

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the second session, which was begun and holden at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Thursday, the twenty-first day of August, 1856, and ended Saturday, the thirtieth day of August, 1856.*

FRANKLIN PIERCE, President. JESSE D. BRIGHT, President of the Senate, *pro tempore*. NATHANIEL P. BANKS, Jun., Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. XXVIII.—*An Act to supply an Omission in the Enrolment of a certain Act.*

Aug. 28, 1856.

Whereas the following clauses of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for certain civil expenses of the government for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, approved the eighteenth day of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, to wit:

Preamble.

1856, ch. 129.

Ante, p. 81.

"For completing the marine hospital at Cincinnati, Ohio, eighty-six thousand dollars.

"For improving Battery and Washington streets, and road-way O P around the custom-house at San Francisco, California, thirteen thousand four hundred and one dollars, and thirty cents,"—were omitted in the enrolment of the said act:

Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of eighty-six thousand dollars for completing the marine hospital, at Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, and the sum of thirteen thousand four hundred and one dollar and thirty cents for improving Battery and Washington streets, and road-way O P around the custom-house, at San Francisco, in the State of California, be and the same are hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Marine hospital at Cincinnati.

Custom-house grounds at San Francisco.

APPROVED, August 28, 1856.

CHAP. XXIX.—*An Act making Appropriations for the Support of the Army for the Year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.*

Aug. 30, 1856.

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 the same are hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the army for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven:—

Appropriations.

For expenses of recruiting, transportation of recruits, three months' extra pay to non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates on reënlistment, one hundred thousand dollars.

Recruiting, &c.

For pay of the army, three million two hundred and seventy-five thousand one hundred and seventy dollars.

Pay, &c.

* For the proclamation calling this session of Congress, see Appendix. Proclamation, No. 47, *post*, p. 794.

For commutation of officers' subsistence, six hundred and sixty-one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven dollars.

For commutation of forage for officers' horses one hundred and twenty-two thousand three hundred and four dollars.

For payment in lieu of clothing for officers' servants, thirty-nine thousand four hundred and forty dollars.

Subsistence.

For subsistence in kind, one million nine hundred and eighty-nine thousand eight hundred and thirty-four dollars.

Clothing, &c.

For clothing for the army, camp, and garrison equipage, six hundred and twenty-four thousand eight hundred and thirty-three dollars and fifty-seven cents.

Quarter master's Department.

For the regular supplies of the Quarter-master's Department, consisting of fuel for the officers, enlisted men, guard, hospitals, storehouses, and offices; forage in kind for the horses, mules, and oxen of the quarter-master's department, at the several posts and stations, and with the armies in the field; for the horses of the two regiments of dragoons, the two regiments of cavalry, the regiment of mounted riflemen, the companies of light artillery, and such companies of infantry as may be mounted, and for the authorized number of officers' horses, when serving in the field and at the outposts; of straw for soldiers' bedding, and of stationery, including company and other blank books for the army, certificates for discharged soldiers, blank forms for the pay and quarter-master's departments; and for the printing of division and department orders, army regulations, and reports, one million and ten thousand dollars.

For the incidental expenses of the Quarter-master's Department, consisting of postage on letters and packets received and sent by officers of the army on public service; expenses of courts-martial and courts of inquiry, including the additional compensation to judge advocates, recorders, members, and witnesses, while on that service, under the act of March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and two; extra pay to soldiers employed, under the direction of the Quarter-master's Department, in the erection of barracks, quarters, store-houses and hospitals; the construction of roads and other constant labor, for periods of not less than ten days, under the acts of March second, eighteen hundred and nineteen, and August fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, including those employed as clerks at division and department head-quarters, expenses of expresses to and from the frontier posts and armies in the field; of escorts to paymasters, other disbursing officers and trains, when military escorts cannot be furnished; expenses of the interment of non-commissioned officers and soldiers; authorized office furniture; hire of laborers in the Quarter-master's Department, including hire of interpreters, spies, and guides for the army; compensation of clerks to officers of the Quarter-master's Department; compensation of forage and wagon-masters, authorized by the act of July fifth, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight; for the apprehension of deserters, and the expenses incident to their pursuit; the following expenditures required for the two regiments of dragoons, the two regiments of cavalry, the regiment of mounted riflemen, and such companies of infantry as may be mounted, viz: the purchase of travelling forges, blacksmiths and shoeing tools, horse and mule shoes and nails, iron and steel for shoeing, hire of veterinary surgeons, medicines for horses and mules, picket ropes, and shoeing the horses of those corps, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Barracks and quarters.

For constructing barracks and other buildings at posts which it may be necessary to occupy during the year; and for repairing, altering, and enlarging buildings at the establish(*lish*)ed posts, including hire or commutation of quarters for officers on military duty; hire of quarters for troops, of storehouses for the safe keeping of military stores, and of grounds for

1802, ch. 9,
§§ 21, 22.
Vol. ii. p. 136.

1819, ch. 45.
Vol. iii. p. 488.
1854, ch. 247, § 6.
Vol. x. p. 576.

1838, ch. 162,
§ 10.
Vol. v. p. 257.

summer cantonments; for encampments and temporary frontier stations, five hundred thousand dollars.

For mileage or allowance made to officers of the army; for the transportation of themselves and their baggage when travelling on duty with troops or escorts, one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

For transportation of the army, including the baggage of the troops when moving either by land or water; of clothing, camp, and garrison equipage from the depot at Philadelphia to the several posts and army depots; horse equipments and of subsistence from the places of purchase and from the places of delivery under contract, to such places as the circumstances of the service may require it to be sent; of ordnance, ordnance stores, and small arms, from the foundries and armories, to the arsenals, fortifications, frontier posts, and army depots; freights, wharfage, tolls, and ferriages; for the purchase and hire of horses, mules, and oxen, and the purchase and repair of wagons, carts, drays, ships, and other sea-going vessels and boats for the transportation of supplies and for garrison purposes; for drayage and cartage at the several posts; hire of teamsters; transportation of funds for the pay and other disbursing departments; the expense of sailing public transports on the various rivers, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Atlantic and Pacific; and for procuring water at such posts as from their situation require that it be brought from a distance; and for clearing roads, and removing obstructions from roads, harbors, and rivers, to the extent which may be required for the actual operations of the troops on the frontier, one million five hundred thousand dollars.

For the purchase of horses for the two regiments of dragoons, the two regiments of cavalry, the regiment of mounted riflemen, the companies of light artillery, and such infantry as it may be found necessary to mount at the frontier posts, two hundred thousand dollars.

For contingencies of the army, twelve thousand dollars.

For the medical and hospital departments, seventy-five thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses of the Adjutant-General's Department, at division and department head-quarters, four hundred dollars.

For compensation of the clerk and messenger in the office of the commanding general, two thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses of the office of the commanding general, three hundred dollars.

For armament of fortifications, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

For ordnance, ordnance stores, and supplies, including horse equipments for the mounted regiments, two hundred and three thousand dollars.

For the current expenses of the ordnance service, one hundred thousand dollars.

For the manufacture of arms at the national armories, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

To enable Thomas H. Barlow, of Kentucky, to manufacture one of his newly-invented rifle cannon, for the purpose of testing the feasibility of their use in the military or naval service of the country, three thousand dollars, to be paid to said Barlow from time to time, as he progresses with the manufacture of the same: *Provided*, That said cannon shall not be of less calibre than a twelve-pounder: *And provided further*, That the said Barlow shall give good and sufficient security to the Secretary of War, for the faithful expenditure of the money hereby appropriated in the construction of said cannon.

For arsenals, including the purchase of sites for new arsenals of deposit in Texas and New Mexico, and for the erection of suitable magazines and other arsenal buildings in Texas, in California, in Washington or

Mileage of officers.

Transportation.

Horses.

Contingencies.

Medical and hospital departments.

Miscellaneous.

Fortifications.

Ordnance, &c.

Arms at armories.

Rifle cannon of Thos. H. Barlow.

Arsenals.

Oregon Territory, and in New Mexico, two hundred and thirty thousand one hundred and fifty-seven dollars.

Armories.

For repairs and improvements and new machinery at Harper's Ferry, thirty-eight thousand eight hundred and ninety-two dollars.

For repairs and new machinery at Springfield armory, Massachusetts, thirty-eight thousand dollars.

For the completion, including water wheels and shafting of the new water shops, grading grounds, and construction of bridge at Springfield Armory, Massachusetts, sixty thousand dollars.

Surveys.

For surveys for military defences, geographical explorations, and reconnaissances, for military purposes, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For purchase and repairs of instruments, fifteen thousand dollars.

For continuing the survey of the Northern and Northwestern lakes, including Lake Superior, fifty thousand dollars.

For printing charts of lake surveys, five thousand dollars.

Post-office extension.

For the Post-Office extension, three hundred thousand dollars.

Arrearages in office of third auditor.

For arrearages prior to July first, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, payable through the office of the Third Auditor, under an act approved May first, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, in addition to the balance undrawn in the treasury, two thousand dollars.

Florida volunteers.

For pay, furnishing and maintaining with quarter-master's stores and supplies, and subsistence of mounted and foot companies of Florida volunteers called into the service of the United States, two hundred and forty thousand six hundred and sixty-seven dollars and fifty-two cents.

APPROVED, August 30, 1856.

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CHAP. XXX.—*An Act to fix the Times of holding, in the State of Delaware, the Election of a Representative in the Congress of the United States.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the present year, and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in every second year hereafter, shall be and the same is hereby appointed and established for holding elections in the State of Delaware for a representative of said State in the Congress of the United States of America. *Provided,* That the said elections shall be conducted in such manner and held at such places as are or may be prescribed by the laws of the said State of Delaware.

APPROVED, August 30, 1856.

Time of holding elections in Delaware for a representative to Congress.

RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 1.] *A Resolution authorizing the Purchase and Restoration to the British Government of the Ship "Resolute," late of the British Navy.* Aug. 28, 1856.

WHEREAS it has become known to Congress that the ship "Resolute," late of the navy of her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, on service in the Arctic seas, in search of Sir John Franklin and the survivors of the expedition under his command, was rescued and recovered in those seas by the officers and crew of the American whaleship, the "George Henry," after the "Resolute" had been necessarily abandoned in the ice by her officers and crew, and after drifting still in the ice for more than one thousand miles from the place where so abandoned—and that the said ship "Resolute" having been brought to the United States by the salvors at great risk and peril, had been generously relinquished to them by her Majesty's government: Now, in token of the deep interest felt in the United States for the service in which her Majesty's said ship was engaged when thus necessarily abandoned, and of the sense entertained by Congress of the act of her Majesty's government in surrendering said ship to the salvors:—

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be and he is hereby requested to cause the said ship "Resolute" with all her armament, equipment, and the property on board when she arrived in the United States, and which has been preserved in good condition, to be purchased of her present owners, and that he send the said ship with every thing pertaining to her as aforesaid, after being fully repaired and equipped at one of the navy-yards of the United States, back to England under control of the Secretary of the Navy, with a request to her Majesty's government that the United States may be allowed to restore the said ship "Resolute" to her Majesty's service—and for the purchase of said ship and her appurtenances, as aforesaid, the sum of forty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be required, is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 28, 1856.

Preamble.

Ship "Resolute" to be equipped and restored to Great Britain.

[No. 2.] *A Resolution authorizing the Acceptance of certain Medals from Foreign Governments.* Aug. 30, 1856.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Surgeon Thomas Williamson and Passed-Assistant Surgeon James F. Harrison, of the United States Navy, be and they are hereby authorized to accept the gold medals recently awarded to them by the Emperor of France.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved,* That Lieutenant M. F. Maury, of the United States Navy, be and he is hereby authorized to accept the gold medals recently presented to him by the governments of Prussia and Holland, and the Republic of Bremen.

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Thos. Williamson & James F. Harrison authorized to accept the medals tendered to them by the Emperor of France.

Lieut. M. F. Maury authorized to accept the medals presented to him by Prussia, Holland, and Bremen.

Aug. 30, 1856. [No. 3.] *A Resolution allowing Doctor E. K. Kane, and the Officers associated with him in their late Expedition to the Arctic seas, in search of Sir John Franklin, to accept such Token of Acknowledgment from the Government of Great Britain as it may please to present.*

Preamble. WHEREAS, the President of the United States has communicated to Congress a request from the Government of Great Britain that permission should be given by this Government allowing Doctor Elisha K. Kane, a Passed-Assistant Surgeon in the Navy of the United States, and the officers who were with him in his late expedition to the Arctic seas in search of Sir John Franklin, to accept from the Government of Great Britain some "token of thankfulness," and as a memorial of the sense entertained by that Government of "their arduous and generous services" in that behalf—

Dr. Kane and the other officers of the Arctic Expedition authorized to accept a testimonial from the British Government. *Be it therefore resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress hereby consents that Dr. Elisha K. Kane, of the Navy of the United States, and such of the officers who were with him in the expedition aforesaid, as may yet remain in the service of the United States, may accept from the Government of Great Britain such token of the character aforesaid as it may be the pleasure of that government to present to them.*

APPROVED, August 30, 1856.

Aug. 30, 1856. [No. 4.] *A Resolution authorizing Alexander D. Bache to accept a Medal presented to him by the King of Sweden.*

A. D. Bache authorized to accept the medal presented to him by Sweden. *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Alexander D. Bache, Superintendent of the Coast Survey, be and he is hereby authorized to accept the gold medal recently presented to him by the King of Sweden.*

APPROVED, August 30, 1856.