

Further liability  
disclaimed.

Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to create any liability upon the part of the United States, directly or indirectly, for any debt or obligation incurred or for any claim for aid or pecuniary assistance from Congress or the Treasury of the United States in support or liquidation of any debts or obligations that may be created on account of said International Irrigation Congress beyond the sum hereby appropriated.

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Porto Rico Pro-  
visional Regiment of  
Infantry.  
Name changed.

Composition.

Field officers.

Captains and lieutenants.

Vacancies in grade  
of second lieutenant.

Promotions.

Appointments con-  
firmed by the Senate.

Retired list.

Repeal.

**CHAP. 201.**—An Act Fixing the status of the Porto Rico Provisional Regiment of Infantry.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That on and after the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and eight, the Porto Rico Provisional Regiment of Infantry shall be designated the Porto Rico Regiment of Infantry of the United States Army. It shall be composed of the two existing battalions of the Porto Rico Provisional Regiment of Infantry.

**SEC. 2.** That the field officers of said regiment shall be one lieutenant-colonel and two majors, who shall be detailed for four years by the President from officers not below the rank of captain of the Army.

**SEC. 3.** That the present captains and lieutenants of the Porto Rico Provisional Regiment of Infantry appointed or who were reappointed after a mental, physical, and professional examination, may be recommissioned as officers of the Porto Rico Regiment of Infantry.

**SEC. 4.** That vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant may be filled by the President in his discretion by the appointment of citizens of Porto Rico whose qualifications for commissions shall be established by examination.

**SEC. 5.** That promotions to the grade of first lieutenant and captain shall be according to seniority within the regiment, subject to the examination provided by law. All appointments and promotions herein provided for shall be made with the advice and consent of the Senate. Officers of the Porto Rico Regiment of Infantry shall have the same rank, pay, rights, and allowances provided by law for officers of similar rank in the Army of the United States, except as herein provided with regard to promotion. Any of the officers provided for by section three who may have become incapacitated for active service by reason of disability incident to the service shall be placed upon the retired list with the rank to which they would otherwise be entitled.

**SEC. 6.** That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

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Fortifications appro-  
priations.

**CHAP. 202.** An Act Making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, for the armament thereof, for the procurement of heavy ordnance for trial and service, 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 sums of money herein provided for be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be available until expended, namely :

## FORTIFICATIONS AND OTHER WORKS OF DEFENSE.

### UNDER THE ENGINEER DEPARTMENT.

Gun and mortar bat-  
teries.

For construction of gun and mortar batteries, three hundred thousand dollars.

For modernizing older emplacements, the Secretary of War is authorized to apply the sum of twenty-two thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven dollars and eighteen cents, remaining unexpended from the appropriation for pneumatic dynamite battery at San Francisco Harbor, California, contained in the deficiency appropriation Act approved July seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and the sum of one hundred and forty-two thousand four hundred and four dollars and eighteen cents remaining unexpended from the appropriation for pneumatic dynamite batteries, contained in the fortification appropriation Act approved May twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred.

Modernizing older emplacements.

Unexpended balances.

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Fire-control stations, etc.

Range finders, etc.

Electric current supply.

Sites for coast defenses, etc.

Previous.  
Fort Armistead, Md.  
Maximum.

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San Pedro, Cal.  
Seacoast fortifications.  
Report on necessity of, etc.

Searchlights.

Preservation, etc.

Fort Moultrie, S. C.  
Protecting wall.

Pensacola, Fla.  
Protection to batteries, etc.

Augusta, Ga.  
Machinery for arsenal.

Mobile, Ala.  
Repair of defenses.

For construction of fire-control stations and accessories, including purchase of lands and rights of way, and for the purchase and installation of necessary lines and means of electrical communication, including telephones, dial and other telegraphs, wiring and all special instruments, apparatus, and materials, coast signal apparatus, and salaries of electrical experts, engineers, and other necessary employees connected with the use of coast artillery; for the purchase, manufacture, and test of range finders and other instruments for fire control at the fortifications, and the machinery necessary for their manufacture at the arsenals, two hundred and seventy thousand two hundred and fifty-six dollars.

For supplying current for power and lighting at seacoast fortifications, three hundred and forty-eight thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight dollars.

For the procurement or reclamation of land, or right pertaining thereto, needed for the site, location, construction, or prosecution of works for fortifications and coast defenses, one hundred and twenty-one thousand and forty-eight dollars: *Provided*, That not more than twenty-one thousand and forty-eight dollars of said amount shall be paid to any person for property at, near, or adjoining Fort Armistead, Anne Arundel County, Maryland: *And provided further*, That no part thereof shall be so paid until such person receipts in full for all claims of every kind against the United States.

The Secretary of War is directed, by a suitable board, to investigate and report fully to Congress as to the advisability and necessity of seacoast fortifications for the protection of the harbor at San Pedro, California, and the cities in that vicinity, and if such fortifications are deemed advisable or necessary furnish an estimate of the cost of sites and fortifications separately.

For purchase and installation of searchlights for the defenses of our most important harbors, two hundred and ten thousand dollars.

For the protection, preservation, and repair of fortifications for which there may be no special appropriation available, two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

To complete the construction of about four thousand eight hundred linear feet of wall necessary for the protection of Fort Moultrie, Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, from the effects of storms, one hundred and twenty-five thousand six hundred dollars.

To complete the repair and restoration of batteries and other structures appurtenant to the defenses of Pensacola and retaining walls to protect the batteries from floods, fifty-nine thousand three hundred and fifty-five dollars.

For the installation of machinery and for changes in buildings to receive it at the Augusta Arsenal, Augusta, Georgia, six thousand dollars.

To complete the repair and restoration of batteries and other structures appurtenant to the defenses of Mobile, Alabama, and rebuilding sea walls and groins for protection of the sites of the fortifications and of the garrison posts, five hundred and eighty-nine thousand five hundred dollars.

Plans.	For preparation of plans for fortifications, five thousand dollars.
Electric plants.	For tools, electrical and engine supplies and appliances, to be furnished by the Engineer Department, for the use of the troops for maintaining and operating electric light and power plants in gun and mortar batteries, forty-four thousand five hundred dollars.
Sea walls.	For construction of sea walls and embankments, fifty thousand dollars.
Torpedo structures.	For preservation and repair of structures erected for the torpedo defense of the United States, fifteen thousand dollars.
Submarine mines.	For the construction of mining casemates, cable galleries, torpedo storehouses, cable tanks, and other structures necessary for the operation, preservation, and care of submarine mines and their accessories, one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, to be expended by the Engineer Department.

Signal office.

## UNDER THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER.

Fire-control installations. Maintenance, etc.	For operation and maintenance of fire-control installations at sea-coast defenses, one hundred and forty-five thousand five hundred and seventy-eight dollars.
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Armament.

## ARMAMENT OF FORTIFICATIONS.

Machine guns, etc.	For the purchase, manufacture, and test of machine and automatic guns, including their carriages, sights, implements, equipments, and the machinery necessary for their manufacture at the arsenals, forty thousand dollars.
Mountain, field, and siege cannon.	For the purchase, manufacture, and test of mountain, field, and siege cannon, including their carriages, sights, implements, equipments, and the machinery necessary for their manufacture at the arsenals, three hundred thousand dollars.
Ammunition.	For the purchase, manufacture, and test of ammunition for machine and automatic guns, and for mountain, field, and siege cannon, including the necessary experiments in connection therewith and the machinery necessary for its manufacture at the arsenals, one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.
Seacoast cannon.	For the purchase, manufacture, and test of seacoast cannon for coast defense, including their carriages, sights, implements, equipments, and the machinery necessary for their manufacture at the arsenals, two hundred and seventy-three thousand dollars.
Balances available. Vol. 32, pp. 307, 1025.	The unexpended balances of the one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars appropriated by the Act of June sixth, nineteen hundred and two, and the sixty-one thousand dollars appropriated by the Act of March third, nineteen hundred and three, for oil-tempered and annealed steel for seacoast defense guns of eight-inch, ten-inch, and twelve-inch caliber, also the unexpended balance of the eighty thousand dollars appropriated by the Act of March third, nineteen hundred and three, for finishing and assembling eight-inch, ten-inch, and twelve-inch guns at the Army Gun Factory, including new firing attachments for guns now in service, and any new tools or machinery necessary for their manufacture, being sixty-five thousand six hundred and fifty-six dollars and ninety-five cents and thirty-one thousand two hundred and thirty dollars and four cents, respectively, are hereby made available for the purposes named in the foregoing paragraph.
Ammunition.	For the purchase, manufacture, and test of ammunition for seacoast cannon, including the necessary experiments in connection therewith, and the machinery necessary for its manufacture at the arsenals, three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.
Artillery practice.	For the purchase, manufacture, and test of ammunition, subcaliber tubes, and other accessories for seacoast artillery practice, including the machinery necessary for their manufacture at the arsenals, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For the alteration and maintenance of the mobile artillery, including the purchase and manufacture of machinery, tools, and materials necessary for the work and the expenses of the mechanics engaged thereon, fifty thousand dollars.

Altering mobile artillery.

For the purchase, manufacture, and test of ammunition, subcaliber tubes, and other accessories for mountain, field, and siege artillery practice, including the machinery necessary for their manufacture at the arsenals, and ammunition of older model than current may be issued for the instruction and target practice of students at the institutions to which the issue of artillery is authorized, ninety thousand dollars.

Ammunition for practice.

Issue to institutions.

For the alteration and maintenance of the seacoast artillery, including the purchase and manufacture of machinery, tools, materials necessary for the work, and expenses of the civilian mechanics and extra-duty pay of enlisted men engaged thereon, four hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Machinery, tools, etc.

For the alteration of three and two-tenths inch material to rapid-fire field material, including sights, implements, equipments, and the materials and machinery necessary for alteration and manufacture at the arsenals, sixty thousand dollars.

Altering rapid-fire material, etc.

### PROVING GROUND, SANDY HOOK, NEW JERSEY.

Sandy Hook proving ground.

For current expenses and maintenance of the ordnance proving ground, Sandy Hook, New Jersey, including expenses incident to the transportation of men and material therefor, general repairs and alterations and accessories incidental to testing and proving ordnance, including hire of assistants for the Ordnance Board, skilled mechanical labor, purchase of instruments and other supplies, building and repairing butts and targets, clearing and grading ranges, fifty thousand two hundred dollars.

Expenses, etc.

For repairs of railroad tracks connecting the proving ground with the Central Railroad of New Jersey, six thousand dollars.

Repair of railroad tracks.

For the necessary expenses of officers while temporarily employed on ordnance duties at the proving ground and absent from their proper station, at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per diem while so employed, and the compensation of draftsmen while employed in the Army Ordnance Bureau on ordnance construction, eighteen thousand seven hundred dollars.

Temporary employment, Per diem.

### SUBMARINE MINES.

Submarine mines.

For the purchase of submarine mines and necessary appliances to operate them for closing the channels leading to our principal seaports, and continuing torpedo experiments; for the purchase of the necessary machinery, tools, and implements for the repair shop of the torpedo depot at Fort Totten, New York, and for extra-duty pay to soldiers necessarily employed for periods not less than ten days on work in connection with the issue, receipt, and care of submarine mining material at the torpedo depot, three hundred and ten thousand dollars.

Purchases, etc.

Fort Totten, N. Y. Torpedo depot.

For the procurement of one torpedo planter, for use on the Pacific coast, one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Pacific coast. Torpedo planter.

### FORTIFICATIONS IN INSULAR POSSESSIONS.

Insular possessions.

#### ENGINEER DEPARTMENT.

Engineer Department.

For construction of seacoast batteries, as follows:

In the Hawaiian Islands, four hundred thousand dollars;

Seacoast batteries.

Hawaiian Islands.

In the Philippine Islands, nine hundred and fifty-four thousand dollars;

Philippine Islands.

In all, one million three hundred and fifty-four thousand dollars.

Electric plants.	For installation of electric plants at the defenses of the following localities:
Hawaiian Islands.	In the Hawaiian Islands, twenty thousand dollars;
Philippine Islands.	In the Philippine Islands, one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars;
Fire-control stations, etc.	In all, one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars. For construction of fire-control stations and accessories, including purchase of lands and rights of way, and for the purchase and installation of necessary lines and means of electrical communications, including telephones, dial and other telegraphs, wiring and all special instruments, apparatus and materials, coast signal apparatus, and salaries of electrical experts, engineers, and other necessary employees connected with the use of coast artillery; for the purchase, manufacture, and test of range finders and other instruments for fire control at the fortifications, and the machinery necessary for their manufacture at the arsenals, two hundred and forty-three thousand dollars.
Range finders, etc.	
Searchlights.	For purchase and installation of searchlights for the defenses of most important harbors, as follows:
Hawaiian Islands.	In the Hawaiian Islands, forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars;
Philippine Islands.	In the Philippine Islands, one hundred and eighty thousand dollars;
Submarine mines, Hawaiian Islands.	In all, two hundred and twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars. For the construction of mining casemates, cable galleries, torpedo storehouses, cable tanks, and other structures necessary for the operation, preservation, and care of submarine mines and their accessories at the defenses of the Hawaiian Islands, one hundred and twenty-nine thousand dollars, to be expended by the Engineer Department.
Hawaiian Islands, Torpedo planter, etc.	For the procurement of one torpedo planter and two launches for the Hawaiian Islands, one hundred and eighty-one thousand dollars.
Philippine Islands, Torpedo planter, etc.	For the procurement of one torpedo planter and six launches for the Philippine Islands, one hundred and ninety-three thousand dollars.
Site.	For procurement or reclamation of land, or right pertaining thereto, needed for the site, location, construction, or prosecution of works for fortifications and coast defenses in the Philippine Islands, five thousand dollars.

Ordnance Department.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

Seacoast cannon.	For the purchase, manufacture, and test of seacoast cannon for coast defense, including their carriages, sights, implements, equipments, and the machinery necessary for their manufacture at the arsenals, seven hundred and four thousand dollars.
Ammunition.	For purchase, manufacture, and test of ammunition for seacoast cannon, including the necessary experiments in connection therewith, and the machinery necessary for its manufacture at the arsenals, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
Altering artillery, etc.	For the alteration and maintenance of the seacoast artillery and the mechanical supervision of its installation, including the purchase and manufacture of machinery, tools, materials necessary for the work, and expenses of the civilian mechanics and extra-duty pay of enlisted men engaged thereon, twenty thousand dollars.
Hawaiian Islands, Submarine mines.	For the purchase of submarine mines and necessary appliances to operate them for closing the channels leading to the principal seaports of the Hawaiian Islands, twenty-three thousand dollars.
Philippine Islands, Submarine mines.	For the purchase of submarine mines and necessary appliances to operate them for closing the channels leading to the principal seaports of the Philippine Islands, three hundred and twenty-eight thousand six hundred and twenty dollars.

Board of Ordnance and Fortifications.

BOARD OF ORDNANCE AND FORTIFICATION.

Purchases, etc.	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, pro-
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jectiles, 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 material 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 the 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, carriages, and other devices procured in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification, fifty thousand dollars, the expenditure of which shall be made by the several bureaus of the War Department heretofore having jurisdiction of the same, or by the Board itself, as the Secretary of War may direct: *Provided*, That before any money shall be expended in the construction or test of any gun, gun carriage, ammunition, or implements under the supervision of the said Board, the Board shall be satisfied, after due inquiry, that the Government of the United States has a lawful right to use the inventions involved in the construction of such gun, gun carriage, ammunition, or implements, or that the construction or test is made at the request of a person either having such lawful right or authorized to convey the same to the Government.

That all material purchased under the 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. Such material purchased in limited quantities shall be admitted free of duty, as shall other similar material furnished without charge.

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Civilian member.  
Salary.

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Per diem, tests, etc.

*Proviso.*  
Right to use invention.

Material to be of  
American manufacture.

**CHAP. 203.**—An Act To authorize the construction of a railroad siding to the United States navy-yard, 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 Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company be, and it is hereby, authorized and directed to construct a single branch track or siding from its present main line, at some point, to be approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, between the bridge over the Anacostia River at Pennsylvania avenue southeast, and one thousand feet westerly therefrom; thence extending by curve in a southwestwardly direction across square south of one thousand and eighty, to Fifteenth street, east; thence southwestwardly across square south one thousand and sixty-seven, on a line generally parallel to the center line of Water street, at such distance between the center line of Water street and the present approved north bulkhead line of the Anacostia River as shall be approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, crossing Fifteenth street southeast, Fourteenth street southeast, Thirteenth street southeast, Twelfth street southeast, M and N streets southeast, and Virginia avenue; thence in a southwestwardly direction by curve or otherwise, as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall approve, crossing Twelfth street southeast, and square south of one thousand and one, to the north abutment of the Anacostia River bridge at the foot of Eleventh

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District of Columbia, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington Railroad Company may construct siding to navy-yard. Route.