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SEC. 8. That the foregoing sections of this Act shall apply only to wills and testaments hereafter offered for probate, and, in cases of intestacy, to the estates of such persons as shall die after the passage of this Act: *Provided*, That in the supreme court of the District of Columbia holding a term for orphans' court business any person interested under any will heretofore filed in said court may offer the same for probate as a will of real estate, whereupon such proceedings shall be had as by this Act are authorized in regard to wills hereafter offered for probate.

Act applicable only to wills hereafter filed.

Proviso. Probate of wills heretofore filed.

SEC. 9. That the said justice may authorize and direct collectors heretofore or hereafter appointed to discharge pendente lite all or any of the duties of an administrator.

Collectors to act as administrators.

SEC. 10. That the record in the office of the register of wills for the District of Columbia of a duly certified copy, or transcript of the record of proceedings, admitting any will or codicil to probate outside of the District of Columbia; and the record in said office of any will or codicil heretofore admitted to probate in said District, and which shall not have been annulled or declared void according to law prior to the passage of this Act, shall be deemed and held, at law and in equity, as of the same and like force and effect as if such will or codicil had been duly proved and admitted to probate and record under and in accordance with the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to any proceedings at law or in equity pending at the date of the passage of this Act, or commenced within one year after the passage of this Act, wherein or whereby the validity of such will or codicil is or shall be called in question.

Force in the District of will probated elsewhere, etc.

Proviso. —limitation.

SEC. 11. That the supreme court of the District of Columbia in general term is hereby authorized and empowered to make all such rules of practice as shall be necessary for the exercise of the jurisdiction hereby conferred, and to revise and alter such rules from time to time as it may deem proper.

Rules of practice.

SEC. 12. That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Approved, June 8, 1898.

CHAP. 395.—An Act Making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies in the appropriations for the support of the Military and Naval establishments for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and for other purposes.

June 8, 1898.

Post, p. 772.

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 hereby are, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the support of the Military and Naval establishments for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and for other purposes, as follows:

Urgent deficiencies appropriations.

MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.

CONTINGENCIES OF THE ARMY.

Army.

For contingent expenses of the Army, incident to the expedition to the Philippine Islands, to be expended under the direction of the commanding officer of the United States military forces at the Philippine Islands, in his discretion, for such purposes as he may deem best in the execution of his duties under the orders of the President, and for such objects as are not now appropriated for, to be available until expended, one hundred thousand dollars.

Expenses Philippine expedition.

Expeditionary force to Cuba.

EXPEDITIONARY FORCE TO CUBA.

Road construction, etc.

For machinery and equipment for the construction and repair of roads, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For the construction and equipment of military railroads, two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Tools, etc.

For additional intrenching tools, electric appliances, photographic and topographic outfit, instruments, maps, manuals, and special and technical services, fifty thousand dollars.

Contingencies.

For contingencies involving immediate expenditures of imperative urgency that can not be specified in advance, to be expended under the direction of the Major-General Commanding the Army, fifty thousand dollars.

Signal service.

SIGNAL SERVICE OF THE ARMY.

Expenses.

For the expenses of the Signal Service of the Army as follows: Purchase, equipment, and repair of field electric telegraphs, signal equipments and stores, binocular glasses, telescopes, heliostats, and other necessary instruments, including necessary meteorological instruments for use on target ranges; war balloons, telephone apparatus (excluding exchange service), and maintenance of the same; electrical installations and maintenance at military posts; maintenance and repair of military telegraph lines and cables, including salaries of civilian employees, supplies, and general repairs, and other expenses connected with the duty of collecting and transmitting information for the Army by telegraph or otherwise, one hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars.

Subsistence Department.

SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT.

Supplies.

Purchase of subsistence supplies: For issue, as rations to troops, civil employees when entitled thereto, hospital matrons, general prisoners at posts, prisoners of war (including Indians held by the Army as prisoners, but for whose subsistence appropriation is not otherwise made); for sales to officers and enlisted men of the Army; for authorized issues of candles; of toilet articles, barbers', laundry and tailors' materials, for use of general prisoners confined at military posts without pay or allowances, and recruits at recruiting stations; of matches for lighting public fires and lights at posts and stations and in the field; of flour used for paste in target practice; of salt and vinegar for public animals; of issues to Indians visiting military posts, and to Indians employed with the Army, without pay, as guides and scouts.

Payments.

For payments: For meals for recruiting parties and recruits; for hot coffee, canned beef, and baked beans for troops traveling, when it is impracticable to cook their rations; for scales, weights, measures, utensils, tools, stationery, blank books and forms, printing, advertising, commercial newspapers, use of telephones, office furniture; for temporary buildings, cellars, and other means of protecting subsistence supplies (when not provided by the Quartermaster's Department); for compensation of civilians employed in the Subsistence Department; and for other necessary expenses incident to the purchase, care, preservation, issue, sale, and accounting for subsistence supplies for the Army.

Commutation of rations.

For the payment of the regulation allowances for commutation in lieu of rations: To enlisted men on furlough, to ordnance sergeants on duty at ungarrisoned posts, to enlisted men stationed at places where rations in kind can not be economically issued, to enlisted men traveling on detached duty when it is impracticable to carry rations of any kind, to enlisted men selected to contest for places or prizes in department and Army rifle competitions while traveling to and from places of contest; to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War; five million dollars.

Amount.

Medical Department.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Supplies, etc.

For the purchase of medical and hospital supplies, including disinfectants for general post sanitation, expenses of medical-supply depots,

pay of employees, medical care and treatment of officers and enlisted men of the regular and volunteer armies on duties at posts and stations for which no other provision is made, for the proper care and treatment of cases in the armies suffering from contagious or epidemic diseases, fifty thousand dollars.

TORPEDOES FOR HARBOR DEFENSE. Torpedoes.

For torpedo defense of Manila Harbor, Philippine Islands, to be available until expended, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Manila Harbor.

PUBLIC PRINTING AND BINDING. Public printing and binding.

For printing and binding for the War Department and its bureaus, to be executed under the direction of the Public Printer and to remain available until expended, one hundred thousand dollars. War Department.

NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT.

NAVY DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY FUND.

For special necessities of the various naval squadrons; for the charter or purchase of suitable vessels; for the increase of small craft attached to the various squadrons, and for replacing such as may be lost or destroyed; for maintaining and destroying communication; and for obtaining information, ten million dollars, of which sum not more than five hundred thousand dollars may be used to meet contingencies that can not be foreseen, but which constantly arise under existing conditions. Navy.

BUREAU OF SUPPLIES AND ACCOUNTS. Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

For provisions and commuted rations for the seamen and marines, which commuted rations may be paid to caterers of messes, in cases of death or desertion, upon orders of the commanding officer, commuted rations for officers on sea duty and naval cadets, and commuted rations stopped on account of sick in hospital and credited to the naval hospital fund, subsistence of officers and men unavoidably detained or absent from vessels to which attached under orders (during which subsistence rations to be stopped on board ship and no credit for commutation therefor to be given); fresh water for drinking and cooking purposes; labor in general storehouses and paymasters' offices in navy-yards, including expenses in handling stores purchased under the naval supply fund, one million dollars. Provisions.

For purchase of clothing and small stores for issue to the naval service, the present fund being inadequate to meet the requirements of the service at this time, to be added to the "Clothing and small stores fund," one million dollars. Clothing, etc.

PUBLIC PRINTING AND BINDING. Public printing and binding.

For printing and binding for the Navy Department and its bureaus, to be executed under the direction of the Public Printer, twenty thousand dollars. Navy Department.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT. Treasury Department.

ENGRAVING AND PRINTING. Engraving and printing.

For labor and expenses of engraving and printing: For salaries of all necessary clerks and employees other than plate printers and plate printers' assistants, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, twenty thousand dollars. Salaries.

For wages of plate printers, at piece rates to be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, not to exceed the rates usually paid for such Wages.

work, including the wages of printers' assistants, at one dollar and twenty-five cents a day each, when employed, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, twelve thousand dollars.

Materials.

For engravers', printers' and other materials, except distinctive paper, and for miscellaneous expenses, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, eighteen thousand dollars.

Appropriations available until December 31, 1898.

That the appropriations made by this Act, except as otherwise provided, shall remain available for payment of liabilities which may be incurred to and including December thirty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Approved, June 8, 1898.

June 10, 1898.

CHAP. 423.—An Act For revising and perfecting the classification of letters patent and printed publications in the Patent Office.

Patent Office.
Revision of classification of letters patent, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of determining with more readiness and accuracy the novelty of inventions for which applications for letters patent are or may be filed in the United States Patent Office, and to prevent the issuance of letters patent of the United States for inventions which are not new, the Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized and directed to revise and perfect the classification, by subjects-matter, of all letters patent and printed publications in the United States Patent Office which constitute the field of search in the examination as to the novelty of invention for which applications for patents are or may be filed.

Additional employees.
Post, p. 672.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of enabling the Commissioner of Patents to carry out the provisions of this Act the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to appoint from time to time, in the manner already provided for by law, such additional number of principal examiners, assistant examiners, first-class clerks, copyists, laborers, assistant messengers, and messenger boys as he may deem necessary: *Provided, however*, That the whole number of additional employees shall not exceed three principal examiners, two first assistant examiners, two second assistant examiners, six third assistant examiners, five fourth assistant examiners, four first-class clerks, four copyists, six laborers, six assistant messengers, and six messenger boys; that the annual expenses for this additional force shall not exceed the sum of sixty-two thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars.

Proviso.
Limit.

Approved, June 10, 1898.

June 13, 1898.

CHAP. 446.—An Act Making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Postal service appropriations.
Vol. 5, p. 80.

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 they are hereby, appropriated for the service of the Post-Office Department, in conformity with the Act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, as follows:

Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Advertising.

For advertising, five thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

For miscellaneous items in the office of the Postmaster-General, one thousand dollars.

Postal laws, appropriation for printing, etc., revised edition.

For printing and binding a revised edition of the postal laws and regulations, consisting of one hundred thousand copies, such edition to be prepared under the direction of the Postmaster-General and printed at the Government Printing Office; and the Postmaster-General may