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kinds; and for incidental labor and expenses not applicable to any other appropriation, thirty-four thousand six hundred dollars.

For stores in the department of steam-enginery, eight hundred dollars.

For materials for repairs in steam-machinery, one thousand dollars.

MARINE CORPS.

For pay of officers of the Marine Corps, and for pay of non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, and others of the corps, and for transportation of officers traveling without troops, and for payments to discharged soldiers for clothing undrawn, six hundred and nineteen thousand eight hundred and twenty-five dollars. Pay.

For provisions, eighty-eight thousand three hundred and thirty dollars. Provisions.

For clothing, forty thousand dollars. Clothing.

For fuel, twenty-five thousand dollars. Fuel.

For military stores, namely: For pay of mechanics, repair of arms, purchase of accouterments, ordnance-stores, flags, drums, fifes, and other instruments, five thousand dollars. Military stores.

For transportation of troops and for expenses of recruiting, five thousand dollars. Transportation of troops.

For repairs of barracks, and rent of offices where there are no public buildings, five thousand dollars. Barracks and rent of offices.

For forage for public horses and horses belonging to field and staff officers five thousand dollars. Forages.

For rent of quarters for officers where there are no public buildings, sixteen thousand dollars. Hire of quarters.

For contingencies, namely: Freight; ferriage; toll; cartage; wharfage; purchase and repair of boats; labor; burial of deceased marines; stationery; telegraphing; apprehension of deserters; oil, candles, gas; repairs of gas and water fixtures; water-rent; barrack-furniture; furniture for officers' quarters; bed-sacks; wrapping-paper; oil-cloth; crash; rope; twine; spades; shovels; axes; picks; carpenters' tools; repairs to fire-engines; purchase and repair of engine-hose; purchase of lumber for benches, mess-tables, bunks; purchase and repair of harness; purchase and repair of hand-carts and wheel-barrows; scavengering; purchase and repair of galleys, cooking-stoves, ranges, stoves where there are no grates; gravel for parade-grounds; repair of pumps; brushes; brooms; buckets; paving; and for other purposes, twenty thousand dollars. Contingent expenses.

Approved, March 3, 1877.

CHAP. 112.—An act making appropriations for fortifications and for other works of defense, and for the armament thereof, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for other purposes. March 3, 1877.

Ante, p. 59.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the protection preservation and repair of fortifications and other works of defense, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth eighteen hundred and seventy-eight; the same to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War; also, the following for armament of fortifications, namely: Appropriations. Fortifications and other works of defense.

For the armament of sea-coast fortifications, including heavy guns, and howitzers for flank defense, carriages, projectiles, fuses, powder, and implements, their trial and proof, and all necessary expenses incident thereto, one hundred thousand dollars; and for Gatling or other machine guns, twenty-five thousand dollars. Armament of sea-coast fortifications. Machine guns.

For torpedoes for harbor defenses, and preservation of the same, and for torpedo experiments in their application to harbor and land defense, Torpedoes for harbor defenses.

Proviso.

and for instruction of engineer battalion in their preparation and application, fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the money herein appropriated for torpedoes shall only be used in the establishment and maintenance of torpedoes to be operated from shore-stations for the destruction of an enemy's vessel approaching the shore or entering the channel and fairways of harbors.

Approved, March 3, 1877.

March 3, 1877.

CHAP. 113.—An act respecting the limits of reservations for town-sites upon the public domain

Quantity of land excluded from pre-emption by town-site.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the existence or incorporation of any town upon the public lands of the United States shall not be held to exclude from pre-emption or homestead entry a greater quantity than twenty-five hundred and sixty acres of land, or the maximum area which may be entered as a town-site under existing laws, unless the entire tract claimed or incorporated as such town-site shall, including and in excess of the area above specified, be actually settled upon, inhabited, improved, and used for business and municipal purposes.

Certain entries within town-sites confirmed.

SEC. 2. That where entries have been heretofore allowed upon lands afterward ascertained to have been embraced in the corporate limits of any town, but which entries are or shall be shown, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, to include only vacant unoccupied lands of the United States, not settled upon or used for municipal purposes, nor devoted to any public use of such town, said entries, if regular in all respects, are hereby confirmed and may be carried into patent: *Provided*, That this confirmation shall not operate to restrict the entry of any town-site to a smaller area than the maximum quantity of land which, by reason of present population, it may be entitled to enter under section twenty-three hundred and eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes.

Proviso. R. S., 2389, p. 440.

Where town-site exceeds maximum

SEC. 3. That whenever the corporate limits of any town upon the public domain are shown or alleged to include lands in excess of the maximum area specified in section one of this act, the Commissioner of the General Land Office may require the authorities of such town, and it shall be lawful for them, to elect what portion of said lands, in compact form and embracing the actual site of the municipal occupation and improvement, shall be withheld from pre-emption and homestead entry; and thereafter the residue of such lands shall be open to disposal under the homestead and pre-emption laws. And upon default of said town authorities to make such selection within sixty days after notification by the Commissioner, he may direct testimony respecting the actual location and extent of said improvements, to be taken by the register and receiver of the district in which such town may be situated; and, upon receipt of the same, he may determine and set off the proper site according to section one of this act, and declare the remaining lands open to settlement and entry under the homestead and pre-emption laws; and it shall be the duty of the secretary of each of the Territories of the United States to furnish the surveyor-general of the Territory for the use of the United States a copy duly certified of every act of the legislature of the Territory incorporating any city or town, the same to be forwarded by such secretary to the surveyor-general within one month from date of its approval.

Copies of acts incorporating towns; how furnished.

Where town-site is less than maximum. R. S., 2389, p. 440.

SEC. 4. It shall be lawful for any town which has made, or may hereafter make entry of less than the maximum quantity of land named in section twenty-three hundred and eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes to make such additional entry, or entries, of contiguous tracts, which may be occupied for town purposes as when added to the entry or entries therefore made will not exceed twenty-five hundred and sixty acres: *Pro-*