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Naval Reserve Force.  
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amended.

Insular possessions.

Enrollment of  
friendly aliens apply-  
ing for citizenship.

Admission to citizen-  
ship without shore resi-  
dence.

**CHAP. 18.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes," relative to enrollments in the Naval Reserve Force.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes," approved August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding after the proviso under the heading "Naval Reserve Force," which reads as follows: "*Provided*, That citizens of the insular possessions of the United States may enroll in the Naval Auxiliary Reserve," a further proviso as follows: "*Provided further*, That such persons who are not citizens of the United States, but who have or shall have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, and who are citizens of countries which are at peace with the United States, may enroll in the Naval Reserve Force subject to the condition that they may be discharged from such enrollment at any time within the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy, and such persons who may, under existing law, become citizens of the United States, and who render honorable service in the Naval Reserve Force in time of war for a period of not less than one year may become citizens of the United States without proof of residence on shore and without further requirement than proof of good moral character and certificate from the Secretary of the Navy that such honorable service was actually rendered.

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Wabash River.  
Ernest E. Denison  
and others may bridge,  
Vincennes, Ind.

Construction.  
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Amendment.

**CHAP. 19.**—An Act Granting consent to Ernest B. Denison, A. J. Barchfield, and Ethan I. Dodds to construct a bridge across the Wabash River within or near the city limits of the city of Vincennes, Indiana.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to Ernest B. Denison, A. J. Barchfield, and Ethan I. Dodds, their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Wabash River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, within or near the city limits of Vincennes, in the county of Knox, in the State of Indiana, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

**SEC. 2.** That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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Navy.  
Enlisted strength  
temporarily increased.  
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Marine Corps.  
Enlisted strength  
temporarily increased.  
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Vol. 35, p. 155.  
Post, p. 714.

**CHAP. 20.**—An Act To temporarily increase the commissioned and warrant and enlisted strength of the Navy and Marine Corps, 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 authorized enlisted strength of the active list of the Navy is hereby temporarily increased from eighty-seven thousand to one hundred and fifty thousand, including four thousand additional apprentice seamen.

**SEC. 2.** That the authorized enlisted strength of the active list of the Marine Corps is hereby temporarily increased from seventeen thousand four hundred to thirty thousand, this authorized strength being distributed in the various grades of the enlisted force in the

same proportion as those authorized at the date of the approval of this Act.

SEC. 3. That enlistments in the Navy and Marine Corps, during such time as the United States may be at war, shall be for four years or for such shorter period or periods as the President may prescribe, or for the period of the present war.

SEC. 4. Additional commissioned officers in the Navy and Marine Corps, based upon the temporary increases herein authorized in the number of enlisted men, shall be temporarily appointed by the President, in his discretion, with the advice and consent of the Senate, not above the grades and ranks of lieutenant in the line and staff of the Navy and major in the Marine Corps, the distribution in said grades and ranks to be made in accordance with the provisions of the Act of August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen: *Provided*, That all temporary original appointments shall be made in the lowest commissioned grades of the line and staff of the Navy and Marine Corps, exclusive of commissioned warrant officers, and that there shall be no permanent or temporary appointments in or permanent or temporary promotions to any grade or rank above that of lieutenant in the Navy or major in the Marine Corps by reason of the temporary appointment of officers authorized by this Act in excess of the total number of officers authorized by existing law or on account of the increase of enlisted men herein authorized: *Provided further*, That, during the period of the present war, the deficiency existing prior to the passage of this Act in the total number of commissioned officers of the Navy and Marine Corps authorized by the Act of August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, may also be supplied by temporary appointments in the lowest grades and by temporary promotions to all other grades until a sufficient number of officers shall be available for regular appointment or promotion in accordance with existing law: *Provided further*, That nothing herein shall be held or construed to limit or abridge the use or service of the officers of the Navy and Marine Corps on the retired list or of the officers of the Naval Militia and National Naval Volunteers, Naval Reserve Force and Marine Corps Reserve, as provided and authorized under existing law: *Provided further*, That temporary chaplains and temporary acting chaplains in the Navy may be appointed for service during the period of the war in the proportion of the personnel of the Navy as now prescribed by existing law.

SEC. 5. That the additional temporary officers authorized in the various grades and ranks of the Navy and Marine Corps in accordance with the next preceding section may be temporarily appointed to serve in the grades or ranks to which appointed or promoted by the temporary advancement of officers holding permanent and probationary commissions, by temporary appointment of commissioned warrant officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the Navy, and warrant officers, noncommissioned officers, and clerks to assistant paymasters of the Marine Corps, commissioned and warrant officers of the United States Coast Guard, citizens of the United States who have had previous naval or military service or training, and other citizens of the United States specially qualified: *Provided*, That in making appointments authorized herein the maximum age limit shall be fifty years for commissioned warrant officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men to ensign, enlisted men of the Navy to warrant rank, candidates for assistant surgeon, noncommissioned officers of the Marine Corps to commissioned rank, members of the Marine Corps branch of the Naval Militia and National Naval Volunteers, Marine Corps Reserve, and civilians specially qualified to commissioned rank, and warrant officers of the active list of the Marine Corps appointed to commissioned rank, and temporary

Enlistment period during present war.

Temporary appointments based upon increases.

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Distribution of grades.

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*Provisos*. Original appointments to be in lowest grades.

Restrictions on appointments or promotions to higher grades.

Supplying existing vacancies for present war.

Use of retired officers, Naval Militia, reserves, etc., not abridged.

Chaplains. Temporary appointments authorized.

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Officers. Eligibility for appointments or promotions to temporary grades or ranks.

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*Provisos*. Maximum age limit

Naval Academy and warrant officers.

Commissions to midshipmen on graduation.

Temporary warrant officers.

Lieutenants (junior grade) and ensigns.

Computations for promotions to be made semiannually during present war.  
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Recommendations by Board.

Permanent status not affected by temporary appointments.  
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Provisos.  
Rights, etc., of enlisted men not abridged.

Effect of temporary appointments.

Reversion to prior grade, etc., on termination.

Regular promotions not affected.

Termination of temporary appointments.

Retirements.

chaplains and temporary acting chaplains: *Provided further*, That graduates of the Naval Academy and warrant officers duly commissioned in the Navy or Marine Corps in accordance with existing law shall not, by virtue of this Act, be required to receive temporary appointments; and the class of midshipmen graduated from the Naval Academy on March twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and the classes to be graduated hereafter, may be commissioned effective from date of graduation: *Provided further*, That temporary appointments as warrant officers of the Navy may be made by the Secretary of the Navy: *Provided further*, That lieutenants (junior grade) and ensigns may be considered eligible for temporary promotions to the grades of lieutenant and lieutenant (junior grade), respectively, without regard to length of service in grade.

SEC. 6. That during the period of the present war the computations to be made by the Secretary of the Navy as prescribed by the act of August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, shall be made semiannually as of July first and January first of each year and at such other times as he may deem necessary; and the Board of Rear Admirals for selection for promotion prescribed in said Act may be convened at such times as the exigencies of the service may require and shall recommend for promotion such number of officers as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe to fill vacancies in the several grades as provided by existing law.

SEC. 7. That the permanent and probationary commissions, appointments, and warrants of officers shall not be vacated by reason of their temporary advancement or appointment, nor shall said officers be prejudiced in their relative lineal rank in regard to promotion in accordance with the Act of August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen: *Provided*, That the rights, benefits, privileges, and gratuities of all enlisted men of the Navy and Marine Corps now authorized by law shall not be lost or abridged in any respect whatever by their acceptance of temporary commissions or warrants hereunder: *Provided further*, That no person who shall receive a temporary appointment shall be entitled to pay or allowances except under such temporary appointment: *And provided further*, That upon the termination of temporary appointments in a higher grade or rank as authorized by this Act the officers so advanced, including probationary second lieutenants, warrant officers, clerks to assistant paymasters, and enlisted men of the Navy and Marine Corps, commissioned and warrant officers of the United States Coast Guard, shall revert to the grade, rank, or rating from which temporarily advanced, unless such officers or enlisted men in the meantime, in accordance with law, become entitled to promotion to a higher grade or rank in the permanent Navy or Marine Corps, in which case they shall revert to said higher grade or rank and shall, after passing the prescribed examinations, be commissioned accordingly.

SEC. 8. That all temporary appointments or advancements authorized by this Act shall continue in force only until otherwise directed by the President or until Congress shall amend or repeal the authorization for the increases herein provided and not later than six months after the termination of the present war.

SEC. 9. That any officer of the permanent Navy or Marine Corps, temporarily advanced in grade or rank in accordance with the provisions of this Act, who shall be retired from active service under his permanent commission while holding such temporary rank, except for physical disability incurred in line of duty, shall be placed on the retired list with the grade or rank to which his position in the permanent Navy or Marine Corps at the date of his retirement would entitle him, and any person originally appointed temporarily, as provided in this Act, shall not be entitled to any rights of retirement, except for physical disability incurred in line of duty.

SEC. 10. That, during the continuance of the present war, should any second lieutenant of the Marine Corps holding a probationary appointment for the period of two years become eligible for promotion to a higher grade and qualify therefor before the expiration of two years from the date of original appointment, he shall receive a probationary appointment in such higher grade, which appointment shall be made permanent or shall be vacated in the manner prescribed by the Act of August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

Marine Corps.  
Promotion of proba-  
tionary second lieu-  
tenants.

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SEC. 11. That the appointment of thirty marine gunners, thirty quartermaster's clerks, and nine clerks to assistant paymasters, additional to the number now prescribed by law, and the temporary appointment of eight clerks to assistant paymasters for the war, is hereby authorized, such appointments to be made in the manner now provided by law.

Additional marine  
gunners, etc., author-  
ized.  
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SEC. 12. That the temporary appointments and promotions herein authorized shall be made by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Appointments by the  
President and Senate.

SEC. 13. Nothing contained in this Act shall operate to reduce the rank, pay, or allowances that would have been received by any person in the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard except for the passage of this Act.

No reduction of rank,  
pay, etc.

SEC. 14. That the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes," approved August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, which read as follows: "*Provided further*, That the increase in the number of captains herein authorized shall be made at the rate of not more than ten captains in any one year" and "That officers of the Marine Corps with the rank of colonel who shall have served faithfully for forty-five years on the active list shall, when retired, have the rank of brigadier general; and such officers who shall hereafter be retired at the age of sixty-four years before having served for forty-five years, but who shall have served faithfully on the active list until retired, shall, on the completion of forty years from their entry in the naval service, have the rank of brigadier general," are hereby repealed.

Personnel.  
Limitation on num-  
ber of line captains re-  
pealed.  
Vol. 39, p. 579.

Marine Corps.  
Retirement of colo-  
nels as brigadier gen-  
erals, repealed.  
Vol. 39, p. 611.

SEC. 15. That commencing June first, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and continuing until not later than six months after the termination of the present war, all enlisted men of the Navy of the United States in active service whose base pay does not exceed \$21 per month shall receive an increase of \$15 per month; those whose base pay is over \$21 and does not exceed \$24 per month, an increase of \$12 per month; those whose base pay is over \$24 and less than \$45 per month, an increase of \$8 per month; and those whose base pay is \$45 or more per month, an increase of \$6 per month: *Provided*, That the increases of pay herein authorized shall not enter into the computation of continuous-service pay: *Provided*, That during the continuance of the present war, warrant officers, petty officers and enlisted men of the United States Coast Guard shall receive the same rates of pay as are or may hereafter be prescribed for corresponding grades or ratings and length of service in the Navy.

Enlisted men.  
Pay increased during  
the war.  
Basis.

Provisos.  
Not credited to serv-  
ice pay.  
Coast Guard.  
Pay, etc., to corre-  
spond with Navy.

SEC. 16. That the President is hereby authorized, whenever in his judgment a sufficient national emergency exists, to transfer to the service and jurisdiction of the War Department, or of the Navy Department, such vessels, equipment, stations, and personnel of the Coast and Geodetic Survey as he may deem to the best interest of the country, and after such transfer all expenses connected therewith shall be defrayed out of the appropriations for the department to which transfer is made: *Provided*, That such vessels, equipment, stations, and personnel shall be returned to the Coast and Geodetic Survey when such national emergency ceases, in the opinion of

Coast and Geodetic  
Survey.  
Transfer of vessels,  
etc., to Army or Navy.

Provisos.  
Return when emer-  
gency ceases.

Personnel subject to Army or Navy laws, etc.

Field officers. Offices of hydrographic and geodetic engineers created.

Examinations required, etc.

Present pay, etc., not reduced. Pension benefits.

Relative rank in service of Army or Navy.

Pay when not on military duty.

Regulations governing duties, etc.

the President, and nothing in this Act shall be construed as transferring the Coast and Geodetic Survey or any of its functions from the Department of Commerce except in time of national emergency and to the extent herein provided: *Provided further*, That any of the personnel of the Coast and Geodetic Survey who may be transferred as herein provided shall, while under the jurisdiction of the War Department or Navy Department, have proper military status and shall be subject to the laws, regulations, and orders for the government of the Army or Navy, as the case may be, in so far as the same may be applicable to persons whose retention permanently in the military service of the United States is not contemplated by law: *And provided further*, That the President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the field officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, who are now officially designated assistants and aids, as follows: Officers now designated assistants and receiving a salary of \$2,000 or more per annum shall be appointed hydrographic and geodetic engineers; officers now designated assistants and receiving a salary of \$1,200 or greater but less than \$2,000 per annum shall be appointed junior hydrographic and geodetic engineers; officers now designated aids shall be appointed aids: *Provided*, That no person shall be appointed aid or shall be promoted from aid to junior hydrographic and geodetic engineer or from junior hydrographic and geodetic engineer to hydrographic and geodetic engineer until after passing a satisfactory mental and physical examination conducted in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce, except that the President is authorized to nominate for confirmation the assistants and aids in the service on the date of the passage of this Act.

Nothing in this Act shall reduce the total amount of pay and allowances they were receiving at the time of transfer. While actually employed in active service under direct orders of the War Department or of the Navy Department members of the Coast and Geodetic Survey shall receive the benefit of all provisions of laws relating to disability incurred in line of duty or loss of life.

When serving with the Army or Navy the relative rank shall be as follows:

Hydrographic and geodetic engineers receiving \$4,000 or more shall rank with and after colonels in the Army and captains in the Navy.

Hydrographic and geodetic engineers receiving \$3,000 or more but less than \$4,000 shall rank with and after lieutenant colonels in the Army and commanders in the Navy.

Hydrographic and geodetic engineers receiving \$2,500 or more but less than \$3,000 shall rank with and after majors in the Army and lieutenant commanders in the Navy.

Hydrographic and geodetic engineers receiving \$2,000 or more but less than \$2,500 shall rank with and after captains in the Army and lieutenants in the Navy.

Junior hydrographic and geodetic engineers shall rank with and after first lieutenants in the Army and lieutenants (junior grade) in the Navy.

Aids shall rank with and after second lieutenants in the Army and ensigns in the Navy.

And nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect or alter their rates of pay and allowances when not assigned to military duty as hereinbefore mentioned.

The Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of Commerce shall jointly prescribe regulations governing the duties to be performed by the Coast and Geodetic Survey in time of war, and for the cooperation of that service with the War and Navy Departments in time of peace in preparation for its duties in war, which regulations shall not be effective unless approved by each of the

said Secretaries, and included therein may be rules and regulations for making reports and communications between the officers or bureaus of the War and Navy Departments and the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

SEC. 17. That nothing contained in the Act of August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, shall operate to disturb the relative position of officers in the Medical Corps with reference to precedence or promotion, but all such officers otherwise qualified shall be advanced in rank with or ahead of officers in said corps who were their juniors on the date of said Act.

SEC. 18. That the President be, and he is hereby, further authorized to designate six officers of the Navy for the command of fleets or subdivisions thereof and, after being so designated from the date of assuming such command until relinquishing thereof, not more than three of such officers shall each have the rank and pay of an admiral, and the others shall each have the rank and pay of a vice admiral; and the grades of admiral and vice admiral are hereby authorized and continued for the purpose of this Act: *Provided*, That in time of war the selections under the provisions of this section shall be made from the grades of rear admiral or captain on the active list of the Navy: *Provided further*, That the pay of an admiral shall be \$10,000 and the pay of a vice admiral \$9,000 per annum: *Provided further*, That in time of peace officers for the command of fleets and subdivisions thereof, as herein authorized, shall be designated from among the rear admirals on the active list of the Navy: *Provided further*, That nothing herein contained shall create any vacancy in any grade in the Navy or increase the total number of officers authorized by law: *Provided further*, That when an officer with the rank of admiral or vice admiral is detached from the command of a fleet or subdivision thereof, as herein authorized, he shall return to his regular rank in the list of officers of the Navy and shall thereafter receive only the pay and allowances of such rank: *And provided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be held or construed as amending or repealing the provisions of sections fourteen hundred and thirty-four, fourteen hundred and sixty-three, and fourteen hundred and sixty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

That the provision in the Act approved March third, nineteen hundred and fifteen, for the designation of commanders in chief of certain fleets with the rank of admiral and for the designation of officers second in command of such fleets with the rank of vice admiral be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

SEC. 19. That section forty-four of the Act entitled "An Act to codify, revise, and amend the penal laws of the United States," approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and nine, as amended by an Act entitled "An Act making appropriation for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and for other purposes," approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, be, and is hereby, amended by adding the following to said section:

"*Provided*, That offenses hereunder committed within the Canal Zone or within any defensive sea areas which the President is authorized to establish by said section, shall be cognizable in the District Court of the Canal Zone, and jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon said court to hear and determine all such cases arising under said section and to impose the penalties therein provided for the violation of any of the provisions of said section."

SEC. 20. That hereafter all laws relating to the examination of officers of the Navy for promotion shall be construed to apply to the regular advancement of staff officers to higher ranks on the active list the same as though such advancements in rank were promotions

Medical Corps, Navy.  
Status retained.  
Vol. 38, p. 577.

Command of fleets,  
etc.  
Designation of admirals or vice admirals for.

*Provisos.*  
Selection in time of war.

Pay.  
Designation in time of peace.

No vacancy created.

To return to regular rank when detached.

Status of "flag officers" not affected.  
R. S., secs. 1434, 1463, 1464, pp. 252, 255.

Former provision repealed.  
Vol. 38, p. 941.

Criminal Code amendment.  
Vol. 35, p. 1097, amended.

Violating defensive sea areas regulations, etc.  
Vol. 39, p. 1194, amended.  
Jurisdiction of District Court of Canal Zone over offenses.

Staff officers.  
Examination for advancement to higher ranks.

**Provisos.  
Limitation.**

Records of examining board to be acted on by Secretary of the Navy.  
R. S., sec. 1502, p. 259, amended.

Extra ration for deck force on night duty during present war.

to higher grades: *Provided*, That examinations for such staff officers shall not be required except for such regular advancements in rank: *Provided further*, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to direct the Secretary of the Navy to take such action on the records of proceedings of naval examining boards and boards of naval surgeons for the promotion of officers of the Navy as is now required by law to be taken by the President.

SEC. 21. That during the continuance of the present war an extra allowance of one ounce of coffee or cocoa, two ounces of sugar, four ounces of hard bread or its equivalent, and four ounces of preserved meat or its equivalent shall be allowed to enlisted men of the deck force when standing night watches between eight o'clock postmeridian and eight o'clock antemeridian.

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**CHAP. 21.**—Joint Resolution To grant authority for the erection of temporary buildings at the headquarters of the American Red Cross, Washington, District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.  
Memorial to Women of the Civil War.  
American Red Cross allowed temporary structures on.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That authority be, and is hereby, given to the Commission on Memorial to Women of the Civil War to grant permission, under such conditions and restrictions as it may deem necessary, to the central committee of the American Red Cross to erect upon square numbered one hundred and seventy-two, in the city of Washington, a temporary building or buildings for the use of the American Red Cross in connection with its work in co-operation with the Government of the United States: *Provided*, That any building or buildings which may be erected under this authority shall be removed and the site or sites thereof placed in good condition within three years from the date of the approval of this resolution, unless otherwise especially provided by Congress: *Provided further*, That the United States shall be put to no expense of any kind by reason of the exercise of the authority hereby conferred.

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**Provisos.  
Removal, etc.**

No expense authorized.

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**CHAP. 22.**—An Act Making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and for other purposes.

Military Academy appropriations.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen:

Permanent establishment.

**PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT.**

Professors, etc.

For pay of seven professors, \$27,000;

For pay of one chaplain, \$2,400;

Master of the sword.

For pay of the master of the sword, \$3,000;

*Proviso.*  
Relative rank, etc.

*Provided*, That the master of the sword shall have the relative rank and shall be entitled to the pay, allowances, and emoluments of a major during the active service of the present incumbent of that office.

Cadets.

For pay of cadets, \$540,000;

Extra pay to officers.

For extra pay of officers of the Army on detached service at the Military Academy: