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or expenditure; and the accounts for all disbursements of the Commissioners of said District shall be made monthly to the accounting officers of the Treasury by the auditor of the District of Columbia, on vouchers certified by the Commissioners, as now required by law: *Provided*, That said Commissioners shall not make requisitions upon the appropriations from the Treasury of the United States for a larger amount during the fiscal year eighteen hundred and eighty-four than they make on the appropriations arising from the revenues of said District, including one-half of all general taxes paid in drawback certificates during said fiscal year, as required by the third section of the act approved June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, entitled "An act fixing the rate of interest upon arrearages of general taxes and assessments for special improvements now due to the District of Columbia, and for a revision of assessments for special improvements, and for other purposes."

Disbursement accounts made monthly, etc.

Proviso.

21 Stat., 36.

Approved, March 3, 1883.

CHAP. 96.—An act making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, and for the armament thereof, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, and for other purposes.

Mar. 3, 1883.

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 and seventy-five 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 eighty-four, the same to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War; also the following for the armament of fortifications, namely:

Appropriations.
Forts and fortifications.

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, including compensation of draughtsmen on gun-construction while employed in Ordnance Bureau, and for conversion of ten-inch smooth-bore cannon into rifled guns, making and testing two twelve-inch cast-iron rifled breech-loading cannon, in lieu of such of the guns, the construction of which has not been commenced, as were provided for by the "act making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, and for the armament thereof, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, and for other purposes," approved May fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty, making and testing two breech-loading steel guns, one eight-inch and one ten-inch, making mortars and gun-carriages, mounting fifteen-inch guns, making and testing two guns banded or wrapped with wire, testing devices for breech-loading guns, testing projectiles, and so forth, in accordance with the report of the Select Committee of the Senate on the Subject of Heavy Ordnance and Projectiles four hundred thousand dollars.

Armament, etc.

21 Stat., 109.

For the purchase of machine guns of the latest improvement, twenty thousand dollars.

Purchase of machine guns.

For torpedoes for harbor defenses, and the preservation of the same, and for torpedo experiments in their application to harbor and land defense, and for instruction of Engineer Battalion in their preparation and application, seventy-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That one-half of this sum may be used in the purchase of torpedoes of the latest improvement.

Torpedoes, etc.

Proviso.

Approved, March 3, 1883.