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exceed the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars per annum each; and the salary of the clerks and other assistants of the health-officer shall not exceed in the aggregate the amount of seven thousand dollars, to be apportioned as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may deem best.

Reports to Congress.

SEC. 12. That it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners to report to Congress at the next session succeeding their appointment a draft of such additional laws or amendments to existing laws as in their opinion are necessary for the harmonious working of the system hereby adopted, and for the effectual and proper government of the District of Columbia; and said Commissioners shall annually report their official doings in detail to Congress on or before the first Monday of December.

Increase of District debt.

SEC. 13. That there shall be no increase of the present amount of the total indebtedness of the District of Columbia; and any officer or person who shall knowingly increase, or aid or abet in increasing, such total indebtedness, except to the amount of the two hundred thousand dollars, as authorized by this act, shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding ten years, and by fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

"School houses;" taxes on refunded. 1870, ch. 131, 16 Stat., 153.

SEC. 14. That the term "school houses" in the act of June seventeenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, chapter thirty, was intended to embrace all collegiate establishments actually used for educational purposes, and not for private gain; and that all taxes heretofore imposed upon such establishments, in the District of Columbia, since the date of said act are hereby remitted, and where the same or any part thereof has been paid, the sum so paid shall be refunded. But if any portion of any said building, house, or grounds in terms excepted is used to secure a rent or income, or for any business purpose, such portion of the same, or a sum equal in value to such portion, shall be taxed.

Repeals.

SEC. 15. That all laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, June 11, 1878.

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June 11, 1878.

**CHAP. 181.**—An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes.

Appropriations. Military Academy.

*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 Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine:

Pay of professors and others.

For pay of three professors, at three thousand five hundred dollars per annum each, ten thousand five hundred dollars.

For pay of six professors, at three thousand dollars per annum each, eighteen thousand dollars.

For additional pay of professors for length of service, seven thousand dollars.

For pay of one instructor of practical military engineering in addition to pay as first lieutenant, nine hundred dollars.

For pay of one instructor of ordnance and science of gunnery, in addition to pay as first lieutenant, nine hundred dollars.

For pay of eight assistant professors, in addition to pay as first lieutenants, four thousand dollars.

For pay of three instructors of cavalry, artillery, and infantry tactics, in addition to pay as first lieutenants, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For pay of four assistant instructors of tactics, commanding companies, in addition to pay as second lieutenants, two thousand four hundred dollars.

For pay of adjutant, in addition to pay as first lieutenant, three hundred dollars: *Provided*, The sum paid to said officer shall not exceed one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum.

For pay of one master of the sword, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For pay of cadets, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and no cadet shall receive more than at the rate of five hundred and forty dollars a year.

For pay of the teacher of music, one thousand and eighty dollars.

For pay of the Military Academy band, eight thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars, which shall be in full for the pay of the said band for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Repairs and improvements.

For repairs and improvements, timber, plank, boards, joists, wall-strips, laths, shingles, slate, tin, sheet-lead, nails, screws, locks, butts, hinges, glass, paint, turpentine, oils, bricks, varnish, stone, lime, cement, plaster, hair, sewer and drain pipe, blasting-powder, fuse, iron, steel, tools, mantels, and other similar materials, and for pay of citizen mechanics and labor employed upon repairs that cannot be done by enlisted men, and for reflooring mineralogical and geological section-rooms, and repairing the same, also the drawing academy section-rooms, twelve thousand dollars.

Fuel, etc.

For fuel and apparatus, coal, wood, stoves, grates, furnaces, ranges, fire-bricks, and repairs of steam-heating apparatus, thirteen thousand dollars.

Gas-pipes, etc.

For gas-pipes, fixtures, lamp-posts, gas-lamps, gasometers, and retorts, and annual repairs of the same, six hundred dollars.

Fuel.

For fuel for cadets' mess-hall, shops, and laundry, three thousand dollars.

Postage, etc.

For postage and telegrams, three hundred dollars.

Stationery.

For stationery, blank books, paper, envelopes, quills, steel pens, rubbers, erasers, pencils, mucilage, wax, and ink, six hundred dollars.

Transportation

For transportation of materials, discharged cadets, and ferriages, two thousand dollars.

Printing, etc.

For printing-type, materials for office, diplomas for graduates, registers, and blanks, five hundred dollars.

Clerks.

For clerk to the disbursing-officer and quartermaster, one thousand two hundred dollars.

For clerk to adjutant, in charge of cadet records, one thousand two hundred dollars.

Department of mathematics.

For department of instruction in mathematics, namely: For measuring-tapes, twelve dollars; cleaning and repairs of instruments, twenty-five dollars; textbooks and stationery for instructors, thirty dollars; one spirit-level, one hundred and twenty-five dollars; marking-pins, six dollars; plane-table, fifty dollars.

Department of artillery, etc.

For department of artillery, cavalry, and infantry tactics, namely: For tan-bark for riding-hall and gymnasium, three hundred dollars; repairing camp-stools and camp furniture, fifty dollars; furniture for offices and reception-room for visitors, one hundred and fifty dollars; stationery for use of instructor and assistants, one hundred dollars; text books, fifty dollars; foils, masks, gloves, fencing-jackets, and repairs, one hundred dollars.

Department of engineering.

For department of civil and military engineering: For models, maps, purchase and repairs of instruments, text-books, books of reference, and stationery for the use of instructors, and contingencies, five hundred dollars; for continuing preparation of textbooks for special instruction of cadets, five hundred dollars.

Department of chemistry, etc.

For department of chemistry, mineralogy and geology: For chemicals, including chemical apparatus, glass and porcelain ware, paper, wire, sheet-metal, ores, photographic materials, five hundred dollars; rough specimens, files, alcohol-lamps, blowpipes, pencils, and steel and agate mortars, for practical instruction in mineralogy; for fossils illustrating

the different formations, for daily use in section-rooms, and for gradual increase of the cabinet, five hundred dollars; repairs and additions to electric, galvanic, magnetic, electro-magnetic, magneto-electric, pneumatic, and thermic apparatus, and apparatus illustrating optical properties of substances, six hundred dollars.

For pay of mechanic employed in chemical and geological section-rooms and in lecture-room, one thousand dollars; models and diagrams, books of reference, textbooks, and stationery for the use of instructors, one hundred dollars.

Department of natural philosophy.

For department of natural and experimental philosophy: For additions to the apparatus to illustrate the laws in mechanics, optics, and acoustics, one thousand dollars; books of reference, text books, repairs, and materials, four hundred dollars; for pay of mechanic, one thousand dollars.

For purchase of driving-clock for the equatorial, eight hundred dollars.

Department of practical engineering.

For department of practical military engineering: For mining materials and for profiling; telegraphing and signaling materials; drawing materials, stationery, and text books; and repairs of instruments, two hundred dollars.

Department of French.

For department of French: For text books and stationery for the use of instructors, books of reference, and for printing examination-papers, one hundred dollars.

Department of Spanish.

For department of Spanish: For text books and stationery for the use of instructors, forty dollars.

Department of law.

For department of law: For text books and stationery and books of reference for the use of instructors, three hundred and sixty-eight dollars.

Department of ordnance, etc.

For department of ordnance and gunnery: For books of reference and text books for instructors, forty dollars.

For constructing timber frames on piles to support iron targets for cadet rifle-practice, one hundred dollars.

For keeping in repair instrument and firing houses, sixty dollars.

Department of drawing.

For department of drawing: For various articles most necessary for the course of topographical drawing, two hundred and fifty dollars

For department of history, geography, and ethics, twenty-five dollars.

Board of Visitors.

*Expenses of, how paid.*

R. S. 1329, p. 226.

For expenses of the Board of Visitors, including mileage, three thousand dollars: *Provided*, That hereafter the expenses allowed by section thirteen hundred and twenty-nine of the Revised Statutes shall be paid as follows: each member of the Board of Visitors shall receive not exceeding eight cents per mile for each mile traveled by the most direct route from his residence to West Point and return, and shall in addition receive five dollars per day for expenses during each day of his service at West Point.

Contingent expenses.

For miscellaneous and contingent expenses: For gas-coal, oil, candles, matches, and wicking for lighting the academy, cadet-barracks, mess-hall, shops, hospital, offices, stable, and sidewalks, three thousand five hundred dollars; water-pipes, plumbing, and repairs, one thousand five hundred dollars; cleaning public buildings (not quarters), five hundred dollars; brooms, brushes, pails, tubs, soap, and cloths, two hundred dollars; chalk, crayon, sponge, slate, and rubbers for recitation-rooms, one hundred dollars; compensation of chapel-organist, two hundred dollars; compensation of librarian, one hundred and twenty dollars; pay of engineer of heating and ventilating apparatus for the academic building, the cadet-barracks, chapel, and philosophical building, including the library, one thousand two hundred dollars; pay of assistant of same, seven hundred and twenty dollars; pay of five firemen, two thousand two hundred dollars; increase and expense of the library, books, magazines, periodicals, and completing printing and binding of catalogues, one thousand dollars.

Librarian's assistant.

For pay of librarian's assistant, one thousand dollars.

Cadet hospital.

For furniture for cadet-hospital, one hundred dollars.

For new stone front-pintle platform for fifteen-inch gun, nine hundred and fifty dollars. Sea-coast battery.

For carpets for adjutant's office, eighty dollars.

Buildings and grounds: For repairing roads and paths, five hundred dollars. Buildings and grounds.

For completing the walls and putting on the roof of the new hospital for cadets, twelve thousand dollars; to be available immediately. Cadet hospital.

For completing system of sewerage, thirteen thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. Sewerage.

For repairing cadets' bath-room, one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

SEC 2. That appointments of civilians, except such as are regular graduates of the United States Military Academy who have been honorably discharged from the service, to be second lieutenants in any of the regiments of the Army, shall be made in time of peace only when more vacancies exist in the Army than will be required in the assignment of the next graduating class of cadets at the United States Military Academy: *Provided*, Nothing herein shall prevent the appointment for a commission in the Army of meritorious non-commissioned officers or private soldiers. *Appointment of civilians in Army.* *Proviso.*

SEC. 3. That from and after July first, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, only such number of the graduates of the United States Military Academy in any one year shall be entitled to appointment as second lieutenants in the Army as are required to fill vacancies of that grade existing on the first day of July in each year; those entitled to appointment to said vacancies to be determined by the academic board on the basis of their standing in the graduating class. And hereafter no supernumerary officers shall be attached to any company or corps of the Army, and all graduates of the Military Academy who are not appointed to the Army under the provisions of this act shall be discharged upon the graduation of their class. *Appointment of graduates as 2d lieutenants.* *Supernumerary officers.*

SEC. 4. That the cadets at large at the Military Academy shall not hereafter exceed ten in all, and no new appointments at large shall be made until the number of such cadets heretofore appointed falls below ten. But this provision shall not be held to require the discharge of any cadet heretofore appointed *Cadets at large.*

Approved, June 11, 1878.

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**CHAP. 182.**—An act to change the time for holding terms of the district court for the western district of Virginia at Danville. June 11, 1878.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the regular terms of the district court in the western district of Virginia, at Danville, shall be held on the Tuesday after the fourth Monday in February, and on the fifteenth day of November; but if said last-mentioned day shall fall on Sunday, the term shall commence on the following day. District courts Virginia. Terms in western district.

SEC. 2. So much of section five hundred and seventy-two of the Revised Statutes as conflicts with this act is hereby repealed. R. S. 572, p. 100, repealed in part.

Approved, June 11, 1878.

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**CHAP. 183.**—An act fixing the time for holding the election for Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress of the United States in and for the State of California. June 11, 1878.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the election for Repretatives to the Forty sixth Congress of the United States in and for the State of California shall be had and held in said State at the general election to be held in said State on the first Wednesday of September, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, any law now in force to the contrary notwithstanding. California, election of representatives in.

Approved, June 11, 1878.