

CHAP. 124.—An act to carry into effect the resolution of Congress, adopted on the twenty-ninth day of October, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, in regard to a monumental column, at Yorktown, Virginia, and for other purposes

June 7, 1880.

Whereas, on Monday the twenty-ninth day of October, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, it was resolved, That the United States in Congress assembled, will cause to be erected at York, in Virginia, a marble column, adorned with emblems of the alliance between the United States and His Most Christian Majesty; and inscribed with a succinct narrative of the surrender of Earl Cornwallis to His Excellency, General Washington, Commander-in-Chief, of the combined Forces of America and France; to His Excellency Count De Rochambeau, commanding the Auxiliary troops, of his Most Christian Majesty in America; and His Excellency Count De Grasse, commanding-in-chief the Naval Army of France in Chesapeake; and

Preamble.

Whereas, the said resolution of Congress has not yet been carried into effect, although nearly one hundred years have elapsed since it was adopted; Therefore,

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, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same, is, hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended, under the direction of the Secretary of War, in erecting at Yorktown, in Virginia, the monument referred to in the aforesaid resolution of Congress: *Provided, however,* That the material used may be such as the Secretary of War may deem most suitable and desirable.

Appropriation.

Monumental column, Yorktown, Va.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. That a commission of three persons shall be appointed by the Secretary of War, whose duty it shall be, to recommend a suitable design for said monument; to prepare a sketch of emblems of the alliance between His Most Christian Majesty, and the United States; and a succinct narrative of the surrender of Earl Cornwallis, to be inscribed on the same; subject to the approval and adoption of the select committee of thirteen appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, on the nineteenth of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and of thirteen Senators to be appointed by the presiding officer of the Senate, to enquire into the expediency of appropriating a suitable sum to be expended in erecting at Yorktown in Virginia, the monument referred to.

Commission to recommend design.

Joint select committee.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of said joint committee to select the site for the location of said monument, to obtain the cession of the same from the State of Virginia, and to make all necessary arrangements for such a celebration by the American people, of the centennial anniversary of the battle of Yorktown, on the nineteenth of October, eighteen hundred and eighty-one as shall befit the historical significance of that event, and the present greatness of the Nation.

Centennial anniversary of the battle of Yorktown.

SEC. 4. That the sum of twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the said centennial celebration, and to be disbursed, under the direction of the said joint committee.

Appropriation.

Centennial celebration.

Approved, June 7, 1880.

CHAP. 127.—An act to consummate the resolution of the Continental Congress, of October fourth, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, and erect a monument to the memory of Brigadier General Herkimer, as therein directed.

June 8, 1880.

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 authorized, and he is hereby directed, to pay to the Oneida Historical Society, of Utica, New York, out of the Treasury, from any moneys not otherwise appropriated, the sum of four thousand one hundred

Brigadier-General Herkimer. Monument.