

**CONSTRUCTION AND MACHINERY:** On account of hulls and outfits of vessels and steam machinery of vessels heretofore and herein authorized, seventeen million one hundred seventy-five thousand seven hundred and fifty three dollars: *Provided*, That no part of the above appropriation shall be used for the payment of the construction of any collier the total cost of which shall exceed one million dollars.

Construction and machinery.

*Proviso.*  
Limit of cost of colliers.

**INCREASE OF THE NAVY; TORPEDO BOATS:** On account of submarine torpedo boats, heretofore authorized, eight hundred and fifty-nine thousand nine hundred and seventy-one dollars.

Submarine torpedo boats.

**INCREASE OF THE NAVY; TORPEDO BOATS:** On account of torpedo vessels whose vitals are located below the normal load water line, upon condition of compliance with the authorization in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ten, and for other purposes," four hundred and forty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Navy may, in his discretion, expend any part of the amount hereby appropriated, for small vessels of this type having a speed exceeding nineteen knots at a cost not to exceed thirty thousand dollars each: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed as mandatory upon the Secretary of the Navy to purchase said vessels.

Torpedo boats with vitals below water line.  
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*Provisos.*  
Smaller vessels.

Discretion of Secretary.

**INCREASE OF THE NAVY; COLLIER:** On account of two fleet colliers, heretofore authorized, three hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the unexpended balance of the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars appropriated toward the construction of two fleet colliers authorized by the naval appropriation Act approved May thirteenth, nineteen hundred and eight, is hereby reappropriated and made available for the construction of the collier therein designated to be built on the Pacific coast in such government yard as the Secretary of the Navy shall direct: *Provided further*, That the cost of said collier shall not exceed the sum of one million dollars.

Colliers.  
*Provisos.*  
Construction in Pacific coast yard.  
Reappropriation.  
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Limit of cost.

**ARMOR AND ARMAMENT:** Toward the armor and armament of domestic manufacture for vessels authorized, eleven million five hundred and sixty-five thousand one hundred and twenty-two dollars: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be expended for armor for vessels except upon contracts for such armor when awarded by the Secretary of the Navy to the lowest responsible bidders, having in view the best results and most expeditious delivery.

Armor and armament.

*Proviso.*  
Armor contracts.

**INCREASE OF THE NAVY; EQUIPMENT:** Toward the completion of the equipment outfit of the new vessels authorized, three hundred and ninety-nine thousand five hundred dollars.

Equipment.

Total increase of the navy, thirty-three million seven hundred and seventy thousand three hundred and forty-six dollars.

*Provided*, That no part of any sum hereby appropriated under "Increase of the navy" shall be used for the payment of any clerical, drafting, inspection, and messenger service, or for pay of any of the other classified force, under the various bureaus of the Navy Department in Washington, District of Columbia.

*Proviso.*  
Use for department, clerical, etc, force forbidden.

That no part of any sum appropriated by this Act shall be used for any expense of the Navy Department at Washington unless specific authority is given by law for such expenditure.

Specific authority required for.

Approved, June 24, 1910.

**CHAP. 379.**—An Act To require apparatus and operators for radio-communication on certain ocean steamers.

June 24, 1910.  
[S. 7021.]

[Public No. 262.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That from and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and eleven, it shall be unlawful for any ocean-going steamer of the United States, or of any foreign country,

Radio-communication.  
Required on ocean-going steamers.

- carrying passengers and carrying fifty or more persons, including passengers and crew, to leave or attempt to leave any port of the United States unless such steamer shall be equipped with an efficient apparatus for radio-communication, in good working order, in charge of a person skilled in the use of such apparatus, which apparatus shall be capable of transmitting and receiving messages over a distance of at least one hundred miles, night or day: *Provided*, That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to steamers plying only between ports less than two hundred miles apart.
- Proviso. Exception.**      **SEC. 2.** That for the purpose of this Act apparatus for radio-communication shall not be deemed to be efficient unless the company installing it shall contract in writing to exchange, and shall, in fact, exchange, as far as may be physically practicable, to be determined by the master of the vessel, messages with shore or ship stations using other systems of radio-communication.
- Exchange with other stations.**      **SEC. 3.** That the master or other person being in charge of any such vessel which leaves or attempts to leave any port of the United States in violation of any of the provisions of this Act shall, upon conviction, be fined in a sum not more than five thousand dollars, and any such fine shall be a lien upon such vessel, and such vessel may be libeled therefor in any district court of the United States within the jurisdiction of which such vessel shall arrive or depart, and the leaving or attempting to leave each and every port of the United States shall constitute a separate offense.
- Penalty for violation.**      **SEC. 4.** That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor shall make such regulations as may be necessary to secure the proper execution of this Act by collectors of customs and other officers of the Government.
- Libel upon vessel.**      Approved, June 24, 1910.
- Regulations.**

June 24, 1910.  
[S. 8094.]

**CHAP. 380.**—An Act To provide for the return of undelivered letters and for other purposes.

[Public, No. 263.]

Postal service.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section thirty-nine hundred and thirty-nine of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Undelivered letters.  
Return to writer at  
time of request.

"SEC. 3939. When the writer of any letter on which the postage is prepaid shall indorse on the outside thereof his name and address, such letter shall not be advertised, but, after remaining uncalled for at the office to which it is directed the time the writer may direct or the Postmaster-General prescribe, shall be returned to the writer without additional charge for postage, and if not then delivered, shall be treated as a dead letter."

R. S., sec. 3939, p. 764,  
amended.

Approved, June 24, 1910.

June 25, 1910.  
[H. R. 20686.]

**CHAP. 382.**—An Act Making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes.

[Public, No. 264.]

Rivers and harbors  
appropriations.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums of money be, and are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be immediately available, and to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers, for the construction, completion, repair, and preservation of the public works hereinafter named:

Bar Harbor, Me.  
Breakwater.

Breakwater from Mount Desert to Porcupine Island, Bar Harbor, Maine: Continuing construction, twenty-five thousand dollars.