

Incidental and contingent expenses.

For repairs and improvements; fuel and apparatus; forage for public horses and oxen; stationery, printing, and other incidental and contingent expenses, thirty thousand one hundred and fifty-five dollars.

Library.

For the increase and expenses of the library, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Board of visitors.

For expenses of the board of visitors, two thousand dollars.

Barracks.

For barracks for cadets, seventeen thousand five hundred dollars.

Board of visitors for 1848.

For expenses of the board of visitors, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, two thousand dollars.

APPROVED, May 31, 1848.

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CHAP. LV.—*An Act concerning Spanish Steam-vessels.*

Spanish and American steam vessels placed on a footing of perfect reciprocity.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all laws now in force exacting higher duties on Spanish steam-vessels arriving in the United States than are exacted on steam-vessels of the United States arriving at Havana, or any other port in the Island of Cuba, be suspended, so as to place the said steam-vessels on a footing of perfect reciprocity, the suspension to continue so long as such reciprocity shall be thereby secured, or until otherwise provided for by law.

Higher duties than those referred to, which may have been paid by Spanish vessels, to be refunded.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if any higher duties than those before mentioned shall have been, or shall be, paid by any Spanish steamer arriving in the United States on or after the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to refund the same.

APPROVED, May 31, 1848.

June 2, 1848.

CHAP. LX.—*An Act to refund Money for Expenses incurred, Subsistence or Transportation furnished, for the Use of Volunteers during the present War, before being mustered into the Service of the United States.*

Provisions of joint resolution of March 3, 1847, extended so as to embrace all expenses heretofore incurred for volunteers prior to their being mustered into service.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions of the joint resolution approved March third, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, entitled "A Resolution to refund money to the States which have supplied volunteers, and furnished them transportation, during the present war, before being mustered and received into the service of the United States," be, and the same are hereby, extended, so as to embrace all cases of expenses heretofore incurred in organizing, subsisting, and transporting volunteers, previous to their being mustered and received into the service of the United States for the present war, whether by States, counties, corporations, or individuals, either acting with or without the authority of any States: *Provided, however,* That proof shall be made, to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War, of the amount thus expended, and that the same was necessary and proper for the troops aforesaid.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That an amount sufficient to refund said expenses so incurred be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Interest allowed in certain cases.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, in refunding moneys under this act, and the resolution which it amends, it shall be lawful to pay interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all sums advanced [advanced] by States, corporations, or individuals, in all cases where the State, corporation, or individual paid or lost the interest, or is liable to pay it.

APPROVED, June 2, 1848.