

retary of War, not exceeding those of corresponding grades of the Regular Army.

Porto Rico.
Regiment of natives
authorized.

SEC. 37. That the President is authorized to organize and maintain one provisional regiment of not exceeding three battalions of infantry, for service in Porto Rico, the enlisted strength thereof to be composed of natives of that island as far as practicable. The regiment shall be organized as to numbers as authorized for infantry regiments of the Regular Army. The pay, rations, and clothing allowances to be authorized for the enlisted men shall be fixed by the Secretary of War, and shall not exceed those authorized for the Regular Army. The field officers shall be selected from officers of the next lower grades in the Regular Army and shall, while so serving in the higher grade, have the rank, pay, and allowances thereof. The company and regimental and battalion staff officers shall be appointed by the President. The President may, in his discretion, continue with their own consent the volunteer officers and enlisted men of the Porto Rico regiment, whose terms of service expire by law July first, nineteen hundred and one. Enlistments for the Porto Rico regiment shall be made for periods of three years, unless sooner discharged. The regiment shall be continued in service until further directed by Congress.

Sale of intoxicants
in post exchanges,
etc., prohibited.

SEC. 38. The sale of or dealing in, beer, wine or any intoxicating liquors by any person in any post exchange or canteen or army transport or upon any premises used for military purposes by the United States, is hereby prohibited. The Secretary of War is hereby directed to carry the provisions of this section into full force and effect.

Existing Regular
Army commissions
unimpaired.

SEC. 39. That nothing in this Act shall be held or construed so as to discharge any officer from the Regular Army or to deprive him of the commission which he now holds therein.

Army ration: Presi-
dent may prescribe
components, etc.

SEC. 40. That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to prescribe the kinds and quantities of the component articles of the army ration, and to direct the issue of substitutive equivalent articles in place of any such components whenever, in his opinion, economy and a due regard to the health and comfort of the troops may so require.

Badges, service
Spanish war, etc., may
be worn, etc.

SEC. 41. That the distinctive badges adopted by military societies of men "who served in the armies and navies of the United States during the Spanish-American war and the incident insurrection in the Philippines" may be worn upon all occasions of ceremony by officers and men of the Army and Navy of the United States who are members of said organizations in their own right.

Repeal.

SEC. 42. That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, February 2, 1901.

February 4, 1901.

CHAP. 193.—An Act Providing for the construction of a steam revenue cutter for service in the harbor of Boston, Massachusetts.

Boston, Mass.
Purchase of revenue
cutter authorized for
port of.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized to purchase or build a suitable vessel to be used as a revenue cutter of the third class at the port of Boston, Massachusetts: *Provided,* That the cost of said vessel shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

Proviso.
Limit of cost.

Approved, February 4, 1901.