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CHAP. 29.—An Act Making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six. January 16, 1895.

Military Academy appropriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

Pay of superintendent, professors, etc.

For pay of one superintendent of the United States Military Academy (colonel), in addition to pay as major of engineers, one thousand dollars.

For pay of eight professors, twenty-seven thousand dollars.

For pay of one associate professor of mathematics, two thousand dollars.

For one commandant of cadets (lieutenant-colonel), in addition to pay as captain, not mounted, one thousand two hundred dollars.

For pay of one instructor of practical military engineering (major), in addition to pay as captain, mounted, five hundred dollars.

For pay of one instructor of ordnance and science of gunnery (major), in addition to pay as captain, mounted, five hundred dollars.

For pay of eight assistant professors (captains), in addition to pay as first lieutenants, not mounted, four thousand dollars.

For pay of three senior instructors of cavalry, artillery, and infantry tactics (captains), in addition to pay as first lieutenants, not mounted, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For pay of four assistant instructors of cavalry, artillery, and infantry tactics (captains), in addition to pay as second lieutenants, not mounted, two thousand four hundred dollars.

For pay of one adjutant, in addition to pay as second lieutenant, not mounted, four hundred dollars.

For pay of one treasurer, quartermaster, and commissary of cadets, in addition to pay as captain of infantry, seven hundred dollars.

For pay of one master of the sword, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Cadets.

For pay of cadets, one hundred and seventy thousand dollars.

For pay of one teacher of music, one thousand and eighty dollars.

Longevity pay.

For additional pay of professors and officers (and officers on increased rank) for length of service, ten thousand one hundred and twenty dollars and one cent.

Band.

For pay of the Military Academy band: Six enlisted musicians at thirty-four dollars per month, two thousand four hundred and forty-eight dollars; six enlisted musicians at twenty dollars per month, one thousand four hundred and forty dollars; twelve enlisted musicians at seventeen dollars per month, two thousand four hundred and forty-eight dollars; additional pay for length of service, nine hundred and twenty-four dollars; clothing on discharge, nine hundred and sixty dollars; retained pay on discharge, five hundred and seventy-six dollars; in all, eight thousand seven hundred and ninety-six dollars.

Field musicians.

For pay of field musicians:

One sergeant, two hundred and sixteen dollars;

Fourteen privates, two thousand one hundred and eighty-four dollars;

Additional pay for length of service, forty-eight dollars;

Clothing on discharge, three hundred and seventy-five dollars;

Retained pay on discharge, three hundred and sixty dollars; in all, three thousand one hundred and eighty-three dollars.

Enlisted men. Quartermaster's Department.

Pay of general army service (Quartermaster's Department): For seven sergeants, one thousand five hundred and twelve dollars; seven corporals, one thousand two hundred and sixty dollars; one hundred and two privates, fifteen thousand nine hundred and twelve dollars; additional pay for length of service, five thousand four hundred and forty-eight dollars; clothing on discharge, two thousand nine hundred and twenty-five dollars; retained pay on discharge, two thousand eight

hundred and eight dollars; in all, twenty-nine thousand eight hundred and sixty-five dollars.

Cavalry detachment. Pay of cavalry detachment: For one first sergeant, three hundred dollars; five sergeants, one thousand and eighty dollars; four corporals, seven hundred and twenty dollars; two farriers, three hundred and sixty dollars; one wagoner, one hundred and sixty-eight dollars; fifty-two privates, eight thousand one hundred and twelve dollars; additional pay for length of service, one thousand five hundred and twenty-four dollars; clothing on discharge, two thousand four hundred dollars; retained pay on discharge, two thousand three hundred and four dollars; in all, sixteen thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight dollars.

Proviso. Limit of enlisted men. *Provided*, That the detachments of enlisted men at the Military Academy, heretofore designated as the General Army Service, Quartermaster's Department, and the cavalry detachment, shall be fixed at such numbers, not exceeding two hundred and fifteen enlisted men in both detachments, as in the opinion of the Secretary of War the necessities of the public service may from time to time require; but the number of enlisted men of the Army shall not be increased on account of this proviso or the two preceding paragraphs of this Act.

Current expenses. For current expenses as follows:

Repairs, etc. Repairs and improvements, namely: Timber, planks, boards, joists, wall strips, laths, shingles, slate, tin, sheet lead, zinc, nails, screws, locks, hinges, glass, paints, turpentine, oils, varnish, brushes, stone, brick, flag, lime, cement, plaster, hair, sewer and drain pipe, blasting powder, fuse, iron, steel, tools, machinery, mantels, and other similar materials, renewing roofs, and for pay of overseer and master builder and citizen mechanics, and labor employed upon repairs and improvements that can not be done by enlisted men, twenty thousand dollars.

Fuel and light. For fuel and apparatus, namely: Coal, wood, charcoal, stoves, grates, heaters, furnaces, ranges and fixtures, fire bricks, clay, sand, and for repairs of steam-heating apparatus, grates, stoves, heaters, ranges, and furnaces, mica, twenty thousand dollars.

For gas pipes, fixtures, lamp-posts, gasometers, and retorts, and annual repairs of the same, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For fuel for cadets' mess hall, shops, and laundry, three thousand dollars.

Postage, etc. For postage and telegrams, two hundred and fifty dollars

Stationery. For stationery, namely: Blank books, paper, envelopes, quills, steel pens, rubbers, erasers, pencils, mucilage, wax, wafers, folders, fasteners, rules, files, ink, inkstands, typewriting supplies, penholders, tape, desk knives, blotting pads, and rubber bands, eight hundred dollars.

Transportation. For transportation of materials, discharged cadets, and ferriages, one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Printing. Printing: For printing and binding, type, materials for office, including repairs to motor and machinery, diplomas for graduates, annual registers, blanks and monthly reports to parents of cadets, one thousand dollars.

Clerks. For clerk to the disbursing officer and quartermaster, one thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

For clerk to adjutant in charge of cadet records, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For one clerk to the adjutant, one thousand dollars.

For clerk to treasurer, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For one clerk to the quartermaster, one thousand dollars.

Department of cavalry, artillery, and infantry tactics. For department of cavalry, artillery, and infantry tactics, namely: For tan bark or other proper cover for riding hall, to be immediately available and to be purchased in open market on written order of the Superintendent, six hundred dollars.

For repairing camp stools and camp furniture, one hundred dollars.

For repairs and improvements of dressing rooms, walks, and dock at swimming place, two hundred and twenty dollars.

For furniture for offices and reception room for visitors, one hundred dollars.

For stationery for use of instructor and assistant instructors of tactics, one hundred and fifty dollars

For books and maps, binding books, and mounting maps, seventy-five dollars.

For plumes for cadet officers of the first class, seventy-five dollars.

For silk and worsted sashes for cadet officers and acting officers, two hundred and twenty dollars.

For foils, masks, belts, fencing gloves and fencing jackets, gaiters, and repairs, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For soap used in scrubbing cadet barracks, fifty dollars.

Department of civil and military engineering.

For department of civil and military engineering: For models, maps, purchase and repair of instruments, apparatus, drawing boards, desks, chairs, shelves, and cases for books and instruments, text-books, books of reference and stationery for the use of instructors, and contingencies, one thousand dollars;

Pay of one draftsman, one thousand dollars; in all, two thousand dollars

Department of natural and experimental philosophy.

For department of natural and experimental philosophy: For additions to apparatus to illustrate the principles of mechanics, acoustics, optics, and astronomy, eight hundred dollars; for books of reference, scientific periodicals, text-books, stationery, materials, and repairs, four hundred dollars; for repairs to the observatory buildings, repairs to clocks, and fittings to new lecture room, three hundred dollars; for pay of mechanic assistant, one thousand dollars; in all, two thousand five hundred dollars.

Department of mathematics.

For department of instruction in mathematics, namely: For repairs and materials for preservation of models and instruments, thirty-five dollars; for text-books, books of reference, binding, and stationery, one hundred and twenty five dollars; for table of logarithms, twenty-five dollars; one drawing table, twenty-five dollars; one drawing board, five dollars; one steel ruler, five dollars; one steel triangle, five dollars; for contingencies, twenty-five dollars; in all, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Department of history, geography, and ethics.

For department of history, geography, and ethics: For text-books, books of reference, maps and periodicals and repairing and rebinding same, and stationery for the use of instructors, one hundred and fifty dollars; for two thirty six-inch terrestrial globes for section rooms, at two hundred dollars each, four hundred dollars; in all, five hundred and fifty dollars.

Department of chemistry, mineralogy, and geology.

For department of chemistry, mineralogy, and geology: For chemicals, chemical apparatus, glass and porcelain ware, paper, wire, sheet metal, ores, photographic apparatus and materials, five hundred dollars.

For rough specimens, fossils, and for apparatus and material to be used in the practical determinations of mineralogical and geological specimens, pencils and papers for the practical instructions in the same branches, and for gradual increase and improvement of the cabinet, five hundred dollars.

Proviso. Laboratory.

For repairs and additions to electric, magnetic, pneumatic, thermic, and optical apparatus, five hundred dollars: *Provided*, That any of the above-named sums for the department of chemistry, mineralogy, and geology not expended for the purposes named, may be expended for fittings of the chemical rooms of the new Academy building.

For pay of mechanic employed in chemical and geological section rooms and in lecture rooms, one thousand dollars.

For models, maps, and diagrams, books of reference, text-books, and stationery for the use of instructors, one hundred and eighty dollars.

For contingencies, one hundred dollars.

Department of drawing.

For department of drawing: For drawing material for the use of instructors, tacks, sponges, brushes, glue, alcohol, hectograph filling and

paper, tumblers, saucers, towels, soap, ink, paint, stationery, and so forth, and contingent expenses, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For repairs to models, desks, stretchers, racks, and material, seventy-five dollars.

For models in flat and relief for topographical and free-hand drawing, one hundred dollars.

Set of models for work in descriptive geometry, one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Models for work in mechanical drawing, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Models for work in building construction drawing, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Photographic material and appliances for new gallery, two hundred dollars.

Slides for stereopticon to illustrate lectures of course, and apparatus in connection therewith, to two hundred and fifty dollars.

For books and periodicals, one hundred dollars.

For binding periodicals and loose sheets, thirty dollars.

General work in the preparation and arrangements of the new academies, section room and model room, one hundred dollars.

Department of modern languages.

For department of modern languages: For stationery, text-books, and books of reference for use of instructors, for repairs of books and apparatus, and for office furniture, and for printing examination papers, and for contingencies, three hundred and fifty dollars.

Department of law.

For department of law: For stationery, text-books, books of reference, and books for use of instructors, and for repairing and binding same, and furniture for office, two hundred and fifty dollars; and hereafter there may be assigned to the department of law one assistant professor.

Department of practical military engineering.

For department of practical military engineering: For purchase and repair of instruments, transportation, purchase of tools, implements, and materials, and for extra-duty pay of engineer soldiers, as follows, namely: For instruments for use in instructing cadets, in making reconnoissances; photographic apparatus and material for field photography; drawing instruments and material for platting reconnoissances, surveying instruments, instruments and material for signaling and field telegraphy; transportation of field parties; tools and material for the preservation, augmentation, and repair of wooden pontoon, and one canvas pontoon-bridge train; sapping and mining tools and material; rope, cordage, material for rafts and for spar and trestle bridges; intrenching tools; tools and material for the repair of Fort Clinton and the batteries at the Academy, and extra-duty pay of engineer soldiers, at fifty cents per day each when performing special skilled mechanical labor in the department of practical military engineering; for models, books of reference, and stationery, one thousand two hundred dollars.

Department of ordnance and gunnery.

For department of ordnance and gunnery: For purchase and repairs of instruments, models, and apparatus, and purchase of necessary materials; for the purchase of samples of arms and accouterments other than those supplied to the military service; for books of reference, text-books, stationery, and lithographic printing materials, four hundred and fifty dollars.

For extra pay of one ordnance soldier, as draftsman and lithographic printer, at fifty cents per day, one hundred and forty-three dollars and fifty cents.

For extra pay of one ordnance soldier, as machinist, at fifty cents per day, one hundred and forty-three dollars and fifty cents.

For extra pay of one ordnance soldier as clerk, at fifty cents per day, one hundred and forty-three dollars and fifty cents.

Driggs-Schroeder gun.

For purchase of one Driggs-Schroeder six-pounder rapid-fire field gun, mounted on field carriage complete, with accessories and spare parts, limber and ammunition, three thousand dollars.

Models.

For manufacture or purchase of models of the new steel carriages for field, siege, and seacoast services for cadet instruction, three thousand dollars.

For purchase of ammunition for rapid-fire guns now on hand, three hundred dollars.

Treasurer's office.

For stationery for office of the treasurer, United States Military Academy, namely, blank books, paper, envelopes, pens, mucilage, typewriting supplies, and other items of stationery, fifty dollars.

Extra pay to enlisted men.

For extra pay of two enlisted men employed as clerks in the offices of the adjutant United States Military Academy and commandant of cadets, respectively, at fifty cents and thirty-five cents per day, two hundred and eighty-four dollars and twenty-five cents.

For extra pay of four enlisted men as printers, at headquarters United States Military Academy, at fifty cents each per day, six hundred and twenty-six dollars.

For extra pay of one enlisted man employed as watchman, at thirty-five cents per day, one hundred and fifty-nine dollars and sixty cents.

For extra pay of one enlisted man employed as trumpeter at the cadet barracks, at thirty-five cents per day, one hundred and twenty-seven dollars and seventy-five cents.

For extra pay of one enlisted man employed in the philosophical department, observatory, as mechanic, at fifty cents per day, one hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents.

For extra pay of one enlisted man employed in the chemical department, at fifty cents per day, one hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents.

For extra pay of two enlisted men (cavalrymen) when performing special skilled mechanical labor, at fifty cents each per day, three hundred and thirteen dollars.

For extra pay of one enlisted man employed as saddler at fifty cents per day, one hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents.

For extra pay of one enlisted man employed in the department of drawing, at fifty cents per day, one hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents: *Provided*, That the extra pay provided by the nine preceding paragraphs shall not be paid to any enlisted man who receives extra-duty pay under existing laws or army regulations.

Proviso.
No duplication.

Board of Visitors.

For expenses of the Board of Visitors, including mileage, three thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous expenses.

For miscellaneous and incidental expenses: For gas-coal, oil, candles, lanterns, matches, chimneys, and wicking for lighting the Academy chapel, library, cadet barracks, mess hall, shops, hospital, offices, stables, and riding hall, sidewalks, camp, and wharves, five thousand dollars.

For water pipe, plumbing, and repairs, two thousand dollars.

For cleaning public buildings (not quarters), one thousand dollars.

For brooms, brushes, pails, tubs, soap, and cloths, two hundred dollars.

For chalk, crayon, sponges, slate, rubbers, and card for recitation room, three hundred dollars.

Compensation.

For compensation of chapel organist, two hundred dollars.

For compensation of librarian, one hundred and twenty dollars.

Mechanics, etc.

For pay of engineer of heating and ventilating apparatus for the academic building, the cadet barracks, and office building, cadet hospital, chapel, and philosophical building, including the library, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For pay of assistant engineer of same, one thousand dollars.

For pay of eight firemen, four thousand eight hundred dollars.

For pay of librarian's assistant, one thousand two hundred dollars.

For pay of one superintendent of gas works, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For pay of one civilian plumber, nine hundred dollars.

For pay of one scavenger, at sixty dollars a month, seven hundred and twenty dollars.

For pay of one electrician, nine hundred dollars.

For pay of custodian of new Academy building, one thousand dollars.

Library. For increase and expense of library, namely: For periodicals, stationery, binding books, and scientific, historical, biographical, and general literature, to be purchased in open market on the written order of the Superintendent, two thousand dollars.

For repairing books, and for furniture, two hundred dollars.

Furniture, etc. For furniture for cadet hospital, and repairs of the same, one hundred dollars.

For contingencies for Superintendent of the Academy, one thousand dollars.

For renewing furniture in section rooms, and repairing the same, five hundred dollars.

For repairs, upholstering, and carpeting the Academy chapel, one thousand three hundred and twenty dollars.

Contingencies, Academic Board. For contingent funds, to be expended under the direction of the Academic Board; for instruments, books, repairs to apparatus, and other incidental expenses not otherwise provided for, one thousand dollars: *Provided*, That all technical and scientific supplies for the departments of instruction of the Military Academy shall be purchased by contract or otherwise, as the Secretary of War may deem best.

Proviso. Technical supplies.

Musical supplies. For purchase of instruments for band, to be purchased in open market by order of the Superintendent, three hundred and forty-two dollars.

For purchase of reeds, pads, strings, and other materials necessary for string instruments, to be purchased in open market on the order of the Superintendent, one hundred dollars.

For repairs to instruments, music stands, and other such equipment, to be purchased in open market on the order of the Superintendent, one hundred dollars.

For purchase of fifty portfolios, spring back, for holding music, to be purchased in open market on the order of the Superintendent, fifty dollars.

For purchase of music for band, to be purchased in open market on the order of the Superintendent, two hundred and fifty-eight dollars.

Public works. PUBLIC WORKS.

Repairing roads, etc. For buildings and grounds: For repairing roads and paths, including roads and bridges on reservation, one thousand dollars.

For continuing construction of breast-high wall in dangerous places, five hundred dollars.

Waterworks. For waterworks: Renewal of material in filter beds, improving ventilation of filter house and water house; hose for use in cleaning filter beds and water house, and for use in fire service at same; tools, implements, and materials for use of the two keepers, and for repairs of siphon house, filter house, and of four and one-half miles of supply pipes; for shed for tools and storage of fuel for keeper of Round Pond, and for tool house at filter; for gauges at Round Pond and Delafield Pond, and stairs for access to same, and all other necessary work of maintenance and repairs, five hundred dollars.

New reservoir. For completing one new reservoir, seventeen thousand three hundred and seventy-five dollars.

For broken stone and gravel for roads, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Cemetery. For maintaining and improving the grounds of the post cemetery, including the purchase of trees, plants, tools, and materials, one thousand dollars.

Subsistence department. For repair of cooking utensils and the replacement of worn-out cooking utensils in the cadet subsistence department, to be expended without advertising, three hundred and twenty-six dollars.

For repair of chairs, tables, and other furniture in cadet subsistence department, to be expended without advertising, fifty dollars.

For painting, kalsomining, whitewashing, and repairing interior walls of cadet mess building, kitchen, dish pantry, bakery, dormitories,

and storerooms, and for incidental repairs about the same, to be expended without advertising, one hundred and fifty dollars.

Repairs.

For general repairs to the cadet laundry, painting, renewing machinery, and incidental repairs to machinery and building, to be expended without advertising, three hundred dollars.

For painting, and for general incidental repairs and improvements to the cadet quartermaster's department building, including storerooms, office, tailor shops, shoe repairing, and so forth, the same to be expended as required without advertising, three hundred dollars.

For repairs, new machines, and fixtures for gymnasium, three hundred dollars.

Repairs to cadet guardhouse: For painting exterior and interior walls and woodwork, and for kalsomining ceilings throughout, two hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Cadet barracks.

Repairs to cadet barracks: For kalsomining ceilings in cadet rooms, painting interior walls and woodwork, repairing and renewing floors and painting porch, three thousand dollars.

Cadet hospital.

Repairs and improvements, and so forth, needed at the cadet hospital, as follows: For repainting ceiling and walls of hospital throughout; for material for reoiling and relacquering hard-wood floors; for bronzing material for rebronzing radiator, water pipes, and so forth; for material for making portable storm vestibule for front porch and steps; for material and labor for concrete or cement walk and handrail for main sidewalk to foot of steps, front entrance; for material and labor for bath tub and wash basin, including soil stack and connections, third floor; for material and labor for making one new "lift," with rope for same; for guard rail of wrought iron for false door leading to rear area; for repairing and refinishing venetian blinds; and for relining twenty-four copper cooking utensils, one thousand four hundred and fifteen dollars and twenty-five cents.

Soldiers' hospital.

For repairs, improvements, and so forth, required at the soldiers' hospital: For hard-oil finish for windows, transoms, and interior woodwork of building and annex, except floors; for six lockers in upper hall for attendants' clothing, with necessary locks, keys, and double clothing hooks to each; for five shelves in linen room, to run the entire length of one side of room; for iron bars over transom of door in isolation ward and in windows of isolation ward bathroom; for coal chute from outside of building to furnace room; for Butcher's "Boston" polish for floors; for fittings in one room in basement for post-mortem and dead room; for the purchase of trees and shrubs, and transplanting same; for three hundred yards of standard lawn fence for inclosing rear and one side of grounds; for two hundred and fifty yards of fencing for inclosing front and one side of grounds to include double drive gates, single walk gates, and the requisite line posts, corner and gate posts, anchors, top rails, loops, hook bolts, and top ornaments, one thousand dollars.

For continuing repairs to road from south gate to the southern boundary line of reservation, and for continuing the laying of a stone walk along same, two thousand dollars.

Library.

For procuring architect's plans, specifications, estimates, and drawings for complete renovation of the library building, namely: For removing towers of the old observatory wing, the walls, floors, and interior of that part now occupied by the philosophical department, and making the whole fireproof; for fitting up of new library cases and shelves, and adjusting the interior to comply with the requisites of a modern library, and to make such suitable modifications and alterations in the walls, windows, doors, passageways, and roof as may be deemed necessary to make the present building suitable for the purposes of a library, one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

Organ.

New organ for Academy chapel, two thousand dollars.

Band barracks.

For flooring band barracks throughout, two thousand four hundred dollars.

Grading, etc.

For grading roads near new Academy building and cadet barracks, three thousand dollars.

For macadamizing picket line at cavalry stables, five hundred and sixty dollars.

Stable, etc.

For repairs and improvements to quartermaster's stable and barn, including concrete floor, new stall partitions, new mangers and feed boxes, and new flooring for granary, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For additions and improvements to barracks of Company E, engineers, namely: For enlarging latrine and adding four water-closets and three urinals; for painting and repairing all outside woodwork; for repairing windows and skylights and repainting outside walls, one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

One latrine, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Gas main.

New eight-inch gas main from gas works to the administration building and new six-inch gas main thence to the new set of officers' quarters, below the south gate, six thousand dollars.

Furniture, etc., new building.

Furniture for new Academy building, including gas fixtures, twenty-one thousand three hundred and twenty-one dollars and thirty cents, to be immediately available.

Approved, January 16, 1895.

January 19, 1895.

CHAP. 33.—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Texarkana and Fort Smith Railway Company to bridge Little River in the State of Arkansas," approved April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

Bridge across Little River, Ark.
Ante, p. 62.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Texarkana and Fort Smith Railway Company to bridge Little River in the State of Arkansas," approved April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended as follows:

Height reduced.

"That if the said bridge shall be made with unbroken and continuous spans, there shall be at least one span of a height of not less than forty feet above low water, as understood at the point of location, measured to the lowest part of the superstructure of said bridge; and said span shall have an opening of two hundred and fifty feet from center of pier to center of pier."

Time for constructing extended.
Ante, p. 64.

SEC. 2. That the time for the commencement of the construction of said bridge is hereby extended to within one year and its completion to within three years from the approval of this Act.

Approved, January 19, 1895.

January 19, 1895.

CHAP. 34.—An Act For the relief of homestead settlers in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan.

Preamble.

Whereas during the summer and autumn of eighteen hundred and ninety-four extensive forest fires prevailed in northern Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan, resulting in the death of many homesteaders and their families, the destruction of their property and effects, and of much of the green timber growing upon them, which homesteads are valuable chiefly for the timber standing and growing on them; and,

Whereas under existing law homesteaders are not allowed to cut or sell green or burned timber, except for the purpose of clearing and improving, and all burned timber not cut within a short period will become worthless and a loss to the settler and the Government: Therefore,

Public lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all such persons actually occupying homesteads in said States of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and