headquarters of the Army, dated July twenty-third, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and at National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and its several branches, including material for cartridges, bags, and so forth, fifteen thousand dollars. And when, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, it is necessary to purchase material abroad for the manufacture of sacks for artillery cartridges, it shall be admitted free of duty.

Artillery targets. For targets for artillery practice and implements for mechanical maneuvers, five thousand dollars.

Manufacturing arms, etc. Provisions. Magazine guns. Manufacture, repairing, procuring, and issuing arms at the national armories, four hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be applicable to the manufacture of the magazine arm recommended for trial by the board recently in session and approved by the Secretary of War. And the cost of all stores and supplies sold to any State or Territory under section three of the Act approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven (page five hundred and ninety-two, volume twenty-nine, Statutes at Large), shall be credited to the appropriation from which they were procured, and remain available to procure like stores and supplies for the Army in lieu of those sold as aforesaid: *Provided further*, That not more than sixty-five thousand dollars of the money appropriated for the Ordnance Department in all its branches shall be applied to the payment of civilian clerks in said Department.

Purchase of army supplies for militia, how credited, etc.

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Civilian clerks.
Post, p. 434.
Post, p. 1351.

Contingent expenses.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Commanding General. To defray the contingent expenses of the Commanding General's Office, in his discretion, one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Headquarters departments, etc. For contingent expenses at the headquarters of the several military departments and in inspection districts, including the staff corps serving thereat, except the Department Judge-Advocates, being for the purchase of the necessary articles of office, toilet, and desk furniture, binding, maps, books of reference, professional newspapers and periodicals, and police utensils, three thousand dollars, to be allotted by the Secretary of War, and to be expended in the discretion of the several military department commanders.

Military information. For contingent expenses of the military information division, Adjutant-General's Office, and of the military attachés at the United States embassies and legations abroad, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, three thousand six hundred and forty dollars.

Signal Service.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER.

Expenses. **SIGNAL SERVICE OF THE ARMY:** For expenses of the Signal Service of the Army, as follows: Purchase, equipment, and repair of field electric telegraphs, signal equipments and stores, binocular glasses, telescopes, heliostats, and other necessary instruments, including absolutely necessary meteorological instruments for use on target ranges; telephone apparatus (excluding exchange service), and maintenance of

the same; maintenance and repair of military telegraph lines, including salaries of civilian employees, supplies, and general repairs, and other expenses connected with the duty of collecting and transmitting information for the Army by telegraph or otherwise, eighteen thousand dollars.

Military telegraph

MISCELLANEOUS.

Miscellaneous.

UNITED STATES SERVICE SCHOOLS: To provide means for the theoretical and practical instruction at the Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia; the Infantry and Cavalry School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Cavalry and Light Artillery School at Fort Riley, Kansas, by the purchase of text-books, books of reference, scientific and professional papers, and for all other absolutely necessary expenses, to be allotted in such proportions as may, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, be for the best interest of the military service, eight thousand five hundred dollars.

Service schools.
Expenses.

CONTINGENCIES OF THE ARMY: For all contingent expenses of the Army not provided for by other estimates, and embracing all branches of the military service, to be expended under the immediate orders of the Secretary of War, fifteen thousand dollars.

Contingent expenses.

Approved, March 15, 1898.

CHAP. 70.—An Act To extend the charter of the Franklin Insurance Company of the city of Washington.

March 17, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act to amend and extend the charter of the Franklin Insurance Company, approved March twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, be, and the same is hereby, extended and continued in force for the period of twenty years from the ninth day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, the time at which the said Act of March twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, will expire; and that all legal rights and privileges conferred upon the Franklin Insurance Company by the original Act of incorporation, or by any of the acts amending and extending the same, and all legal obligations and responsibilities imposed upon the said company by the acts aforesaid, shall be, and the same are, extended and continued in force for the period of twenty years, commencing on the ninth day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

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Rights, etc., extended.

SEC. 2. That the shareholders in said company shall be personally liable for all the debts of the company to an amount equal to the par value of their shares, and no part of the capital stock of said company shall be withdrawn, and any director or stockholder assenting thereto shall be personally liable for all debts of said company existing at the time of such withdrawal. And Congress may at any time alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Personal liability of shareholders, etc.

Right to amend, etc

Approved, March 17, 1898.

CHAP. 71.—An Act To extend the time for the construction of the railway of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company through the Indian Territory.

March 17, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for the construction of that portion of the railway of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the States of Illinois and Iowa, which said railway company, by virtue of an Act approved February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An Act to grant

Time extended for construction of Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway.
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