

# PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the second day of December, 1877, and was adjourned without day on Thursday, the twentieth day of June, 1878.*

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES, President. WILLIAM A. WHEELER, Vice-President and President of the Senate. THOMAS W. FERRY was chosen President of the Senate *pro tempore* on the twenty-sixth of February, 1878. He was elected to the same position on the seventeenth of April, 1878, and continued to act as such until the end of the session. SAMUEL J. RANDALL, Speaker of the House of Representatives. MILTON SAYLER was chosen Speaker *pro tempore* on the eighteenth of May, and acted as such from the twentieth until the twenty-fourth of May, 1878.

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**CHAP. 1.**—An act to provide a method for the settlement and adjustment of the accounts of the Attorney of the United States for the District of Columbia.

Dec. 14, 1877.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the emolument returns of the Attorney of the United States for the District of Columbia shall be returned to the Attorney-General, and the accounts of the said Attorney shall be rendered, audited, and paid in the same manner as accounts of all other district attorneys are rendered, audited, and paid.

Settlement of accounts of U. S. Attorney, District of Columbia.

Approved, December 14, 1877.

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**CHAP. 3.**—An act to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and for prior years, and for other purposes.

Dec. 15, 1877.

*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, except as differently specified, for the objects hereinafter expressed, namely:

Deficiency appropriations.

### COURT OF CLAIMS

**PAYMENT OF JUDGMENTS, COURT OF CLAIMS.**—For the payment of judgments rendered by the Court of Claims, to wit: To Stephep Powers, one thousand dollars; Marshall O. Roberts and E. N. Dickerson, surviving trustees of Albert G. Sloo, six hundred and thirty-three thousand and seventy-eight dollars and forty-eight cents; George W. Jackman, junior, three hundred and thirteen dollars and eighteen cents; Edward Braden, ten thousand six hundred and fifty-three dollars and seventy-seven cents; Horner and Benedict, two hundred and forty dollars; John Devlin, ten thousand dollars; John W. Monk, four hundred and eighty-five dollars; F. Phisterer, two hundred and thirty dollars and fifty cents; Thomas B. Briggs, two hundred and thirty-one dollars and sixty cents; Warren R. Dunton, one hundred and fifty-four dollars and fifty cents; H. S. Maloney, sixty-one dollars and fifty cents; John S. Bishop, one hundred and eighty-five dollars and seventy cents; Jo-

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seph Stafford's administratrix, one hundred and seventy-five dollars and eighty cents; W. W. Wood's administratrix, one hundred and fifty-two dollars and seventy cents; C. F. Sampson and others, twenty-eight thousand eight hundred and eight dollars and seventy-five cents; J. O. Chance, two hundred and twenty-seven dollars and forty cents; in all, six hundred and eighty-five thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight dollars and eighty-eight cents; also, to Christian Kinsinger, one thousand five hundred dollars; Lewis Deutsch, for the use of Charles Wolf, one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; Joseph Smith, five thousand dollars; James W. Mears, seventy-five dollars and fifty-two cents; in all, seven thousand eight hundred and twenty-five dollars and fifty-two cents, with interest, at the rate of five per centum, upon said last four amounts, from dates of presentation for payment until paid, for which the sum of five hundred and seventy dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary therefor, is hereby also appropriated.

To pay judgment rendered in favor of Thomas W. Kelly, May fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

To pay judgment rendered in favor of Philemon B. Hawkins, February twelfth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, fifteen hundred and sixty-six dollars and ninety five cents.

To pay judgment rendered in favor of Elijah S. Alvord, November twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, thirty-five thousand and one hundred dollars.

#### LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

##### Printing.

1878, ch. 359,  
Post, 207.

PRINTING AND BINDING, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.—For binding the arrears of books, newspapers, and other periodicals belonging to the Library of Congress, and for printing the new general catalogue, being a deficiency for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, twenty thousand dollars.

##### Indexing.

For indexing laws, documents, and debates of Congress, being a deficiency for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, two thousand eight hundred dollars.

#### TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

##### Fuel, lights, and water.

FUEL, LIGHT, AND WATER FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS.—For fuel, light, water, and miscellaneous items required by the janitors and firemen in the proper care of the buildings, furniture, and heating apparatus, such as brooms, mops, brushes, buckets, wheelbarrows, shovels, saws, hatchets, and hammers, for all public buildings under the control of the Treasury Department, being a deficiency for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, seventy-five thousand dollars.

##### Temporary clerks.

SALARIES, TEMPORARY CLERKS, TREASURY DEPARTMENT.—For temporary clerks for the Treasury Department, being a deficiency for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, eight thousand dollars.

##### Agents in Alaska.

SALARIES AND TRAVELING EXPENSES OF AGENTS AT SEAL-FISHERIES IN ALASKA.—For one agent, at three thousand six hundred and fifty dollars per annum; one assistant agent, at two thousand nine hundred and twenty dollars per annum; and for necessary traveling expenses of agents in going to and returning from Alaska, at six hundred dollars each per annum; in all, seven thousand seven hundred and seventy dollars; being a deficiency for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

##### Propagation of food-fishes.

For continuing the operations, under the direction of the United States Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, connected with the propagation and distribution of shad and other useful food-fishes, during the present fiscal year, seventeen thousand five hundred dollars, to be immediately available.

##### Cultivation of carp.

Use of lot for.

For adapting the ponds in Monument lot in the city of Washington to the culture of carp for distribution throughout the United States (the use of which lot for the purpose in question being hereby granted to the United States Fish Commission), the work to be done by the engineer in charge of public buildings and grounds, according to the plans

of the United States Fish Commission, five thousand dollars, to be available immediately.

**FREIGHT ON BULLION, MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA.**—For transportation of bullion and coin between the United States mint at Philadelphia and the United States assay-office at New York, being a deficiency for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, ten thousand dollars. Freight on bullion.

**MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT DENVER, COLORADO.**—For fuel, lights, acids, chemicals, crucibles, and other incidental expenses, being a deficiency for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, eight hundred dollars. Denver mint.

**ASSAY-OFFICE AT HELENA, MONTANA TERRITORY.**—For fuel, lights, freight, crucibles, balances, weights, and other incidental expenses, being a deficiency for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, one thousand dollars. Helena assay-office.

For salaries of commissioners, not in government employ, appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury to examine the condition and competence of the force employed in the collection of the revenue from customs at New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and New Orleans, with a view of reducing the number of the same, and for salaries of experts at Boston and Baltimore to investigate the subject of the proper drawback on exported sugars, under section three thousand and nineteen of the Revised Statutes, ten thousand dollars; and for the incidental expenses of the San Francisco commission, three thousand five hundred and fifty-nine dollars and fifty cents; in all, thirteen thousand five hundred and fifty-nine dollars and fifty cents. Salaries, etc., of commission on customs-service.

**CONTINGENT EXPENSES, TREASURY DEPARTMENT.**—For ice, buckets, file-holders, book-rests, labor clocks, and repairs of the same, two thousand dollars. Contingent expenses.

For carpets, oil-cloths, matting, repairs, cleaning and laying of the same, four thousand dollars. Carpets, etc.

For desks, tables, and chairs, and metal shelving for file-rooms, and cases; repairs of furniture; boxes, rugs, chair covers and caning, cushions, cloth for covering desks, locks, screws, hand-saws, turpentine, and varnish, twelve thousand dollars. Furniture, etc.

For washing towels, brooms, brushes, crash, cotton-cloth, cane, chamoisikins, dusters, flour, kegs, lye, matches, nails, oil, powders, sponge, soap, tacks, wall-paper, and the other miscellaneous expenses required for the current and ordinary business of the department; and for repairs of machinery, and for baskets, spittoons, files, water-coolers, tumblers, ice-picks, bowls and pitchers, traps, thermometers, ventilators, towels, awnings and fixtures, alcohol, window-shades and fixtures, wire-screens, hemming towels, axes, bellows, chisels, canvas, candlesticks, door and window fasteners, bells and bell-pulls, hammers, mallets, leather, gum, and other belting, stencil-plates, tools, whetstones, wire, and zinc, and other absolutely necessary expenses, being deficiencies for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, five thousand dollars. Miscellaneous expenses.

#### POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

For compensation to postmasters, being a deficiency in payment of salaries during the fiscal years ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, the sum of six hundred and eighty-one thousand six hundred and eighty-one dollars and twenty-seven cents. Compensation of postmasters.

For the payment of railway post-office clerks, route-agents, mail-route messengers, and local agents, being a deficiency for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary. Railway post-office clerks, etc.

For inland mail-transportation, namely: For transportation on star routes and by steamboats, and all other than railroad routes, being a deficiency for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, five hundred thousand dollars. Transportation.

- Post-route maps.** For preparation and publication of post-route maps, five thousand dollars; to be paid out of the revenues of the Post-Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.
- International Postal Congress.** To defray the expenses of delegates to be sent to represent the United States in the International Postal Congress, to be convened in the city of Paris, in France, in the spring of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, four thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Vice-President, Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress, the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives may send and receive through the mail free all public documents printed by order of Congress, and in the manner provided by section seven of the "act establishing post-roads, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.
- Documents by mail free.*  
1877, ch. 103.  
19 Stat., 336.

## EXECUTIVE.

- Contingent expenses.** For contingent expenses of the Executive Office, namely: For purchase of new books for the library and rebinding old books, five hundred dollars; for stationery not to include record books two thousand dollars; for purchase carpet for office, five hundred dollars; for expense of telegrams, three hundred dollars; for office furniture and repairs of old furniture, five hundred dollars; for miscellaneous items and contingencies, seven hundred dollars; in all, four thousand five hundred dollars.

## SENATE.

- Mileage.** For the payment of mileage, for actual travel only, to Senators who took their seats at the session of the Senate convened on the fifth day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, by proclamation of the President, and who were not members of the previous Congress, six thousand five hundred dollars.
- Christian Chritzman.** To pay Christian Chritzman for services as messenger to the Committee on Appropriations from the fifth day of March last to the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, inclusive, at the rate of fourteen hundred and forty dollars per annum, nineteen hundred and five dollars and sixty-five cents.
- Clerk to committee on contingent expenses.** To pay the clerk to the committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate from the first day of July to the fourteenth day of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, inclusive, six hundred and thirty-six dollars.
- Furniture.** For furniture and repairs of furniture, for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, fifteen dollars; and for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, nine thousand dollars; in all, nine thousand and fifteen dollars.
- Folding.** For materials for folding, for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, twenty-two dollars and seventy-five cents.
- Miscellaneous items.** For miscellaneous items, exclusive of labor, as follows, namely: For the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, forty-four dollars; for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, seven hundred dollars; and for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, five thousand dollars; in all, five thousand seven hundred and forty-four dollars.
- Capitol police.** To enable the Secretary of the Senate to pay those members of the Capitol police force who were discharged by reason of the reduction of force made by the legislative act approved August fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, from the first to the fifteenth of September of that year, both days inclusive, five hundred and thirty-three dollars and twenty-nine cents.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

To enable the Clerk of the House to pay, in accordance with the direction of the following stated resolutions of the House of Representatives, namely:

To certain clerks of committees under resolution of the House of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, four thousand three hundred and eighty dollars; Clerks to committees.

To pay to twenty-one clerks of committees (who shall be designated by the Committee on Accounts of the House) the difference of pay due them under resolution of the House of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, one thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars; Difference of pay.

To pay the clerk of the Committee on Elections not exceeding the sum of one thousand and five hundred dollars, for preparation of digest of contested-election cases, and indexing the same, under resolution of the House of March second, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven; Clerk to Committee on Elections.

To pay James Morrow for services rendered under the Doorkeeper of the House, under resolution of March second, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, three hundred and fifty dollars; James Morrow.

To pay William Tudge for services in the House post-office, under resolution of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, three hundred dollars; William Tudge.

To pay the clerk to Committee on Accounts for services rendered during the recess of Congress, under resolution of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, one hundred and eighty dollars; Clerk to Committee on Accounts.

To pay the pages employed by the House for the month of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, under resolution of February twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, one thousand eight hundred and ninety dollars; Pages.

To pay fifteen pages of the House for the month of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, under resolution of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, nine hundred and five dollars and fifty-eight cents; Pages.

Said sums in all amounting to eleven thousand three hundred and sixty-five dollars and fifty-eight cents, to be paid only after supervision of the same by, and upon the order of, the Committee on Accounts. *When amounts to be paid.*

To pay the clerk of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, from July first, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, to June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, two thousand dollars. Clerk to Committee on Invalid Pensions.

### SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

For printing for the use of the Supreme Court of the United States, to be done at the Government Printing Office, fifteen thousand dollars. Printing.

To pay the salary of Edward G. Loring as a retired judge of the Court of Claims, from the first day of January to the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, inclusive, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. Edward G. Loring.

### WAR DEPARTMENT.

**COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF BOUNTY, PRIZE-MONEY, AND OTHER CLAIMS OF COLORED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.**—For salaries of agents and clerks; rent of office, fuel, lights, stationery, and similar necessities; office furniture and repairs; mileage and transportation of officers and agents; telegraphing and postage, being a deficiency for the service of the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, twenty thousand dollars; which is appropriated to close up and finish the collection and payment of bounty, prize money, and other claims of colored soldiers and sailors; and if the work of collecting and paying said bounty and other claims shall not be finished before January first, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, said bureau shall be closed, and all papers connected therewith shall be turned over to the department having charge of the payment of bounties due to white soldiers. Collection of claims of colored soldiers, etc.

1878, ch. 359,  
Post, 222.

*Bureau to be closed.*

That the Secretary of War is authorized to rent offices required for the construction of the State, War, and Navy Department building, and public buildings and grounds, at an aggregate rental not to exceed two *Rent of buildings authorized.*

thousand one hundred dollars per annum, until such offices can be supplied in buildings belonging to the government; and to pay for the rent of the building now occupied for said offices, from the first day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, out of any existing appropriations for the State, War, and Navy Department building, or public buildings and grounds.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

**Deaf and Dumb Institute.**

For fitting up and furnishing the new building of the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, being a deficiency for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, twenty-five hundred dollars.

**National Association.**

For the National Association for the Relief of the Colored Women and Children of the District of Columbia, being a deficiency for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, six thousand dollars.

**State, War, and Navy Department building.**

State, War, and Navy Department building: For continuation of the east wing of the building, one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars; and for continuation of the north wing of the building, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; in all, three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

**Court-house, Little Rock, Ark.**

For continuation of the court-house and post-office building at Little Rock, Arkansas, thirty thousand dollars, being a deficiency for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and to correct an error in the enrollment of the act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

**Hot Springs reservation, Ark.**

For continuing the surveys and other works under the provisions of the law appointing a commission to lay out and appraise the Hot Springs reservation in Arkansas, fifteen thousand dollars.

**Commissioner to edit Revised Statutes.**

For the payment of the commissioner appointed to prepare and publish a new edition of the first volume of the Revised Statutes of the United States, five thousand dollars, one-half thereof to be paid when he makes his report to the Secretary of State, and the balance when the work is completed.

**Proceedings of Electoral Commission.**

For expenses of preparing for publication and indexing the volume containing the proceedings of the Electoral Commission and of the two Houses of Congress in regard to the counting of the electoral votes, ordered to be printed by a concurrent resolution of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, to be expended under the direction of the Senate Committee on Printing, one thousand two hundred dollars.

**Hall's Arctic expedition.**

To enable the Superintendent of the Naval Observatory to carry out the object of Senate resolution of February sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, for the preparation of a narrative of Hall's second Arctic expedition, five thousand dollars.

**Botanic Garden.**

**BOTANIC GARDEN.**—To reconstruct the main sewers in the Botanic Garden, and to repair the heating apparatus, damaged by the overflowing of Tiber Creek, five hundred dollars.

To elevate the grade of part of the grounds of the Botanic Garden, overflowed by Tiber Creek sewer, and to make sundry alterations and appliances for their immediate sanitary improvement, eight hundred dollars.

**International Prison Congress.**

**INTERNATIONAL PRISON CONGRESS.**—That the sum of eight thousand dollars, heretofore appropriated to defray the expenses of the United States commissioner to the International Prison Congress, originally appointed to be held at Rome in eighteen hundred and seventy-six, but subsequently adjourned to eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, and again to eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and the place of meeting changed to Stockholm, is hereby reappropriated for the same purpose; four thousand dollars of the said sum to meet expenses already incurred by the commissioner in the preparatory labors of the congress, and four thousand dollars to meet future expenditures in the further prosecution of his mission, the whole to be immediately available, and the part thereof which remains unexpended to be expended under the direction of the Department of State.

*How applied and expended.*

To pay John W. Dodd and John McKinny for work and labor and materials furnished in grading and paving the sidewalk and gutters on Michigan street, in front of the arsenal grounds, in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, six thousand and four dollars and forty-eight cents. John W. Dodd  
and John McKinny.

That the sum of forty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated, to be expended by the Commissioner of Patents, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, for the purpose of restoring and repairing models of patents injured by fire, and for the construction of suitable cases for the preservation of the same. Restoring, etc.,  
patent models.

Approved, December 15, 1877.

**CHAP. 4.**—An act providing for the printing and distribution of the Biennial Register. Dec. 15, 1877.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in lieu of the number of copies of the Biennial Register now authorized by law to be printed, the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to cause to be printed twenty-five hundred copies of the said work, to be distributed as follows: To the President of the United States, four copies, one copy of which shall be for the library of the Executive Mansion; to the Vice-President of the United States, two copies; to each Senator, Representative, and Delegate in Congress, one copy; to the Secretary of the Senate, one copy; to the Clerk of the House, one copy; to the Library of the Senate, fifty copies, of which one copy shall be supplied to each standing committee of the Senate; to the Library of the House of Representatives, seventy-five copies, of which one copy shall be supplied to each standing committee of the House; to the Library of Congress, twenty-five copies; to the Department of State, two hundred and fifty copies; to the Treasury Department, one hundred and fifty copies; to the War Department, fifty copies; to the Navy Department, twenty copies; to the Department of Justice, twenty-five copies; to the Post-Office Department, one hundred copies; to the Department of the Interior, two hundred and fifty copies; to the Department of Agriculture, five copies; to the Smithsonian Institution, four copies; to the State library and State historical society of each State, and to the executive of each Territory, and to the designated depository of public documents in each congressional district in the United States, one copy each, and the remaining copies shall be kept by the Secretary of the Interior as a reserve, from which he may supply newly-created offices; and members of Congress one additional copy each. Biennial Register.  
  
How distributed.

**SEC. 2.** That hereafter the lists directed by sections one hundred and ninety-eight and five hundred and ten of the Revised Statutes to be furnished by the several departments and offices of the Government for the Biennial Register shall be made up to the last day of June of each year in which a new Congress is to assemble, and shall be filed as soon thereafter as practicable in the Department of the Interior. Materials for.  
R. S., 198, p. 30.  
R. S., 510, p. 83.

Approved, December 15, 1877.

**CHAP. 5.**—An act authorizing the changing of the name of the ship 'Samuel G. Reed'. Dec. 15, 1877.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to allow the owner of the ship Samuel G. Reed, a vessel of American ownership and license, to change her name, and be hereafter known as the "Fantee". Name of ship  
Samuel G. Reed  
changed.

Approved, December 15, 1877.