

CHAP. LXXXIII.—*An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the first day of January and ending the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and ending the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.*

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 are hereby, appropriated, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning on the first day of January and ending on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three; and for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and ending on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

Appropriations.

For pay of commission, warrant, and petty officers and seamen, including the engineer corps of the navy, for the said half calendar year, one million four hundred and ninety-six thousand five hundred and eighty-four dollars and fifty cents; and for the said fiscal year, two million seven hundred and fifteen thousand eight hundred and eight dollars.

Pay of officers and seamen, including engineers.

For pay of superintendents, naval constructors, and all the civil establishments of the several yards, for the said half calendar year, thirty-six thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars; and for the said fiscal year, seventy-three thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars.

Pay of superintendents, &c. at yards.

For provisions for the navy, including transportation, coo- perage, and other expenses, for the said half calendar year, three hundred and sixty-two thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine dollars and fifty cents; and for the said fiscal year, six hundred and twenty-three thousand six hundred and fifty-three dollars.

Provisions

For clothing for the navy, including transportation and every other expense, to be reimbursed out of the sales of the clothing for the said half calendar year, three hundred and eighty thousand dollars.

Clothing.

For surgeons' necessaries, and appliances for the sick and hurt of the naval service, including the marine corps, for the said half calendar year, fifty-one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, and for the said fiscal year, forty-two thousand eight hundred and forty dollars, and for arrearages of preceding years, under this head, fifty thousand dollars.

Surgeons' necessaries, &c.

For the increase, repair, armament, and equipment of the navy, and wear and tear of vessels in commission, for the said half calendar year, five hundred thousand dollars; and for the said fiscal year, one million dollars.

Repairs, &c.

For the support of Africans recaptured on the coast of Africa or elsewhere, and returned to Africa by the armed vessels of the United States, five thousand dollars.

Recaptured Africans.

For improvements and necessary repairs of the navy-yards, namely :

For Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for the said half calendar year, fifteen thousand five hundred and ten dollars and forty cents; and for the said fiscal year, twenty-four thousand nine hundred dollars and seventy-six cents;

Navy yards at Portsmouth.

For Charlestown, Massachusetts, for the said half calendar year, twenty thousand nine hundred and ninety-two dollars and seventy-cents; and for the said fiscal year, thirty-four thousand three hundred and seventy-nine dollars;

Charlestown.

For Brooklyn, New York, for the said half calendar year, sixteen thousand dollars; and for the said fiscal year, twenty-five thousand four hundred dollars: And the Secretary of the Navy is hereby directed to cause an examination to be made of the expediency, practicability and probable expense of constructing a dry-dock in the harbor of New York upon the plan of using as an elevating power, the water of the

Brooklyn.

- Dry-dock at New York. Croton aqueduct, and of sufficient capacity to rebuild or repair a seventy-four gun-ship, and to cause an examination of any other plan or plans of a dry-dock or floating-dock in said harbor, deemed worthy by the Secretary to be reported upon, and to report the result of such examination, with his opinion thereon, to the next session of Congress. And all further expenditures under the appropriations heretofore made for the dry-dock in said harbor shall be suspended until the first day of January next: and the sum of one hundred thousand dollars shall be, and the same hereby is, appropriated for the construction of a floating dry-dock at Pensacola, of capacity sufficient for the repair of frigates of the smaller class, and upon such plan as the Secretary of the Navy shall approve.
- Dry dock at Pensacola. For Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for the said half calendar year, one thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars; and for the said fiscal year, two thousand and seventy dollars;
- Navy-yards at Philadelphia. For Washington, District of Columbia, for the said half calendar year, five thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven dollars; and for the said fiscal year, four thousand eight hundred and fourteen dollars;
- Washington. For Gosport, Virginia, for the said half calendar year, five thousand two hundred dollars; and for the said fiscal year, nine thousand three hundred and ten dollars;
- Gosport. For Pensacola, Florida, for the said half calendar year, three thousand dollars; and for the said fiscal year, four thousand and forty-seven dollars;
- Pensacola. For necessary repairs of hospital buildings and their dependencies, namely:
- Hospitals at Charlestown. For Charlestown, Massachusetts, for the said half calendar year, one thousand five hundred dollars; and for the said fiscal year, one thousand three hundred dollars;
- Brooklyn. For Brooklyn, New York, for the said half calendar year, eight thousand eight hundred and thirty-two dollars; and for the said fiscal year, fifteen thousand dollars;
- Norfolk. For Norfolk, Virginia, for the said half calendar year, two thousand dollars; and for the said fiscal year, two thousand dollars;
- Pensacola. For Pensacola, Florida, for the said half calendar year, one thousand five hundred dollars; and for the said fiscal year, two thousand four hundred and forty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents;
- Philadelphia. For Philadelphia naval asylum, for the said half calendar year, nine hundred and forty-five dollars; and for the said fiscal year, three hundred and sixty-six dollars;
- Magazines at Charlestown. For necessary repairs of magazines, namely:
- Brooklyn. For Charlestown, Massachusetts, for the said half calendar year, five hundred dollars; and for the said fiscal year, one thousand dollars;
- Washington. For Brooklyn, New York, for the said half calendar year, three hundred and fifty dollars; and for the said fiscal year, three hundred and fifty dollars;
- Norfolk. For Washington, District of Columbia, for the said half calendar year, two hundred and fifty dollars; and for the said fiscal year, two hundred and fifty dollars;
- Norfolk. For Norfolk, Virginia, for the said half calendar year, three hundred and fifty dollars; and for the said fiscal year, three hundred and fifty dollars;
- Ordnance, &c. on the lakes. For ordnance and ordnance stores for the navy and armed vessels on the northern lakes, for the said half calendar year, forty-eight thousand four hundred and twenty-two dollars and ninety-seven cents; and for the said fiscal year, ninety-six thousand eight hundred and forty-seven dollars and ninety-three cents;
- Miscellaneous expenses. For defraying the expenses that may accrue for the following purposes, viz.: For freight and transportation of materials and stores of

every description; for wharfage and dockage; storage and rent; traveling expenses of officers and transportation of seamen; house rent to pursers, when duly authorized; for funeral expenses; for commissions, clerk hire, office rent, stationery, and fuel, to navy agents; for premiums and incidental expenses of recruiting; for apprehending deserters; for compensation to judge advocates; for per diem allowance to persons attending courts martial and courts of inquiry, or other services authorized by law; for printing and stationery of every description, and for working the lithographic press; for books, maps, charts, mathematical and nautical instruments, chronometers, models, and drawings; for the purchase and repair of fire engines and machinery connected therewith, and for other machinery for the repair of steam engines in navy-yards; for the purchase and maintenance of oxen and horses, and for carts, timber wheels, and workmen's tools of every description; for postage of letters on public service; for pilotage and towing ships of war; for assistance rendered to vessels in distress; for incidental labor at navy-yards, not applicable to any other appropriation; for coal and other fuel, and for candles and oil for the use of navy-yards and shore stations, and for no other object or purpose whatever, for the said half calendar year, three hundred and thirty thousand dollars; and for the said fiscal year, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses for objects not enumerated for the said half calendar year, one thousand five hundred dollars; and for the said fiscal year, three thousand dollars.

For printing and publishing the code of rules and regulations for the government of the navy, prepared by the Secretary of the Navy and Attorney General, in obedience to a resolution of the last session, in case the same should be ratified by Congress, one thousand dollars.

For defraying the expenses of the agencies for the inspection of hemp, authorized by a joint resolution of Congress, approved eighteenth February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, four thousand dollars: *Provided*, That all provisions and clothing, hemp, and other materials of every name and nature, for the use of the navy, and the transportation thereof, when time will permit, shall hereafter be furnished by contract by the lowest bidder as follows: the Secretary of the Navy shall advertise, once a week, for at least four weeks, in one or more of the principal papers published in the place where such articles are to be furnished for sealed proposals for furnishing such articles, or the whole of any particular class of articles, specifying in such advertisement the amount, quantity, and description of each kind of articles to be furnished, and all such proposals shall be kept sealed until the day specified in such advertisement for opening the same, when they shall be opened by or under the direction of the officer making such advertisement, in the presence of at least two persons; and the person offering to furnish any class of such articles, and giving satisfactory security for the performance thereof, under a forfeiture not exceeding twice the contract price in case of failure, shall receive a contract for furnishing the same; and in case the lowest bidder shall fail to enter into such contract and give such security within a reasonable time, to be fixed in such advertisement, then the contract shall be given to the next lowest bidder, who shall enter into such contract and give such security; and that all such bids or proposals shall be preserved and recorded, and reported to Congress at the commencement of every regular session; and the same shall contain a true and faithful abstract of all offers made, embracing as well those which are rejected as those which are accepted; the said abstract shall embrace the names of the party or parties offering, the terms proposed, the sums demanded, and the length of time the agreement is to continue. And in case of a failure, to supply the articles or to perform the work, by the person entering into such con-

Contingent expenses.

Printing navy regulations.

Expenses of hemp agencies.

Proviso: materials for the navy, &c. to be furnished by contract.

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tract, he and his sureties shall be liable for the forfeiture specified in such contract, as liquidated damages, to be sued for in the name of the United States, in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

Marine corps.
Pay and subsistence of officers.

Marine Corps.—For pay of officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, and servants serving on shore, and subsistence of officers of the marine corps, for the said half calendar year, ninety-nine thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight dollars; and for the said fiscal year, two hundred and one thousand four hundred and seventy-two dollars and fifteen cents.

Provisions.

For provisions for non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, servants, and washerwomen, serving on shore, for the said half calendar year, nineteen thousand one hundred and twenty-eight dollars and eight cents; and for the said fiscal year, thirty-eight thousand six hundred and seventy-eight dollars and eighty cents.

Clothing.

For clothing for the said half calendar year, twenty thousand three hundred and forty-nine dollars; and for the said fiscal year, forty thousand six hundred and ninety-eight dollars.

Fuel.

For fuel for the said half calendar year, eight thousand one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and six cents; and for the said fiscal year, sixteen thousand two hundred and seventy-four dollars and twelve cents.

Barracks.

To keep barracks in repair, for rent of temporary barracks, for the said half calendar year, three thousand dollars; and for the said fiscal year, six thousand dollars.

Transportation.

For transportation of officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, and expenses of recruiting, for the said half calendar year, four thousand dollars; and for the said fiscal year, eight thousand dollars.

Military stores, &c.

For military stores, pay of armorers, keeping arms in repair, accoutrements, ordnance stores, flags, drums, fifes, and other instruments for the band, for the said half calendar year, one thousand four hundred dollars; and for the said fiscal year, two thousand eight hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses.

For contingent expenses of said corps, viz: For freight, ferriage, toll, wharfage, and cartage; for per diem allowance for attending courts martial and courts of inquiry; compensation to judge advocates; house rent where there are no public quarters assigned; for per diem allowance to enlisted men on constant labor; expenses of burying deceased marines; printing, stationery, forage, postage on public letters, expenses in pursuit of deserters, candles, oil, straw, barrack furniture, bed sacks, spades, axes, shovels, picks, carpenters' tools, and for keeping a horse for the messenger, for the said half calendar year, eight thousand nine hundred and ninety dollars; and for the said fiscal year, seventeen thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars.

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STATUTE III.

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[Obsolete.]

Appropriation for constructing electro-magnetic telegraph.

CHAP. LXXXIV.—*An Act to test the practicability of establishing a system of electro-magnetic telegraphs by the United States.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for testing the capacity and usefulness of the system of electro-magnetic telegraphs invented by Samuel F. B. Morse, of New York, for the use of the Government of the United States, by constructing a line of said electro-magnetic telegraphs, under the superintendence of Professor Samuel F. B. Morse, of such length, and between such points, as shall fully test its practicability and utility, and that the same shall be expended, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, upon the application of said Morse.

Payment of Prof. Morse, and others.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay, out of the aforesaid thirty