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ceed three hundred and fifty thousand dollars; said contract to be made only on condition that there shall be a favorable report made by the existing Naval Board on the system; to be paid for as the work progresses, and upon the report of such board or boards of inspectors as the Secretary of the Navy may for that purpose appoint, reserving thirty per centum on all such payments until the whole work is completed and accepted by the Secretary of the Navy.

Bonds.

The Pneumatic Dynamite-Gun Company shall furnish bonds satisfactory to the Secretary of the Navy for the faithful performance of its contract, and for the refunding of the money paid hereunder in case of the non-performance of the same, and shall further agree with the Secretary of the Navy upon a limit of price which shall not be exceeded in any future contracts which the Government may desire to enter into for the purchase of the company's guns.

Appropriation.

SEC. 10. That towards the construction and completion of the vessels hereinbefore mentioned, including the vessel and guns mentioned in section nine, the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, of which not more than seventy-five thousand dollars may be expended in manufacturing, purchasing, and experimenting with torpedoes of domestic manufacture and not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars may be expended, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, in improving the plant of such of the navy-yards as he may select.

Approved, August 3, 1886.

August 4, 1886.

CHAP. 893.—An act for the benefit of the States of Texas, Colorado, Oregon, Nebraska, California, Kansas, and Nevada, and the Territories of Washington and Idaho, and Nevada when a Territory.

Claims of certain States and Territories.
Vol. 12, p. 276.
Vol. 22, p. 111.
Certified copies of papers may be received in place of lost, etc., originals.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of War, in adjusting the claims of the States of Texas, Colorado, Oregon, Nebraska, California, Kansas, and Nevada, and the Territories of Washington and Idaho, and Nevada when a Territory, arising under acts of Congress approved July twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and eighty-two (United States Statutes, volume twelve, page two hundred and seventy-six, and volume twenty-two, page one hundred and eleven), shall find that any original paper relating to the claims of said States, as provided for in said acts, shall have been lost, destroyed, or missing, upon proof thereof a copy of such paper may be certified by the proper officers of such State or Territory under their seals of office, or, if such copy cannot be furnished, any other competent secondary evidence of the contents of such paper when filed with the Secretary of the Treasury or Secretary of War, shall be received by them in lieu of such lost original papers, and used in evidence in the adjustment of their said claims in all respects as said original.

All provisions of this section applicable to States shall be equally applicable to the Territories.

Army officers to be detailed to assist in examining claims.
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SEC. 2. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized to detail three Army officers to assist him in examining and reporting upon the claims of the States and Territory named in the acts of June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, chapter two hundred and forty-one of the laws of the Forty-seventh Congress, and such officers, before entering upon said duties, shall take and subscribe an oath that they will carefully examine said claims, and that they will, to the best of their ability, make a just and impartial statement thereof as required by said act.

Approved, August 4, 1886.