

For two railway trucks of thirty tons capacity, seven hundred dollars.

Railroad tracks, etc.

For the purchase of railroad tracks, sidings, frogs, and switches (about six miles of track in all), belonging to railroad companies, and now on the United States reservation at Sandy Hook, and for altering, relaying, and repairing the same, for Government use by the Ordnance Department, United States Army, at the United States Proving Ground at Sandy Hook, twenty-six thousand six hundred and seventy-six dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and the Secretary of War is hereby empowered to purchase from the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, or other owners of said tracks, so much of said tracks as he may deem desirable and advantageous to the United States, and provided that the tracks can be purchased at satisfactory prices.

Watertown Arsenal, Mass.  
Gun-carriage plant.

WATERTOWN ARSENAL, WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS: For enlargement and improvement of the heavy gun-carriage plant at Watertown Arsenal, Watertown, Massachusetts, one hundred and fifty-one thousand dollars.

New shop.

For fitting up new carpenter and pattern shop, moving and setting up machinery and shaftings, including new machines required, nine thousand four hundred dollars.

Board of Ordnance and Fortification.

For the following, to be expended under the direct supervision of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification, created by the fortifications appropriation act approved September twenty-second, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and in the manner prescribed by said act, namely:

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Purchases, tests, etc.

BOARD OF ORDNANCE AND FORTIFICATION: To enable the board to make all needful and proper purchases, experiments and tests to ascertain, with a view to their utilization by the Government, the most effective guns, small arms, cartridges, projectiles, fuses, explosives, torpedoes, armor plates, and other implements and engines of war, and to purchase or cause to be manufactured under authority of the Secretary of War, such guns, carriages, armor plates, and other war materials and articles as may, in the judgment of the Board, be necessary in the proper discharge of the duty devolved upon it by the act approved September twenty-second, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight; to pay the salary of the civilian member of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification provided by the act of February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and for the necessary traveling expenses of said member when traveling on duty as contemplated in said act; for payment of the necessary expenses of the Board, including a per diem allowance to each officer detailed to serve thereon when employed on duty away from his permanent station of two dollars and fifty cents a day; and for the test of experimental guns and carriages procured in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification, two hundred and ten thousand dollars.

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Civilian member.

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Expenses.

Purchases to be of American manufacture.  
Exception.

That all material purchased under the foregoing provisions of this act shall be of American manufacture, except in cases when, in the judgment of the Secretary of War, it is to the manifest interest of the United States to make purchases in limited quantities abroad, which material shall be admitted free of duty.

Approved, July 23, 1892.

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**CHAP. 234.**—An act to amend sections twenty-one hundred and thirty-nine, twenty-one hundred and forty, and twenty-one hundred and forty-one of the Revised Statutes touching the sale of intoxicants in the Indian country, and for other purposes.

Indians.  
R. S., sec. 2139, p. 373.

Introduction of intoxicating liquors in Indian country forbidden.

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

“SEC. 2139. No ardent spirits, ale, beer, wine, or intoxicating liquor or liquors of whatever kind shall be introduced, under any pretense,

into the Indian country. Every person who sells, exchanges, gives, barter, or disposes of any ardent spirits, ale, beer, wine, or intoxicating liquors of any kind to any Indian under charge of any Indian superintendent or agent, or introduces or attempts to introduce any ardent spirits, ale, wine, beer, or intoxicating liquor of any kind into the Indian country shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than two years, and by fine of not more than three hundred dollars for each offense. But it shall be a sufficient defense to any charge of introducing or attempting to introduce ardent spirits, ale, beer, wine, or intoxicating liquors into the Indian country that the acts charged were done under authority in writing from the War Department, or any officer duly authorized thereunto by the War Department. All complaints for the arrest of any person or persons made for violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be made in the county where the offense shall have been committed, or if committed upon or within any reservation not included in any county, then in any county adjoining such reservation, and, if in the Indian Territory, before the United States court commissioner, or commissioner of the circuit court of the United States residing nearest the place where the offense was committed, who is not for any reason disqualified; but in all cases such arrests shall be made before any United States court commissioner residing in such adjoining county, or before any magistrate or judicial officer authorized by the laws of the State in which such reservation is located to issue warrants for the arrest and examination of offenders by section ten hundred and fourteen of the Revised Statutes of the United States. And all persons so arrested shall, unless discharged upon examination, be held to answer and stand trial before the court of the United States having jurisdiction of the offense."

Approved, July 23, 1892.

Penalty.

Authority from War Department.

Complaints.

Arrests.

R. S., sec. 1014, p. 189.

Trial.

**CHAP. 235.**—An act to provide for a May term of the district court of the United States for the eastern district of South Carolina.

July 23, 1892.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be a term of the district court of the United States for the eastern district of South Carolina, to be holden on the first Monday in May in each year, in the city of Charleston, which term shall be in lieu of the term now provided by law for the first Monday in April in each year.

Approved, July 23, 1892.

South Carolina eastern judicial district.

Term at Charleston.

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**CHAP. 236.**—An act to amend "An act to define the jurisdiction of the police court of the District of Columbia," approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one.

July 23, 1892.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That an act entitled "An act to define the jurisdiction of the police court of the District of Columbia," approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, be amended as follows: Strike out all of section two of said act, and in lieu thereof insert the following:

"**SEC. 2.** That prosecutions in the police court shall be on information by the proper prosecuting officer. In all prosecutions within the jurisdiction of said court in which, according to the Constitution of the United States, the accused would be entitled to a jury trial, the trial shall be by jury, unless the accused shall in open court expressly waive such trial by jury and request to be tried by the judge, in which case the trial shall be by such judge, and the judgment and sentence shall have the same force and effect in all respects as if the same had been entered and pronounced upon the verdict of a jury. In all cases where the accused would not by force of the Constitution of the United States

Police court, D. C. Vol. 26, p. 848.

Prosecutions.

Jury trials.

Waiving jury.

Cases where jury may be demanded.