

For the thorough trial, and for maintaining of light on Brandywine Shoal, Delaware Bay, from October the first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, to March thirty-first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, six months, one thousand one hundred and forty-four dollars and twenty-four cents.

Brandywine Shoal.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That of the seventy-two thousand dollars heretofore appropriated for the payment of eight companies of Texas troops, the amount which has been paid by the State of Texas, shall be paid to said State, or its properly constituted agent, and that the amount due to the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates, be paid to each by the pay department, in the usual manner, estimating their pay in accordance with the provisions of the law for paying volunteers during the Mexican war, so soon as the amount due each shall be ascertained by the accounting officers of the treasury.

Mode of making the payment provided in act of 1850, ch. 91, § 2, for Texan troops.

APPROVED, March 3, 1851.

CHAP. XXXIV.—*An Act making Appropriations for the Naval Service for the Year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.*

March 3, 1851.

*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 to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two:—

For pay of commission, warrant, and petty officers and seamen, including the engineer corps of the navy, two millions seven hundred and seventy-one thousand four hundred and forty-eight dollars.

Pay of officers and seamen.

For pay of superintendents, naval constructors, and all the civil establishments at the several navy yards and stations, ninety thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars.

Superintendents, constructors, &c.

For provisions for commission, warrant, and petty officers and seamen, including engineers and marines attached to vessels for sea service, six hundred and eighty-eight thousand and eighty dollars: *Provided*, That no commutation of rations shall be allowed except to officers and their attendants, and for the spirit part of the ration; and no person not actually attached to, and doing duty on board a sea-going or receiving vessel, and the petty officers, seamen, and ordinary seamen attached to the ordinary of the navy yards, shall be allowed a ration. *And provided, further*, That no rations stopped for the sick on board vessels shall be credited to the hospital fund, but shall remain and be accounted for by the purser as part of the provisions of the vessels, and that the rations of officers and others of the navy, sent to hospitals on shore, shall be credited to the hospital fund at the cost only thereof; and the chief of the bureau of provisions and clothing, with the approbation of the Secretary of the Navy, shall prescribe all such regulations in relation to stopping such rations as will ensure a faithful accountability for the rations stopped for the sick on board vessels, and to ensure due credit to the hospital fund for the rations at cost of those sent to the hospitals on shore; the said regulations to go into effect on the first day of the succeeding month after their official receipt at yards, stations, and on board vessels.

Provisions.

Commutation of rations.

Who entitled to rations.

Stoppage of rations of those sick.

For surgeons necessities, and appliances for the sick and hurt of the navy, including the marine corps, thirty-seven thousand six hundred dollars.

Surgeons' necessities.

For repair of vessels in ordinary, and for wear and tear of vessels in commission, including fuel and purchase of hemp, one million three hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Secretary

Repair and wear and tear of ships.  
Fuel.

Hemp, purchase of. of the Navy shall hereafter purchase for the use of the navy, in open market, if to be procured, American hemp of a quality equal to the best foreign article.

Ordnance and ordnance stores. For ordnance and ordnance stores and small arms, including incidental expenses, one hundred and seventy-one thousand two hundred dollars: *Provided*, That the officer charged with the experiments in gunnery at the navy yard at Washington shall hereafter receive the compensation of a commander at sea.

Meteorological observations. For meteorological observations, to be conducted under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, two thousand dollars.

Nautical instruments. For the purchase and repair of the nautical instruments required for the use of the navy, ten thousand five hundred dollars.

Books, maps, and charts. For the purchase of all the books, maps, and charts required for the use of the navy, eight thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

For backing and binding the same, and for printing and publishing hydrographical surveys, astronomical observations, and sailing directions, nine thousand two hundred dollars.

Pay of superintendent of expedition in Chili. 1848, ch. 121. And the superintendent of the naval astronomical expedition in Chili, directed by the act of the third of August, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, shall receive the same amount of salary as is allowed to the superintendent of the naval observatory at Washington City, while he has been or may be in charge of that expedition: *Provided*, That the pay and emoluments of said officer shall not exceed for any one year the sum of three thousand dollars.

Sundries. For models, drawings, copying, postage, stationery, freight and transportation, for pay of lithographer, and for working lithographic press, including chemicals, for keeping grounds and buildings in order, for finishing the grading of the grounds, for pay of porters, gardner, watchmen, instrument maker, for fuel, lights, and all the unenumerated contingent expenses of the hydrographical office and national observatory, eleven thousand six hundred and twenty dollars.

For copying abstracts from old sea-journals for the wind and current charts, and for continuing, and engraving, and publication of the same, including cost of copper, stones, chemicals, paper, &c., in the national observatory, fifteen thousand dollars.

Buildings at Annapolis. For the repairs and erection of buildings at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars.

For the contingent expenses of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, twenty-six thousand seven hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses. For contingent expenses that may accrue for the following purposes, viz.: Freight and transportation, printing and stationery, advertising in newspapers, books, maps, models, and drawings, for purchase and repair of fire engines and machinery, and a patent right to use the same, repair and attending on steam engines in yards, purchase and maintaining horses and oxen, and driving teams, carts, timber wheels, and the purchase and repair of workmen's tools, postage of public letters, furniture for government houses, fuel, oil, and candles, for navy and store stations, cleaning and clearing up yards, watchmen, and incidental labor not chargeable to any other appropriation, labor attending on delivery of stores and supplies on foreign stations, wharfage, dockage, and rent, travelling expenses of officers, funeral expenses, store and office rent, stationery and fuel to navy agents and storekeepers, flags, awnings, and packing cases, premiums, and other expenses of recruiting, apprehending deserters, per diem pay to persons attending courts martial and courts of inquiry, and other services authorized by law, pay of judge advocates, pilotage and towage of vessels, and assistance rendered to vessels in distress, five hundred and twenty-eight thousand seven hundred dollars.

For the floating dry dock in California, one hundred and fifty thousand

dollars; and the Secretary of the Navy is hereby required so to modify the contract alleged to have been made on the seventeenth January last, as to confine the sum to the construction of the floating dock alone, without the basin and railway: *Provided*, The contractors will agree to do the work at the estimates made by the department in November and December last: *And provided*, The Secretary considers the said estimates fair and reasonable; and so much of said law as authorizes the construction of the basin and railway is hereby repealed: *Provided*, That before making said contract the Secretary of the Navy shall give at least sixty days' notice by advertisement in the usual way.

For transportation of the United States mail between New York and Liverpool, between New York and New Orleans, Havana, and Chagres, [Chagres,] and between Panama and some points in the Territory of Oregon, eight hundred and seventy-four thousand six hundred dollars: *Provided*, That no payment shall be made for said services except in proportion to the mail service heretofore performed, or that may be hereafter performed; and that the Secretary of the Navy is hereby directed to make payment in said proportion only: *Provided, also*, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to require the several advances of money made under the act of Congress, August third, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, to the different contractors or their assignees, for mail steamship service, to be refunded by deductions from the compensation of each line, ten per cent. annually, reckoning in the adjustment of the advances to all of the lines, from the commencement of the performance of their respective mail service: *And provided, further*, That the said contractors or their assigns shall, from and after the passage of this act, pay interest on the balances of said advances still due, at the rate of six per cent. per annum till paid: *And also provided further*, That the Secretary of the Navy and the Postmaster-General be authorized, by and with the consent of the contracting parties respectively, to re-arrange the running of the United States mail steamships, so as to afford more direct dispatch between the ports of the United States and the Isthmus of Panama: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General shall maintain a semi-monthly mail between Charleston, Savannah, and Havana, during the continuance of the Sloo-contract, and also to make the service from Panama to California and Oregon conform with the service required by the existing contract on the Atlantic side of the Isthmus, by increasing the trips of the Pacific line to semi-monthly: *Provided*, That the said increased service on the Pacific side shall be at a rate not exceeding seventy-five per cent. upon the amount now paid for Pacific service, and to be performed in steamships built according to the specifications, and subject to all the clauses of the A. Harri's contract, beneficial to the United States. And the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized to include in this arrangement such a provision for the transportation of the letter mails only in the steamships of the said contractors, running between New York and Chagres, [Chagres,] and as in his opinion the public service may demand, not exceeding in the whole the amount herein limited: *And provided, further*, That the compensation for the semi-monthly service already performed between Panama, and California, and Oregon, and for such service for the coming year, shall not exceed three fourths the usual rate at which additional mail service may be ordered under existing laws, and shall be paid out of any unexpended balance of money heretofore appropriated for mail steam service: *Provided*, That whenever a better route between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans is established, the Secretary of the Navy and the Postmaster-General are authorized to agree with the present contractors for the Pacific line to change the terminus of the additional semi-monthly service hereby authorized, so as to

Floating dry dock in California.

Terms of contract and advertisement for contract.

Transportation of mail to Liverpool, and to Oregon, and to Havana, and to New Orleans.

Payments to be made only for service performed.

Advances to be refunded.

1848, ch. 121.

Interest to be paid.

Re-arrangement of times of sailing.

Semi-monthly mail between Charleston, Savannah, and Havana.

Service from Panama to Oregon and California.

Proviso.

Proviso.

Route from Atlantic to Pacific may be changed.

- secure the advantage of increased despatch and economy; and in case the reduction of compensation for the change of service be not agreed on between the parties, the same shall be referred to Congress; and the Postmaster-General is also authorized to make corresponding arrangements with the present contractors for the transportation of the mail from New York to Chagres for the change of the terminus of their route; and until such better route be established, the Postmaster-General shall be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into contracts, or to make suitable arrangements for transporting the mails between Chagres and Panama with regularity and despatch: *Provided*, The rate of compensation shall not exceed twenty-two cents per pound, and shall cease on the establishment of any new route between the two oceans offering greater despatch and economy.
- Mails between Chagres and Panama. Proviso.
- American Nautical Almanac. For preparing for publication the American Nautical Almanac, nineteen thousand four hundred dollars.
- Navy yards. For construction, extension, and completion of the following objects, and for contingent expenses at the several navy yards, viz.:—
- Portsmouth. *At Portsmouth, New Hampshire.*—Towards the construction of quay wharf across the head of timber dock, filling in around walls of floating dock basin, pavements around timber shed, magazine wharf, and filling in low grounds, engine house, wharf, and filling in east of number four, repairs of all kinds, thirty-one thousand six hundred and seventy-three dollars.
- Boston. *At Boston, Massachusetts.*—For completing sail loft and cordage store, grading and paving, for completing storehouse number thirty-six, paving, grading, and filling in between numbers twenty-seven and twenty-eight, twenty-nine, and thirty, grading yard, paving gutters, drains, &c., rain water cistern, coal house near rope walk, dredging slips, for completing steam tug and water tanks, repairs of all kinds, fifty thousand dollars.
- New York. *At New York.*—For a smithery, saw mill, number twenty-four, quay wall continued, cob wharf, dredging channels, one timber shed, paving, guttering, and flagging, cisterns, gutters, and leaders to ship houses and timber sheds, filling timber pond and low places, engine house, dock gates, &c., repairs of all kinds, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
- Philadelphia. *At Philadelphia.*—For slip of ship house G, addition to wall of basin, and filling in old timber dock, repairs of all kinds, twenty-four thousand four hundred dollars.
- Washington. *At Washington, D. C.*—For filling up timber dock, saw mill, and machinery, ordnance building number eleven, completing wharf and slide lathes, completing copper rolling establishment, to convey water to the yard, reservoir, pipes, &c., railway in ship house T, paint shop and wharf crane, brass foundry and tank shop, (raising one story,) repairs of all kinds, one hundred thousand dollars.
- Norfolk. *At Norfolk.*—For a sea-wall at St. Helena, brick saw shed, cylinder and exhaust pump and apparatus, water tank, and capstans, repairs of all kinds, fifty thousand eight hundred dollars.
- Pensacola. *At Pensacola.*—For permanent wharf, paint shop, and cooperage, completing guard house, wharf near storehouse number twenty-six, tar, pitch, and oil house, storehouse for shells, house for boiling tar, pitch, &c., steam tug, water tank, rail tracks in yard, fences, and outbuildings, for outside houses, repairs of all kinds, one hundred thousand dollars.
- Memphis. *At Memphis.*—For preservation of the public property at Memphis, Tennessee, and for the rope walk at said place, fifty thousand dollars.
- Sackett's Harbor. *At Sackett's Harbor.*—For repairs of buildings, grading, filling in and repairs of all kinds, two thousand three hundred dollars.

## For Hospitals, viz. :

*At Boston.*—For repairing, painting, whitewashing, glazing, furnaces, ranges, &c., fifteen hundred dollars.

Hospitals.  
Boston.

*At New York.*—For plastering, painting, repairs of furnaces, banks, wall, paving of flagging, building for laboratory, wall around graveyard, grading, setting trees, and all other repairs, fifteen thousand dollars.

New York.

*At Philadelphia.*—For removing and rebuilding stable, drains, and water to stable, excavation and grading wall on south side of Shippen Street, curbing and paving along Shippen Street, painting house, iron railing, &c., repairs of all kinds, thirteen thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven dollars.

Philadelphia.

*At Norfolk.*—For general repairs, five thousand dollars.

Norfolk.

*At Pensacola.*—For wall around hospital grounds, drawing and filling ponds, repairs of all kinds, four thousand four hundred and fifty dollars.

Pensacola.

*Marine Corps.*—For pay of officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and servants serving on shore, subsistence for officers, and pay for undrawn clothing, two hundred and twenty-one thousand four hundred dollars.

Marine corps.

For provisions for marines serving on shore, fifteen thousand dollars.

For clothing, fifty-six thousand six hundred and one dollars.

For fuel, ten thousand dollars.

For military stores, repair of arms, pay of armorers, accoutrements, ordnance stores, flags, drums, fifes, and musical instruments, eight thousand dollars.

For transportation of officers and troops, and expenses of recruiting, nine thousand dollars.

For repairs of barracks, and rent of temporary barracks, and offices for commanding officers, six thousand dollars.

For contingencies, viz. : freight, ferriage, cartage, wharfage, compensation to judges advocate, per diem for attending courts martial, courts of inquiry, and for constant labor, house rent, in lieu of quarters, burial of deceased marines, printing, stationery, forage, postage, pursuit of deserters, candles, oil, straw, furniture, bed sacks, spades, axes, shovels, picks, carpenter's tools, keep of a horse for the messenger, pay of matron, washerwoman, and porter at hospital head-quarters, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For arrearages of pay which accrued to John Rush, late sailing master, from thirty-first of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, to ninth of August, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, six thousand and ninety-five dollars and seventy-one cents.

John Rush.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That in time of peace, or while war is not threatened, the steamers employed in carrying the United States mail between New York and Liverpool shall be placed under the exclusive control of, and officered by the contractors, E. K. Collins and his associates, provided the same shall be done with the consent of the contractors.

In time of peace, the Collins line may be under control of owners.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That if any assistant engineer shall have been absent from the United States on duty at the time others of his date were examined, he shall, if not rejected at a subsequent examination, be entitled to the same rank with them; and if, from any cause, his relative rank cannot be assigned to him, he shall retain his original position on the register.

Examination of assistant engineers.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the rule established in the preceding section shall be applied to the cases of Joshua Follansbee and B. F. Isherwood, who were prevented by reason of their absence on duty from being present at the examination ordered for officers of their date.

J. Follansbee and B. F. Isherwood.

Preparation  
and publication  
of works of the  
exploring expedi-  
tion.  
1842, ch. 204.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That for continuing the preparation and publication of the works of the exploring expedition, including the pay of the scientific corps, care of property, payment for printing, and paper, and other contracts under the law of eighteen hundred and forty-two, authorizing the preparation and publication of said works, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Removal of  
wreck of the  
Missouri.  
1850, ch. 80.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to cause the wreck of the steamer Missouri to be removed from the harbor of Gibraltar in such mode as he shall deem expedient, by contract or otherwise, and that eighty thousand dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated as may be necessary to defray the expense of removing said wreck.

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March 3, 1851.

CHAP. XXXV. — *An Act to authorize the Secretary of War to allow the Payment of Interest to the State of Georgia for Advances made for the Use of the United States, in the Suppression of the Hostilities of the Creek, Seminole, and Cherokee Indians, in the Years 1836, 1837 and 1838.*

Allowance of  
interest to the  
State of Georgia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to allow to the State of Georgia, for advances made to the United States for the suppression of the hostilities of the Creek, Seminole, and Cherokee Indians, in the years eighteen hundred and thirty-five, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum upon all sums allowed and paid to the State of Georgia, or that may hereafter be allowed and paid for any moneys advanced by the State for the purposes aforesaid, from the date of such advances until the principal sum or sums were or may be paid by the United States: *Provided*, That no interest shall be paid on any sum on which the said State of Georgia did not either pay or lose interest.

Proviso.

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March 3, 1851.

CHAP. XXXVI. — *An Act authorizing the Payment of Interest upon the Advances made by the State of Maine for the Use of the United States Government, in the Protection of the North-eastern Frontier.*

Allowance of  
interest to the  
State of Maine.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to liquidate and settle the claim of the State of Maine against the United States for interest upon money borrowed and actually expended by her for the protection of the north-eastern frontier of said State, during the years eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, eighteen hundred and forty, and eighteen hundred and forty-one; and the sum so found to be due to said State shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Mode of com-  
puting the inter-  
est.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in ascertaining the amount of interest as aforesaid due to the State of Maine, the following rules shall govern: First, that interest shall not be computed on any sum which Maine has not expended for the use and benefit of the United States, as evidenced by the amount refunded or repaid to the State of Maine by the United States. Second, that no interest shall be paid on