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and medals herein authorized shall be contested for only by officers below the rank of major and by enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and the National Guard or organized militia of the several States, Territories, and of the District of Columbia.

Fire control for field batteries.

For range finders and other instruments for fire control in field batteries, one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars.

Purchases for State coast artillery.

For the purchase of material, equipment, books of instruction, range finders, and fire-control equipment for the instruction and use of State coast artillery organizations, twenty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That in time of war, or threatened war, such equipment may, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, be withdrawn from armories or other places where it is in use by the State coast artillery organizations, and may be used in the fortifications of the United States.

Proviso.
Use of, in time of war.

Sale of ordnance property, etc.

Sales of articles of ordnance property are authorized to educational institutions and State soldiers' and sailors' orphans' homes for maintaining the ordnance and ordnance stores issued to them.

Arms to postal service.

For the reimbursement of the Ordnance Department of the Army on account of the loss of arms, ammunition, and equipments issued to the Post-Office Department, two hundred and three dollars and thirty-seven cents.

Special purchases.

Whenever proposals are invited for the furnishing of articles of ordnance property, the character of which or the ingredients thereof are of such a nature that the interests of the public service would be injured by publicly divulging them, the Chief of Ordnance is authorized to purchase such articles in such manner as he may deem most economical and efficient.

Big Hole Battlefield, Mont.
Preservation, etc., of monument.

For the construction of a suitable fence of iron or steel about the monument erected in eighteen hundred and eighty-three on the Big Hole Battlefield, State of Montana, for the transportation and other necessary expenses in inclosing and restoring the monument, and for the preservation of the same, twelve hundred dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary.

Fort Bayard, N. Mex.
Quarters for officers and nurses.

For the construction at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, of the necessary quarters for officers and suitable building for quarters for Army nurses, two hundred and fourteen thousand one hundred dollars.

Approved, May 11, 1908.

CHAP. 164.—An Act To increase the membership of the Philippine Commission by one member, and for other purposes.

May 11, 1908.
[H. R. 17516.]
[Public, No. 113.]

Philippine Commission.
Additional member of, authorized.
Vol. 32, p. 691.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the number of Commissioners constituting the Philippine Commission is hereby increased by one additional member, making the Commission consist of nine members. Said additional member shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall receive the same salary and emoluments as is now, or may hereafter, be prescribed by law.

New executive department created.

SEC. 2. That the President is hereby authorized in his discretion to create by Executive order, and name, a new executive department in the Philippine government, and to embrace therein such existing bureaus as he may designate in the order; and in his appointment of any commission member he shall specify in his message to the Senate the department, if any, of which the appointee shall be the secretary.

Approved, May 11, 1908.