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CHAP. 345.—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-six and for other purposes.

Fortifications. Appropriations.

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

For protection, preservation, and repairs.

For the protection, preservation, and repair of fortifications and other works of defense for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, one hundred thousand dollars the same to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War.

Appointment of Board to examine and report as to location and character of defenses needed.

And the President of the United States shall appoint a Board of which the Secretary of War shall be a member and president, to be composed of two officers of the Engineer Corps, two from the Ordnance Corps, two officers of the line of the Navy, and two civilians, which Board shall examine and report at what ports fortifications or other defenses are most urgently required, the character and kind of defenses best adapted for each, with reference to armament, the utilization of torpedoes, mines, or other defensive appliances, and for the necessary and proper expenses of said Board and for the compensation of the two civilians at ten dollars per day while so employed in the discharge of said duty the sum of forty thousand dollars to be immediately available is hereby appropriated; and the report of said Board shall be transmitted to Congress by the Secretary of War.

Report to be transmitted to Congress.

Submarine movable torpedoes.

For the purchase of movable submarine torpedoes propelled and controlled by power operated and transmitted from shore stations as may be recommended by the Board of Engineers of the Army of the United States, and approved by the Secretary of War, fifty thousand dollars.

Improvement, test, and purchase of motors for torpedoes.

For improvements, competitive test, and purchase of motors for movable torpedoes, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Submarine mines.

For purchase of appliances for submarine mines for harbor defense ten thousand dollars.

Torpedo experiments.

For continuation of torpedo experiments and for practical instruction of engineer troops in the details of the service twenty thousand dollars.

Instruction of engineer troops.

Machine guns.

For the purchase of machine guns of the latest improvement thirty thousand dollars.

Armaments of sea-coast fortifications.

For the armament of sea-coast fortifications, including the manufacture of heavy guns and carriages for the constructing and testing experimental gun carriages; for the purchase or manufacture of a multicharge gun and testing same; for projectiles, gun-loaders, fuses, powder, and implements, their trial and proof, and all necessary expenses incident thereto, including compensation of draughtsman on gun construction while employed in the Ordnance Bureau, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars thereof may be used for the expenses of experiments in the use of dynamite or other high explosive projectiles.

Experiments in the use of dynamite, etc.

No gun to be purchased until tested.

And no type of gun shall be purchased until thoroughly tested and found to conform to the requirements of this act.

Approved, March 3d, 1885.

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CHAP. 346.—An act to authorize an additional appointment on the retired-list of the Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint on the retired list of the Army of the United States, from among those who have been Generals com-

President of the United States to appoint on the retired list of the Army one General,