

May 10, 1879.

CHAP. 3.—An act to provide for certain expenses of the present session of Congress and for other purposes.

Appropriations. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums of money be and the same are hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, namely:*

SENATE.

To meet certain expenses of the Senate during the current fiscal year, as follows, namely:

Lycurgus Dalton.

For the payment of Lycurgus Dalton, as clerk to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, from the first day of April to the thirtieth day of June, inclusive, at the rate of two thousand two hundred dollars per annum, three hundred and sixty-eight dollars and seventy cents.

Horses.

For horses and mail-wagons for mail and document purposes, one thousand two hundred dollars.

Furniture.

For furniture and repairs of furniture, three thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

For miscellaneous items, exclusive of labor, five thousand dollars.

Payment of Senate employes.

That the employees of the Senate who have served during the present session of Congress shall be paid their respective salaries out of the fund already appropriated for such service from the time they entered upon their duties until the time they took the oath required by law.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Miscellaneous expenses.

To meet the miscellaneous expenses of the House of Representatives during the current fiscal year, to be disbursed by the Clerk of the House, twenty thousand dollars.

Watson Boyle, H. A. Olcott, W. H. Smith.

To pay Watson Boyle, H. A. Olcott, and W. H. Smith, employed under resolutions of the House, at three dollars and sixty cents per day each from and including March first, to June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, one thousand three hundred and seventeen dollars and sixty cents.

Wm. Douglass.

To pay William Douglass in charge of water closet from and including March first to June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, two hundred and eighty-two dollars and thirty cents.

General index to journals.

To pay person employed in preparing general index to journals of Congress under resolution of the House of June eighteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, at the rate of twenty-five hundred dollars, per annum, from and including March first, to June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, eight hundred and forty dollars and thirty cents.

Messengers.

To pay eight messengers in the post office of the House two of them from and including April first and the remaining six from and including April fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, until the conclusion of the present session of Congress during the present fiscal year at the rate of eight hundred dollars each for seven months.

MINTS AND ASSAY-OFFICES.

To provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for mints and assay-offices for the current fiscal year, as follows, namely:

Philadelphia.
Denver.

Mint at Philadelphia: For contingent expenses, ten thousand dollars.
Mint at Denver, Colorado: For wages of workmen, eight hundred dollars.

For contingent expenses, seven hundred dollars.

Charlotte.

Assay-office at Charlotte, North Carolina: For wages and contingent expenses, three hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Boise City.

Assay-office at Boise City, Idaho Territory: For wages and contingent expenses, two thousand dollars.

Assay-office at Helena, Montana Territory: For wages of workmen, two thousand dollars.
 For contingent expenses, three thousand dollars.
 Approved, May 10, 1879.

CHAP. 4.—An act providing for a new propeller for the United States ship "Alarm." May 12, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to enable the Secretary of the Navy to fit a new propeller to the United States torpedo-boat "Alarm", and to conduct experiments as to the best mode of propelling and steering said vessel, twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; the same to be available immediately on the passage hereof.

Approved, May 12, 1879.

CHAP. 5.—An act to amend sections fourteen hundred and seventeen, fourteen hundred and eighteen, fourteen hundred and nineteen, fourteen hundred and twenty, and sixteen hundred and twenty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the Navy. May 12, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section fourteen hundred and seventeen of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 1417. The number of persons who may at one time be enlisted into the Navy of the United States, including seamen, ordinary seamen, landsmen, mechanics, firemen, and coal-heavers, and including seven hundred and fifty apprentices and boys, hereby authorized to be enlisted annually, shall not exceed eight thousand two hundred and fifty: *Provided*, That in the appointment of warrant-officers in the naval service of the United States, preference shall be given to men who have been honorably discharged upon the expiration of an enlistment as an apprentice or boy, to serve during minority, and re-enlisted within three months after such discharge, to serve during a term of three or more years: *Provided further*, That nothing in this act shall be held to abrogate the provisions of section fourteen hundred and seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States."

That section fourteen hundred and eighteen be amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 1418. Boys between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years may be enlisted to serve in the Navy until they shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years; other persons may be enlisted to serve for a period not exceeding five years, unless sooner discharged by direction of the President."

That section fourteen hundred and nineteen be amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 1419. Minors between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years shall not be enlisted for the naval service without the consent of their parents or guardians."

That section fourteen hundred and twenty be amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 1420. No minor under the age of fifteen years, no insane or intoxicated person, and no deserter from the naval or military service of the United States, shall be enlisted in the naval service."

That article nineteen of section sixteen hundred and twenty-four be amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 1624. ARTICLE 19. Any officer who knowingly enlists into the naval service any deserter from the naval or military service of the United States, or any insane or intoxicated person, or any minor

Torpedo-boat "Alarm."

Naval service.
 R. S. 1417,
 Amended.

Number of enlisted men in the Navy.

Apprentices as warrant-officers.

Proviso.

R. S. 1407.

R. S. 1418,
 Amended.

Terms of enlistment.

R. S. 1419,
 Amended.

Enlistment of minors.

R. S. 1420,
 Amended.

Prohibited enlistments.

R. S. 1624, Art. 19,
 Amended.

Penalty for improper enlistments.