

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.

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

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*Provided*, That in time of war, or threatened war, such equipment may, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, be withdrawn from armories or other places where it is in use by the State coast artillery organizations, and may be used in the fortifications of the United States.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Fire control for field batteries.

Purchases for State coast artillery.

Provido.
Use of, in time of war.

Sale of ordnance property, etc.

Arms to postal service.

Special purchases.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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Philippine Commission.
Additional member of, authorized.
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New executive department created.

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CHAP. 165.—An Act To provide for registration of all cases of tuberculosis in the District of Columbia, for free examination of sputum in suspected cases, and for preventing the spread of tuberculosis in said District.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of every physician in the District of Columbia to report in writing to the health officer of said District, within one week after the disease is recognized, on forms to be provided by said health officer, the name, age, sex, color, occupation, and address of every person under his care in said District who, in his opinion, is afflicted with pulmonary or other communicable form of tuberculosis. It shall also be the duty of the officer having charge for the time being of each and every hospital, dispensary, asylum, or other similar public or private institution in said District to report in like manner the name, age, sex, color, occupation, and last address of every person who is in his care or who has come under his observation within one week of such time who, in his opinion, is afflicted with pulmonary or other communicable form of tuberculosis.

District of Columbia.
Tuberculosis.
Physicians to report
cases to health officer.

Hospital, dispensary,
etc., cases.

Examination of
sputum

SEC. 2. That the health officer of said District shall promptly make, or cause to be made by a competent microscopist, a microscopical examination of the sputum of persons thus reported, and shall make a report thereof, free of charge, to the physician or officer upon whose application the examination was made. If the examination fails to show the existence of the disease that fact shall be recorded.

Register of cases.

SEC. 3. That the health officer of said District shall cause all cases showing the presence of tubercle bacilli to be recorded in a register of which he shall be the custodian, which register shall not be open to inspection by anyone except the health officer and the deputy health officer of said District, and neither said health officer nor said deputy health officer shall permit any such record to be divulged in such manner as to disclose the identity of the person to whom it relates except as it may be necessary in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Instructions to
patients.

SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of the health department, in every case where a microscopical examination reveals the existence of tuberculosis, to supply to such person, or those in charge of such person, unless otherwise requested by the attending physician, printed instructions as to the methods to be employed to prevent the spread of the disease.

Disinfection of
premises, on death,
etc., of patient.

SEC. 5. That in case of death from pulmonary or other communicable form of tuberculosis, or the removal from any apartment or premises of a person or persons so afflicted, it shall be the duty of the attending physician, if he has such knowledge, or, if there be no such physician or if such physician be absent, of the occupant or other person in charge of said apartment or premises to notify the health officer, in writing, of such death or removal, within twenty-four hours thereafter, and such apartment or premises shall then be disinfected by the health department at public expense or, if the owner prefers, by the owner to the satisfaction of the health department, and shall not again be occupied until so disinfected.

Rules, etc., to be observed.

SEC. 6. That it shall be the duty of every person afflicted with tuberculosis, and of every person in attendance upon anyone afflicted therewith, and of the authorities of public and private institutions or dispensaries in said District to observe and enforce all sanitary rules and regulations of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for preventing the spread of the disease.

Registry of recoveries.

SEC. 7. That upon the recovery of any person who has been found to be suffering from tuberculosis a report to that effect to the health department, made by the attending physician, shall be recorded in the register aforesaid, and shall relieve said person from further liability to any requirements imposed by this Act.