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Aids to navigation.

SEC. 7. That said bridge herein authorized to be constructed shall be so kept and managed at all times as to afford proper means and ways for the passage of vessels, barges, or rafts, both by day and by night; and there shall be displayed on said bridge by the owners thereof, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe; and such changes shall be made from time to time in the structure of said bridge as the Secretary of War may direct, at the expense of the said company, in order the more effectually to preserve the free navigation of said river.

Lights, etc.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 8. That this Act shall be null and void unless the construction of said bridge shall be commenced within one year and completed within three years from the passage of this Act.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 9. That Congress shall have power at any time to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Approved, March 2, 1895.

March 2, 1895.

CHAP. 161.—An Act Making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and for other purposes.

Pensions 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 payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and for other purposes, namely:

Invalid, etc., pensions.

For Army and Navy pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives, army nurses, survivors and widows of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve and with Mexico, and the survivors and widows of the Indian wars of eighteen hundred and thirty-two to eighteen hundred and forty-two, inclusive, one hundred and forty million dollars: *Provided*, That the appropriation aforesaid for Navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the Navy pension fund, so far as the same may be sufficient for that purpose: *Provided further*, That the amount expended under each of the above items shall be accounted for separately: *And provided further*, That so much of the fourth proviso of an Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and for other purposes," approved March first, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, which reads as follows: "That from and after July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, no pension shall be paid to a nonresident who is not a citizen of the United States, except for actual disabilities incurred in the service," be and the same is hereby repealed.

Provisos.
Navy pensions.
Accounts.
Restriction to non residents repealed.
Vol. 27, p. 524.

Examining surgeons.
Fees, etc.

For fees and expenses of examining surgeons for services rendered within the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, eight hundred thousand dollars. And each member of each examining board shall, as now authorized by law, receive the sum of two dollars for the examination of each applicant whenever five or a less number shall be examined on any one day, and one dollar for the examination of each additional applicant on such day: *Provided*, That if twenty or more applicants appear on one day, no fewer than twenty shall, if practicable, be examined on said day, and that if fewer examinations be then made, twenty or more having appeared, then there shall be paid for the first examinations made on the next examination day the fee of one dollar only until twenty examinations shall have been made: *Provided further*, That no fee shall be paid to any member of an examining board unless personally present and assisting in the examination of applicant: *Provided*, That the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically state the rating which in their judgment the applicant is entitled to:

Provisos.
Examinations.
No fee unless service rendered.
Rating.

Six dollars a month made minimum rate.

And it is further provided, That from and after the passage of this Act, all pensioners now on the rolls, who are pensioned at less than six dollars per month, for any degree of pensionable disability, shall have their pensions increased to six dollars per month; and that hereafter, whenever any applicant for pension would, under existing rates, be entitled to less than six dollars for any single disability, or several combined disabilities, such pensioner shall be rated at not less than six dollars per month: *Provided also*, That the provisions hereof shall not be held to cover any pensionable period prior to the passage of this Act, nor authorize a re-rating of any claims for any part of such period, nor prevent the allowance of lower rates than six dollars per month, according to the existing practice in the Pension Office in pending cases covering any pensionable period prior to the passage of this Act.

No prior effect.

Agents' salaries.

For salaries of eighteen agents for the payment of pensions, at four thousand dollars each, seventy-two thousand dollars.

Clerk hire.
Proviso.
Apportionment.

For clerk hire, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the amount of clerk hire for each agency shall be apportioned as nearly as practicable in proportion to the number of pensioners paid at each agency, and the salaries paid shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, but the appointment of the clerk to sign official checks, who shall receive the same compensation at each agency as was paid during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, shall be made by the pension agent without other or further approval.

Fuel.

For fuel, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Lights.

For lights, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Stationery, etc.

For stationery and other necessary expenses, to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thirty-five thousand dollars.

Rents.

For rents, twenty-three thousand and seventy dollars.

Approved, March 2, 1895.

March 2, 1895.

CHAP. 162.—An Act Making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, for the armament thereof, for the procurement of heavy ordnance for trial and service, 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, to be available until expended, namely:

Gun and mortar batteries.

GUN AND MORTAR BATTERIES: For construction of gun and mortar batteries, four hundred thousand dollars.

For construction of gun and mortar platforms, one hundred thousand dollars.

Preservation, etc.

PRESERVATION AND REPAIR OF FORTIFICATIONS: For the protection, preservation, and repair of fortifications for which there may be no special appropriation available, forty-five thousand dollars.

For preparation of plans for fortifications, five thousand dollars.

Torpedoes for harbor defense.

TORPEDOES FOR HARBOR DEFENSE: For the purchase of submarine mines and necessary appliances to operate them for closing the channels leading to our principal seaports, twenty thousand dollars.

For needful casemates, cable galleries, and so forth, to render it possible to operate submarine mines, twenty thousand dollars.

Armament.
Seacoast guns
Army gun factory.

ARMAMENT OF FORTIFICATIONS: For finishing and assembling eight-inch, ten-inch, and twelve-inch seacoast guns at the Army Gun Factory, two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Steel for guns.

For purchase under contract after due advertisement of oil-tempered and annealed steel for high-power coast-defense guns of eight, ten, and twelve inch caliber, in quality and dimensions conforming to specifications, subject to inspection at each stage of the manufacture, and including all the parts of each caliber, two hundred thousand dollars.