

second, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and which report and list were communicated to the Senate by the Secretary of the Interior on March eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty, as Senate Executive Document Numbered One hundred and eleven, Forty-sixth Congress, second session, shall be, and the same are hereby, directed to be granted, released, and relinquished by the United States, in fee simple, to the respective owners of the equitable titles thereto, and to their respective heirs and assigns forever, as fully and completely, in every respect whatever, as could be done by patents issued therefor according to law.

Only United States title relinquished.

SEC. 2. That nothing contained in this Act shall in any manner abridge, divest, impair, injure, or prejudice any valid right, title, or interest of any person or persons in or to any portion or part of the lands mentioned in said first section, the true intent of this Act being to relinquish and abandon, grant, give, and concede any and all right, interest, and estate, in law or equity, which the United States is or is supposed to be entitled to in said lands, in favor of all persons, estates, firms, or corporations who would be the true and lawful owners of the same under the laws of Louisiana, including the laws of prescription, in the absence of the said interest and estate of the United States.

Patents to issue.

SEC. 3. That the Department of the Interior shall cause patents to issue for such lands, and such patents shall issue in the name of the original claimant as appears in the list or schedule aforesaid, and when issued shall be held to be for the use and benefit of the true and lawful owners as provided in sections one and two of this Act.

Approved, February 10, 1897.

February 10, 1897.

CHAP. 214.—An Act Making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Military Academy 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 support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight:

Permanent establishment.

PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT.

Pay of professors, etc.

For pay of seven professors, twenty-three thousand dollars;
For pay of one chaplain, two thousand dollars;
For pay of one associate professor of mathematics, two thousand dollars;

Cadets.

For pay of cadets, one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars;
In all, for permanent establishment, two hundred and two thousand dollars.

Extra pay to officers.

For extra pay of officers of the Army on detached service at the Military Academy:

For pay of one Superintendent of the United States Military Academy (colonel), in addition to pay as major of engineers, one thousand dollars;

For one commandant of cadets (lieutenant-colonel), in addition to pay as captain, not mounted, one thousand two hundred dollars;

For pay of one instructor of practical military engineering (major), in addition to pay as captain, mounted, five hundred dollars;

For pay of one instructor of ordnance and science of gunnery (major), in addition to pay as captain, mounted, five hundred dollars;

For pay of eight assistant professors (captains), in addition to pay as first lieutenants, not mounted, four thousand dollars;

For pay of four senior instructors of cavalry, artillery, infantry tactics, and ordnance and gunnery (captains), in addition to pay as first lieutenants, not mounted, two thousand dollars;

For pay of four assistant instructors of cavalry, artillery, and infantry tactics (captains), in addition to pay as second lieutenants, not mounted, two thousand four hundred dollars;

For pay of one adjutant, in addition to pay as second lieutenant, not mounted, four hundred dollars;

For pay of one treasurer, quartermaster, and commissary of cadets, in addition to pay as captain, not mounted, seven hundred dollars;

Additional pay of librarian, one hundred and twenty dollars;

For additional pay of professors and officers (and officers on increased rank) for length of service, nine thousand one hundred and forty-four dollars and fifty-one cents;

Longevity pay.

In all, for extra pay of officers of the Army on detached service at the Military Academy, twenty-one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four dollars and fifty-one cents.

For pay of Military Academy Band, field musicians, general army service, cavalry detachment, and enlisted men on detached service, and extra pay for enlisted men on special duty:

Pay of enlisted men.

For pay of the Military Academy Band: One sergeant and five enlisted musicians, at thirty-four dollars per month, two thousand four hundred and forty-eight dollars; two corporals and four enlisted musicians, at twenty dollars per month, one thousand four hundred and forty dollars; twelve enlisted musicians, at seventeen dollars per month, two thousand four hundred and forty-eight dollars; additional pay for length of service, one thousand one hundred and sixty-four dollars; clothing on discharge, two hundred and forty dollars; retained pay on discharge, sixty dollars;

Band.

For pay of field musicians: One sergeant, two hundred and sixteen dollars; one corporal and thirteen privates, two thousand one hundred and eighty-four dollars; additional pay for length of service, eighty-four dollars; clothing on discharge, one hundred and twenty dollars; retained pay on discharge, thirty dollars;

Field musicians.

Pay of general army service: For one first sergeant, three hundred dollars; six sergeants, one thousand two hundred and ninety-six dollars; seven corporals, one thousand two hundred and sixty dollars; one hundred and two privates, fifteen thousand nine hundred and twelve dollars; additional pay for length of service, six thousand one hundred and forty-four dollars; clothing on discharge, two thousand one hundred and sixty dollars; retained pay on discharge, five hundred and forty dollars;

General army service.

Pay of cavalry detachment: For one first sergeant, three hundred dollars; five sergeants, one thousand and eighty dollars; four corporals, seven hundred and twenty dollars; two farriers, three hundred and sixty dollars; one saddler, one hundred and eighty dollars; one wagoner, one hundred and sixty-eight dollars; fifty-two privates, eight thousand one hundred and twelve dollars; additional pay for length of service, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-eight dollars; clothing on discharge, nine hundred and sixty dollars; retained pay on discharge, two hundred and forty dollars; interest on retained pay due enlisted men, two hundred and fifty dollars: *Provided*, That the detachments of enlisted men at the Military Academy, heretofore designated as the general army service (Quartermaster's Department), and the cavalry detachment, shall be fixed at such numbers, not exceeding two hundred and fifteen enlisted men in both detachments, as in the opinion of the Secretary of War the necessities of the public service may from time to time require; but the number of enlisted men of the Army shall not be increased on account of this proviso or the two preceding paragraphs of this Act;

Cavalry detachment.

Proviso.
Number limited.

For extra pay of twenty-eight enlisted men of cavalry detachment employed on additional duty with the instruction battery of field artillery, United States Military Academy, at twenty dollars each, five hundred and sixty dollars;

Extra pay, enlisted men.

For extra pay of one ordnance soldier as draftsman and lithographic printer, at fifty cents per day, one hundred and forty-three dollars and fifty cents;

For extra pay of one ordnance soldier as machinist, at fifty cents per day, one hundred and forty-three dollars and fifty cents;

For extra pay of one ordnance soldier as clerk, at fifty cents per day, one hundred and forty-three dollars and fifty cents;

For extra pay of two enlisted men employed as clerks in the offices of the adjutant United States Military Academy and commandant of cadets, at fifty cents per day, three hundred and thirty-nine dollars;

For extra pay of four enlisted men as printers, at headquarters United States Military Academy, at fifty cents each per day, six hundred and twenty-six dollars;

For extra pay of one enlisted man employed as watchman, at thirty-five cents per day, one hundred and seventy-five dollars and fifty-seven cents;

For extra pay of one enlisted man employed as trumpeter at the cadet barracks, at thirty-five cents per day, one hundred and twenty-seven dollars and seventy-five cents;

For extra pay of one enlisted man employed in the philosophical department, observatory, as mechanic, at fifty cents per day, one hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents;

For extra pay of one enlisted man employed in the chemical department, at fifty cents per day, one hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents;

For extra pay of one enlisted man employed in the department of drawing, at fifty cents per day, one hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents;

For extra pay of two enlisted men (cavalrymen) when performing special skilled mechanical labor, at fifty cents each per day, three hundred and thirteen dollars;

For extra pay of one enlisted man employed as saddler, at fifty cents per day, one hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents;

Provided, That the extra pay provided by the twelve preceding paragraphs shall not be paid to any enlisted man who receives extra-duty pay under existing laws or army regulations;

In all, for pay Military Academy Band, field musicians, general army service, cavalry detachment, enlisted men on detached service and extra pay of enlisted men on special duty at the Military Academy, fifty-five thousand three hundred and forty-one dollars and eighty-two cents.

Proviso.
No duplication.

Pay of civilians,
clerks, etc.

PAY OF CIVILIANS AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY.

For pay of the master of the sword, one thousand five hundred dollars;

For pay of one teacher of music, one thousand and eighty dollars;

For clerk to the disbursing officer and quartermaster, one thousand five hundred dollars;

For clerk to adjutant in charge of cadet records, one thousand five hundred dollars;

For one clerk to the adjutant, one thousand two hundred dollars;

For clerk to treasurer, one thousand five hundred dollars;

For one clerk to the quartermaster, one thousand two hundred dollars;

For pay of librarian's assistant, one thousand two hundred dollars;

For pay of one superintendent of gas works, one thousand five hundred dollars;

For pay of engineer of heating and ventilating apparatus for the academic building, the cadet barracks, and office building, cadet hospital, chapel, and philosophical building, including the library, one thousand five hundred dollars;

For pay of assistant engineer of same, one thousand dollars;

For pay of eight firemen, four thousand eight hundred dollars;

For pay of one draftsman in department of civil and military engineering, one thousand dollars;

For pay of mechanic employed in chemical and geological section rooms and in lecture rooms, one thousand dollars;

For pay of mechanic assistant in department of natural and experimental philosophy, one thousand dollars;

For pay of custodian of new Academy building, one thousand dollars;

For pay of one electrician, nine hundred dollars;

For pay of one civilian plumber, nine hundred dollars;

For pay of assistant plumber, six hundred dollars;

For pay of one scavenger, at sixty dollars a month, seven hundred and twenty dollars;

For compensation of chapel organist, two hundred dollars;

In all, for civilians employed at the Military Academy, twenty-six thousand eight hundred dollars.

For current and ordinary expenses as follows:

For expenses of the Board of Visitors, including mileage, three thousand dollars;

Contingencies for Superintendent of the Academy, one thousand dollars;

Repairs and improvements, namely: Timber, planks, boards, joists, wall strips, laths, shingles, slate, tin, sheet lead, zinc, nails, screws, locks, hinges, glass, paints, turpentine, oils, varnish, brushes, stone, brick, flag, lime, cement, plaster, hair, sewer and drain pipe, blasting powder, fuse, iron, steel, tools, machinery, mantels, and other similar materials, renewing roofs, and for pay of overseer and master builder and citizen mechanics, and labor employed upon repairs and improvements that can not be done by enlisted men, twenty thousand dollars;

For fuel and apparatus, namely: Coal, wood, charcoal, stoves, grates, heaters, furnaces, ranges and fixtures, fire bricks, clay, sand, and for repairs of steam-heating apparatus, grates, stoves, heaters, ranges, and furnaces, mica, twenty thousand dollars;

For gas pipes, fixtures, lamp-posts, gasometers, and retorts, and annual repairs of the same, one thousand five hundred dollars;

For fuel for cadets' mess hall, shops, and laundry, three thousand dollars;

For postage and telegrams, two hundred and fifty dollars;

For stationery, namely: Blank books, paper, envelopes, quills, steel pens, rubbers, erasers, pencils, mucilage, wax, wafers, folders, fasteners, rules, files, ink, inkstands, typewriting supplies, penholders, tape, desk knives, blotting pads, and rubber bands, eight hundred dollars;

For transportation of materials, discharged cadets, and ferriages, one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars;

Printing: For printing and binding, type, materials for office, including repairs to motor and machinery, diplomas for graduates, annual registers, blanks, and monthly reports to parents of cadets, one thousand dollars;

For department of cavalry, artillery, and infantry tactics, namely: For tan bark or other proper cover for riding hall, to be purchased in open market on written order of the Superintendent, four hundred dollars;

For repairing camp stools and camp furniture, one hundred dollars;

For repairs and improvements of dressing rooms, walks, and dock at swimming place, two hundred and twenty dollars;

For furniture for offices and reception room for visitors, one hundred dollars;

For stationery for use of instructor and assistant instructors of tactics, one hundred and fifty dollars;

For books and maps, binding books, and mounting maps, seventy-five dollars;

For plumes for cadet officers and acting officers of the first class, seventy-five dollars;

For silk and worsted sashes for cadet officers and acting officers, two hundred and twenty dollars;

Current expenses.

Board of Visitors.

Superintendent.

Repairs, etc.

Fuel and lights.

Postage and telegrams.

Stationery.

Transportation.

Printing.

Department of cavalry, artillery, and infantry tactics.

For foils, masks, belts, fencing gloves and fencing jackets, gaiters, and repairs, two hundred and fifty dollars;

For soap used in scrubbing cadet barracks, fifty dollars;

For door mats for cadet barracks, sinks, and guardhouse, fifty dollars;

Department of civil and military engineering.

For department of civil and military engineering: For models, maps, purchase and repair of instruments, apparatus, drawing boards, desks, chairs, shelves, and cases for books and instruments, text-books, books of reference and stationery for the use of instructors, and contingencies, one thousand dollars;

Department of natural and experimental philosophy.

For department of natural and experimental philosophy: For additions to apparatus to illustrate the principles of mechanics, acoustics, optics, and astronomy, one thousand dollars; for books of reference, scientific periodicals, text-books, stationery, materials, and repairs, four hundred dollars; for repairs to the observatory buildings, repairs to clocks, and fittings to new lecture room, four hundred and fifty dollars;

Department of mathematics.

For department of instruction in mathematics, namely: For repairs and materials for preservation of models and instruments, thirty-five dollars; for text-books, books of reference, binding, and stationery, one hundred and fifty dollars; for table of logarithms, fifty dollars; one vernier compass and tripod, ninety dollars; for one Y level and tripod, one hundred and twenty-five dollars; rules and triangles, one hundred dollars; contingencies, twenty-five dollars;

Department of chemistry, mineralogy, and geology.

For department of chemistry, mineralogy, and geology: For chemicals, chemical apparatus, glass and porcelain ware, paper, wire, sheet metal, ores, photographic apparatus and materials, five hundred dollars;

For rough specimens, fossils, and for apparatus and material to be used in the practical determinations of mineralogical and geological specimens, pencils and paper for the practical instructions in the same branches, and for gradual increase and improvement of the cabinet, five hundred dollars;

For new cases for mineralogical and geological cabinets, seven hundred dollars;

Proviso.
Fittings for chemical rooms.

For repairs and additions to electric, magnetic, pneumatic, thermic, and optical apparatus, one thousand dollars: *Provided*, That any of the above-named sums for the department of chemistry, mineralogy, and geology not expended for the purposes named may be expended for fittings of the chemical rooms of the new Academy building, purchase of modern electric machinery and appliances not now in the Academy, viz, electric motors, alternate current generator, alternate current arc lights and transformers, one thousand five hundred dollars;

For models, maps, and diagrams, books of reference, text-books, and stationery for the use of instructors, one hundred and eighty dollars;

For contingencies, one hundred dollars;

Department of drawing.

For department of drawing: For drawing material for the use of instructors, tacks, sponges, brushes, glue, alcohol, tumblers, saucers, towels, soap, ink, stationery, and contingent expenses, two hundred and fifty dollars;

For repairs to models, desks, stretchers, racks, stands, and material, one hundred dollars;

For models in flat and relief for topographical, mechanical, and free-hand drawing, one hundred dollars;

For geometrical models, for descriptive geometry demonstration apparatus, and modifications in apparatus, two hundred and fifty dollars;

For photographic material and appliances, and material for photographic enlargements of works of art and science for walls of academic building, five hundred dollars;

For slides and apparatus for stereopticon to illustrate lectures, one hundred and fifty dollars;

For books and periodicals on art, architecture, and technology, one hundred dollars;

For binding books, periodicals, and loose sheets, fifty dollars;

For reimbursing contractor for extra labor and material expended upon twenty-three large oak model forms and drawing stands, two hundred and ninety-eight dollars and fifty cents;

For department of modern languages: For stationery, text-books, and books of reference for use of instructors, for repairs of books and apparatus, and for office furniture, and for printing examination papers, and for contingencies, three hundred and fifty dollars;

Department of modern languages.

For department of law: For stationery, text-books, books of reference for use of instructors, maps, map fixtures, furniture, and for repairs to the same, four hundred dollars;

Department of law.

For purchase of a set of Myer's Federal Decisions (second-hand), forty-five dollars;

For purchase of volumes twenty to twenty-eight, inclusive, of the United States Digest, sixty-four dollars;

For department of practical military engineering: For purchase and repair of instruments, transportation, purchase of tools, implements, and materials, and for extra-duty pay of engineer soldiers, as follows, namely: For instruments for use in instructing cadets, in making reconnoissances; photographic apparatus and material for field photography; drawing instruments and material for platting reconnoissances, surveying instruments, instruments and material for signaling and field telegraphy; transportation of field parties; tools and material for the preservation, augmentation, and repair of wooden pontoon, and one canvas pontoon-bridge train; sapping and mining tools and material; rope, cordage, material for rafts, and for spar and trestle bridges; intrenching tools; tools and material for the repair of Fort Clinton and the batteries at the Academy, and extra-duty pay of engineer soldiers, at fifty cents per day each when performing special skilled mechanical labor in the department of practical military engineering; for models, books of reference, and stationery, one thousand two hundred dollars;

Department of practical military engineering.

For department of ordnance and gunnery: For purchase and repairs of instruments, models, and apparatus, and purchase of necessary materials; for the purchase of samples of arms and accouterments other than those supplied to the military service; for books of reference, text-books, stationery and lithographic printing materials, and for contingencies, four hundred and fifty dollars;

Department of ordnance and gunnery.

For purchase of ammunition for rapid-fire guns now on hand, three hundred dollars;

For the purchase of one Maxim semiautomatic three-pounder quick-firing gun mounted on field carriage complete, and ammunition therefor, five thousand dollars;

Maxim gun.

In all, for current and ordinary expenses, seventy-three thousand five hundred and two dollars and fifty cents.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Miscellaneous and incidental expenses.

For stationery for office of the treasurer, United States Military Academy, namely, blank books, paper, envelopes, pens, mucilage, typewriting supplies and repairs, and other items of stationery, fifty dollars;

For gas coal, oil, candles, lanterns, matches, chimneys, and wicking for lighting the Academy building, chapel, library, cadet barracks, mess hall, shops, hospital, offices, stables, and riding hall, sidewalks, camp, and wharves, six thousand five hundred dollars;

For water pipe, plumbing, and repairs, three thousand dollars;

For cleaning public buildings (not quarters), one thousand dollars;

For brooms, brushes, pails, tubs, soap, and cloths, two hundred dollars;

For chalk, crayon, sponges, slate, rubber, rulers, pointers, card and toilet paper, and so forth, for recitation rooms, three hundred dollars;

For increase and expense of library, namely: For periodicals, stationery, binding books, and scientific, historical, biographical, and general literature to be purchased in open market on the written order of the Superintendent, two thousand dollars;

Library.

- For repairing books, and for furniture and contingencies, two hundred dollars;
- For card catalogue cases, two hundred dollars;
- For carpets and furniture for cadet hospital, and for repairs of damaged articles, one hundred dollars;
- Contingent, Academic Board. For contingent funds, to be expended under the direction of the Academic Board; for instruments, books, repairs to apparatus, and other incidental expenses not otherwise provided for, one thousand dollars: *Provided*, That all technical and scientific supplies for the departments of instruction of the Military Academy shall be purchased by contract or otherwise, as the Secretary of War may deem best;
- Proviso.*
Technical supplies. For renewing furniture in section rooms, and repairing the same, five hundred dollars;
- For renewing and repairing Government furniture in Superintendent's quarters, five hundred dollars;
- Musical supplies. For purchase of instruments for band, to be purchased in open market by order of the Superintendent, three hundred and fifty dollars;
- For purchase of reeds, pads, strings, and other materials necessary for string instruments, to be purchased in open market on the order of the Superintendent, one hundred dollars;
- For repairs to instruments, music stands, and other equipments, to be purchased in open market on the order of the Superintendent, two hundred dollars;
- For purchase of music for band, to be purchased in open market on the order of the Superintendent, two hundred and fifty dollars;
- Subsistence department. For repair of cooking utensils and the replacement of worn-out cooking utensils in the cadet subsistence department, to be expended without advertising, three hundred and twenty-five dollars;
- For repair of chairs, tables, and other furniture in cadet subsistence department, to be expended without advertising, fifty dollars;
- Gymnasium. For repairs, new machines, and fixtures for gymnasium, three hundred dollars;
- Laundry. For the following new machinery for the cadet laundry, to be purchased without advertising: One thirty-two-inch extractor, three hundred and twenty-five dollars; one improved collar and cuff shaper, twenty-five dollars; one thirty-inch improved shirt dampener, one hundred and eighty dollars; seven institutional ironing tables, thirty-five dollars; twenty sadiron gas heaters, thirty dollars; in all, five hundred and ninety-five dollars;
- In all, for miscellaneous and incidental expenses, seventeen thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars.

Buildings and grounds.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Repairing roads, etc.

For repairing roads and paths, including roads and bridges on reservation, one thousand dollars;

For continuing construction of breast-high wall in dangerous places, five hundred dollars;

Waterworks.

For waterworks: Renewal of material in filter beds, improving ventilation of filter house and water house; hose for use in cleaning filter beds and water house, and for use in fire service at same; tools, implements, and materials for use of the two keepers, and for repairs of siphon house, filter house, and of four and one-half miles of supply pipes; for shed for tools and storage of fuel for keeper of Round Pond, and for tool house at filter; for gauges at Round Pond and Delafield Pond, and stairs for access to same, and all other necessary work of maintenance and repairs, eight hundred dollars;

For broken stone and gravel for roads, one thousand five hundred dollars;

Cemetery.

For maintaining and improving the grounds of the post cemetery, one thousand dollars;

For painting, calcimining, whitewashing, and repairing interior walls of cadet mess building, kitchen, dish pantry, bakery, dormitories, and storerooms, and for incidental repairs about the same, to be expended without advertising, two hundred dollars;

Repairs, etc.

For general repairs to the cadet laundry, painting interior, renewing machinery, and so forth, to be expended without advertising, three hundred dollars;

For painting and for general incidental repairs and improvements to the cadet quartermaster's department building, including storerooms, office, tailor shops, shoe-repairing shops, and so forth, to be expended as required without advertising, three hundred dollars;

For repairs to cadet barracks: For repointing and repairing exterior walls, arena walls and coping; renewing floors; painting and calcimining; repairing woodwork; repairing and repainting roof, three thousand dollars;

Cadet barracks.

For repairs and improvements needed at cadet hospital, as follows: For bathroom and water-closets for hospital attendants on fourth floor; for repainting all exterior wood and iron work of main building and annex; for repainting exterior walls of annex; for reflooring first floor; for Neuchatel, mastic, or other impervious pavement for area in rear of hospital; for turpentine and paraffin for polishing floors; for ammonia chloride for telephone and electric bell batteries; and material for rebronzing radiators, two thousand and seventy dollars;

Cadet hospital.

For improvements and repairs required at the soldiers' hospital, as follows: For renewing plumbing and retiling floor in bathroom and water-closet on first floor; for continuing the work of erecting a rubble-stone wall along the road boundary of the hospital grounds; for painting and repairing metallic fence; for repairing, plastering, and painting walls in main wards and rear annex; for constructing a new hotbed; for repairs to woodwork; repointing leaks in walls; and for brushes, paints, wax, and turpentine; for repairs in waxing floors, one thousand five hundred dollars;

Soldiers' hospital.

For repairs to hospital steward's quarters at soldiers' hospital, as follows: For repairing woodwork, repairs to walls and ceilings, for calcimining the same, one hundred and sixty dollars;

For repairs to exterior of cadets' mess building; for rebuilding area walls, and to properly drain the area; for removing the worn-out and broken flagging and replacing the same with artificial stone, eight hundred dollars;

Mess building.

For repairs to ordnance laboratory and buildings pertaining to the department of ordnance and gunnery; painting buildings; and material for roads and walks, one hundred and fifty dollars;

For repairs to riding hall: For a new leg guard of hard wood, to extend around entire interior of hall, covered with a coating of oil or paint, one thousand two hundred and eighty-five dollars;

Riding hall.

For repointing and repairing exterior of cadet riding hall, six hundred dollars;

For twenty-five iron feed boxes for cavalry stable, thirty-five dollars;

Cavalry barracks.

For repairs and improvements to cavalry barracks, namely: For replacing present soapstone troughs in bathroom with eight enameled lavatories; for new wooden floor in kitchen; for sliding glass doors in cupboard in pantry, and for bins under same; for painting interior; for new iron ceilings; and for blasting out and removing about one thousand five hundred cubic yards of rock along the northern wall of barracks for a distance of twenty-five feet from said wall, five thousand nine hundred and ninety-four dollars;

For completing guardhouse and gates at south entrance, two thousand five hundred dollars;

Guardhouse.

For completion of repairs and improvements to quartermaster's stable and barn, two thousand dollars;

Stable.

For repairing roof and gutters of gymnasium and repairing plastering damaged by leaks, eight hundred dollars;

- Roads, etc. For continuing the construction and repairs of the roads between the south guardhouse and southern boundary line of reservation, and for continuing the laying of a stone walk along same, and extending the same northward to a junction with the present concrete walks, one thousand dollars;
- Filter beds. For constructing a set of filter beds, and connecting the same with the new reservoir and otherwise purifying the water, including all necessary appurtenances, to be immediately available, twenty-five thousand dollars;
- Water supply. For necessary improvements to water-supply system, to be immediately available, ten thousand dollars;
- Water main. For laying a water main, and appurtenances to connect the new reservoir with the existing system of water distribution, so as to afford an adequate direct fire pressure, to be immediately available, fifteen thousand dollars;
- Museum. For cases, materials, fittings, fixtures, and other appliances for ordinance museum in new Academy building, one thousand dollars;
- Hydrants. For six fire hydrants, four hundred and fifty dollars;
- Engineer barracks. For building iron stairways in halls of engineer barracks, with necessary supports and framing for same, two thousand eight hundred dollars;
- For painting the interior of engineer barracks, five hundred dollars;
- In all, for public buildings and grounds, eighty-two thousand two hundred and forty-four dollars.
- Approved, February 10, 1897.

February 11, 1897.

CHAP. 216.—An Act To authorize the entry and patenting of lands containing petroleum and other mineral oils under the placer-mining laws of the United States.

Public lands.
Entry of oil lands
under placer mining
laws.
R. S., secs. 2329-2333,
p. 428.

Proviso.
Prior claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person authorized to enter lands under the mining laws of the United States may enter and obtain patent to lands containing petroleum or other mineral oils, and chiefly valuable therefor, under the provisions of the laws relating to placer mineral claims: *Provided,* That lands containing such petroleum or other mineral oils which have heretofore been filed upon, claimed, or improved as mineral, but not yet patented, may be held and patented under the provisions of this Act the same as if such filing, claim, or improvement were subsequent to the date of the passage hereof.

Approved, February 11, 1897.

February 13, 1897.

CHAP. 221.—An Act To commission passed assistant surgeons in the United States Navy, and to provide for their examination preliminary to their promotion to the grade of surgeon.

Navy.
Passed assistant
surgeons to be com-
missioned.
R. S., sec. 1368, p. 246.

Examinations.

Proviso.
Effect.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That passed assistant surgeons now borne upon the Navy Register shall be commissioned as such by the President, such commissions to bear the dates upon which said passed assistant surgeons, respectively, received their appointments as such; and hereafter assistant surgeons shall be regularly promoted and commissioned as passed assistant surgeons, and passed assistant surgeons as surgeons, subject to such examinations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy: *Provided, however,* That no examination of passed assistant surgeons shall be ordered until the expiration of six months from the passage of this Act, during which time promotions shall be made as now provided by law.

Approved, February 13, 1897.