

the number of persons, the grades or character of positions, the original rates of compensation, and the increased rates of compensation provided for herein.

That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to cancel the assessment of \$13,252.21, being income tax on profit on the sale of Charles L. Freer, of Detroit, Michigan, in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, of twelve thousand and ninety-five shares of Parke, Davis and Company's stock, \$1,000,000 of the proceeds from the sale of said stock having been given to the Smithsonian Institution for the erection of a building to house the art collections presented to the Nation by Mr. Freer under deed of gift dated May fifth, nineteen hundred and six, and the remainder having been paid by Mr. Freer for the purchase of additional objects which have been added to the collections and presented to the Nation by him.

Charles L. Freer.
Income tax canceled
of gift to Smithsonian
Institution.

SEC. 3. That all sums appropriated by this act for salaries of officers and employees of the Government shall be in full for such salaries for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and eighteen, and all laws or parts of laws to the extent they are in conflict with the provisions of this Act are repealed.

Suma for salaries to
be in full.

Approved, June 12, 1917.

CHAP. 28.—An Act To authorize the issue to States and Territories and the District of Columbia of rifles and other property for the equipment of organizations of home guards.

June 14, 1917.
[S. 995.]

[Public, No. 22.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War during this existing emergency be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to issue from time to time to the several States and Territories and the District of Columbia for the equipment of such home guards having the character of State police or constabulary as may be organized by the several States and Territories and District of Columbia, and such other home guards as may be organized under the direction of the governors of the several States and Territories and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or other State troops or militia, such rifles and ammunition therefor, cartridge belts, haversacks, canteens, in limited amounts as available supplies will permit, provided that the property so issued shall remain the property of the United States and shall be receipted for by the governors of the several States and Territories and Commissioners of the District of Columbia and accounted for by them under such regulations and upon furnishing such bonds or security as the Secretary of War may prescribe, and that any property so issued shall be returned to the United States on demand when no longer needed for the purposes for which issued, or if, in the judgment of the Secretary of War, an exigency requires the use of the property for Federal purposes: *Provided,* That all home guards, State troops and militia receiving arms and equipments as herein provided shall have the use, in the discretion of the Secretary of War and under such regulations as he may prescribe, of rifle ranges owned or controlled by the United States of America.

Home guards of
States, etc.
Issue of Army small
arms, etc., to, author-
ized.

Accountability, etc.

Return, etc.

Proviso.
Use of rifle ranges.

Approved, June 14, 1917.