

the number of persons, the grades or character of positions, the original rates of compensation, and the increased rates of compensation provided for herein.

That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to cancel the assessment of \$13,252.21, being income tax on profit on the sale of Charles L. Freer, of Detroit, Michigan, in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, of twelve thousand and ninety-five shares of Parke, Davis and Company's stock, \$1,000,000 of the proceeds from the sale of said stock having been given to the Smithsonian Institution for the erection of a building to house the art collections presented to the Nation by Mr. Freer under deed of gift dated May fifth, nineteen hundred and six, and the remainder having been paid by Mr. Freer for the purchase of additional objects which have been added to the collections and presented to the Nation by him.

Charles L. Freer.
Income tax canceled
of gift to Smithsonian
Institution.

SEC. 3. That all sums appropriated by this act for salaries of officers and employees of the Government shall be in full for such salaries for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and eighteen, and all laws or parts of laws to the extent they are in conflict with the provisions of this Act are repealed.

Sums for salaries to
be in full.

Approved, June 12, 1917.

CHAP. 28.—An Act To authorize the issue to States and Territories and the District of Columbia of rifles and other property for the equipment of organizations of home guards.

June 14, 1917.
[S. 935.]

[Public, No. 22.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War during this existing emergency be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to issue from time to time to the several States and Territories and the District of Columbia for the equipment of such home guards having the character of State police or constabulary as may be organized by the several States and Territories and District of Columbia, and such other home guards as may be organized under the direction of the governors of the several States and Territories and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or other State troops or militia, such rifles and ammunition therefor, cartridge belts, haversacks, canteens, in limited amounts as available supplies will permit, provided that the property so issued shall remain the property of the United States and shall be receipted for by the governors of the several States and Territories and Commissioners of the District of Columbia and accounted for by them under such regulations and upon furnishing such bonds or security as the Secretary of War may prescribe, and that any property so issued shall be returned to the United States on demand when no longer needed for the purposes for which issued, or if, in the judgment of the Secretary of War, an exigency requires the use of the property for Federal purposes: *Provided,* That all home guards, State troops and militia receiving arms and equipments as herein provided shall have the use, in the discretion of the Secretary of War and under such regulations as he may prescribe, of rifle ranges owned or controlled by the United States of America.

Home guards of
States, etc.
Issue of Army small
arms, etc., to, author-
ized.

Accountability, etc.

Return, etc.

proviso.
Use of rifle ranges.

Approved, June 14, 1917.

June 15, 1917.
[H. R. 3971.]

[Public, No. 23.]

CHAP. 29.—An Act Making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies in appropriations for the Military and Naval Establishments on account of war expenses for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes.

Deficiencies appro-
priations for war ex-
penses, etc.
Post, p. 345.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply urgent deficiencies in appropriations for the Military and Naval Establishments on account of war expenses for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes, namely:

COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

Council of National
Defense.

Expenses of work,
etc. under
Vol. 39, p. 649.
Works, etc.
U. S., sec. 107, p. 27.

For expenses of experimental work and investigations undertaken by the Council of National Defense, employment of experts, and at rates of compensation authorized by section one hundred and sixty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States of clerical and other assistance, supplies, including books of reference and periodicals, and for necessary expenses of members of the council, of the advisory commission, or subordinate bodies going to and attending meetings of the commission or subordinate bodies, \$500,000: *Provided*, That of the appropriations herein and heretofore made for the Council of National Defense there may be expended for rental of quarters in the District of Columbia not to exceed \$25,000 in the aggregate for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and seventeen and not to exceed \$50,000 for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and eighteen: *Provided further*, That in the expenditure of said moneys the existence of a state of war shall not be construed as enlarging the powers or duties of the Council of National Defense, but that such powers and duties shall remain as prescribed by the Act creating said council, approved August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

Provisions
made in District of
Columbia.

Powers, etc., un-
changed.
Vol. 39, p. 650.

Act, p. 70.

EMERGENCY SHIPPING FUND.

Emergency Shipping
Fund.

Powers conferred on
the President.
Post, pp. 720, 1022.
To order ships, etc.,
for Government use.

The President is hereby authorized and empowered, within the limits of the amounts herein authorized—

(a) To place an order with any person for such ships or material as the necessities of the Government, to be determined by the President, may require during the period of the war and which are of the nature, kind and quantity usually produced or capable of being produced by such person.

Modify, etc., con-
tracts therefor.
Post, pp. 535, 720.

(b) To modify, suspend, cancel, or requisition any existing or future contract for the building, production, or purchase of ships or material.

Take the product of
shipbuilding plants,
etc.

(c) To require the owner or occupier of any plant in which ships or materials are built or produced to place at the disposal of the United States the whole or any part of the output of such plant, to deliver such output or part thereof in such quantities and at such times as may be specified in the order.

Possession of plants.
Post, p. 1022.

(d) To requisition and take over for use or operation by the United States any plant, or any part thereof without taking possession of the entire plant, whether the United States has or has not any contract or agreement with the owner or occupier of such plant.

Acquire ships under
construction, etc.

(e) To purchase, requisition, or take over the title to, or the possession of, for use or operation by the United States any ship now constructed or in the process of construction or hereafter constructed, or any part thereof, or charter of such ship.

Compliance com-
pulsory.

Compliance with all orders issued hereunder shall be obligatory on any person to whom such order is given, and such order shall take precedence over all other orders and contracts placed with such per-