

## WAR DEPARTMENT.

## SIGNAL OFFICE.

The limitation on the services of skilled draftsmen and such other services as the Secretary of War may deem necessary to be employed in the Signal Office, contained in the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation Act for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and seventeen, is increased from \$30,000 to \$53,280.

## ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

To reimburse the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for material and labor used in furnishing such commissions as are required by the War Department for officers of the Army under the Act approved June third, nineteen hundred and sixteen, "For making further and more effectual provision for the national defense, and for other purposes," including cost of engraving and printing same, \$6,000, to remain available during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and seventeen.

## NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT.

## BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY.

Medical Department: For surgeons' necessaries for vessels in commission, navy yards, naval stations, Marine Corps, and for the civil establishment at the several naval hospitals, navy yards, naval medical supply depots, Naval Medical School, Washington, and Naval Academy, \$55,000.

Transportation of remains: For transportation of remains, including the same objects specified under this head in the naval appropriation Act for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and sixteen, \$6,000.

## MARINE CORPS.

Provisions, Marine Corps: For provisions, including the same objects specified under this head in the naval appropriation Act for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and sixteen, \$100,000.

Military stores, Marine Corps: For military stores, including the same objects specified under this head in the naval appropriation Act for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and sixteen, \$105,000.

Contingent, Marine Corps: For contingent expenses, including the same objects specified under this head in the naval appropriation Act for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and sixteen, \$60,000.

Approved, July 1, 1916.

**CHAP. 211.**—Joint Resolution To authorize the President to draft members of the National Guard and of the Organized Militia of the several States, Territories, and the District of Columbia and members of the National Guard and Militia Reserves into the military service of the United States under certain conditions, and for other purposes.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in the opinion of the Congress of the United States an emergency now exists which demands the use of troops in addition to the Regular Army of the United States, and that the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to draft into the military service of the United States, under the provisions of section one hundred and eleven of the national defense Act approved June third, nineteen hundred and sixteen, so far as the provisions of said section may be applicable and not inconsistent with

War Department.

Signal Office.

Amount for technical services increased.  
*Ante*, p. 91.

Adjutant General's Office.

Expense of commissions under national defense Act.

*Ante*, p. 166.

Navy.

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

Surgeons' necessaries, etc.

Transferring remains.

Marine Corps.

Provisions.

Military stores.

Contingent.

July 1, 1916.  
[H. J. Res. 242.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 23.]

Army.  
President authorized to draft National Guard, etc., into service.

*Ante*, p. 211.

- Term.** the terms hereof, any or all members of the National Guard and of the Organized Militia of the several States, Territories, and the District of Columbia and any and all members of the National Guard and Organized Militia Reserves; to serve for the period of the emergency, not exceeding three years, unless sooner discharged: *Provided*, That all persons so drafted shall, from the date of their draft, stand discharged from the militia during the period of their service under said draft.
- Proviso.**  
**Discharged from militia.** SEC. 2. That the provisions of section one hundred and twelve of the national defense Act of June third, nineteen hundred and sixteen, shall be applicable to any officer or enlisted man drafted into the service of the United States pursuant to the provisions of this joint resolution.
- Pension laws applicable.**  
*Ante*, p. 211.
- Combinations into tactical units.** SEC. 3. That when organizations the members of which are drafted under the provisions of this resolution do not constitute complete tactical units the President may, by combining such organizations, organize battalions, regiments, brigades, and divisions, and may appoint officers for such units from the Regular Army, from the members of such organizations, from those duly qualified and registered pursuant to section twenty-three of the Act of Congress approved January twenty-first, nineteen hundred and three, or members of the Officers' Reserve Corps as provided in section thirty-eight of the national defense Act of June third, nineteen hundred and sixteen, officers with rank not above that of colonel to be appointed by the President alone and all other officers to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate: *Provided*, That vacancies incident to the appointment of officers of the Regular Army to the positions in the forces drafted for this emergency may be filled under the provisions of section eight of the Act of April twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and fourteen.
- Appointment of officers.**  
Vol. 32, p. 779.
- Ante*, p. 190.
- Proviso.**  
Filling vacancies made by Army officers appointed in volunteers.  
Vol. 33, p. 349.
- Assignment of officers in command.** SEC. 4. That whenever in time of war or public danger or during the emergency declared in section one of this resolution, two or more officers of the same grade are on duty in the same field, department, or command, or organizations thereof, the President may assign the command of the forces of such field, department, or command, or of any organization thereof, without regard to seniority of rank in the same grade. In the absence of such assignment by the President, officers of the same grade shall rank and have precedence in the following order without regard to date of rank or commission as between officers of different classes, namely: First, officers of the Regular Army and officers of the Marine Corps detached for service with the Army by order of the President; second, officers of forces drafted into the military service of the United States: *Provided*, That officers of the Regular Army holding commissions in forces drafted into the service of the United States shall rank and have precedence under said commissions as if they were commissioned in the Regular Army; but the rank of officers of the Regular Army under their commissions in the forces drafted into the service of the United States shall not for the purpose of this resolution be held to antedate muster or draft into the service of the United States.
- Precedence if no assignment.**
- Proviso.**  
Rank of Army officers in drafted force.

Approved, July 1, 1916.

July 3, 1916.  
[S. 31.]

[Public, No. 134.]

Public lands.  
John L. Sevy,  
Exchange of land  
with.

CHAP. 212.—An Act For the relief of John L. Sevy.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to issue patent to John L. Sevy, for the following-described lands: The south half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section twelve, township thirty-six