

January 31, 1862. CHAP. XIV. — *An Act to pay the Expenses of the special Committee of the House of Representatives, appointed July eighth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to ascertain and report in regard to Contracts with any Department of the Government for Provisions, Supplies, Transportation, &c.*

Appropriation for special committee on contracts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the expenses of the special committee of the House of Representatives appointed on the eighth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to ascertain and report in regard to contracts made with any Department of the Government for provisions, supplies, transportation, &c.; and said sum shall be drawn from the Treasury upon the order of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, as the same shall be required from time to time by the committee having such investigation in charge.

APPROVED, January 31, 1862.

January 31, 1862. CHAP. XV. — *An Act to authorize the President of the United States in certain Cases to take Possession of Railroad and Telegraph Lines, and for other Purposes.*
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Railroad and telegraph lines may be taken possession of,

may be used, extended, &c., and placed under military control.

Obstructing, or attempting to obstruct the government in the use thereof — how punished.

Commissioners to determine damages.

Transportation of troops, &c. to be under control of Secretary of War.

Pay of commissioners. Act, how long in force.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States, when in his judgment the public safety may require it, be, and he is hereby authorized to take possession of any or all the telegraph lines in the United States, their offices and appurtenances; to take possession of any or all the railroad lines in the United States, their rolling-stock, their offices, shops, buildings, and all their appendages and appurtenances; to prescribe rules and regulations for the holding, using, and maintaining of the aforesaid telegraph and railroad lines, and to extend, repair, and complete the same, in the manner most conducive to the safety and interest of the Government; to place under military control all the officers, agents, and employes belonging to the telegraph and railroad lines thus taken possession of by the President, so that they shall be considered as a post road and a part of the military establishment of the United States, subject to all the restrictions imposed by the rules and articles of war.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any attempt by any party or parties whomsoever, in any State or District in which the laws of the United States are opposed, or the execution thereof obstructed by insurgents and rebels against the United States, too powerful to be suppressed by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings, to resist or interfere with the unrestrained use by Government of the property described in the preceding section, or any attempt to injure or destroy the property aforesaid, shall be punished as a military offence, by death, or such other penalty as a court-martial may impose.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That three commissioners shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to assess and determine the damages suffered, or the compensation to which any railroad or telegraph company may be entitled by reason of the railroad or telegraph line being seized and used under the authority conferred by this act, and their award shall be submitted to Congress for their action.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the transportation of troops, munitions of war, equipments, military property and stores, throughout the United States, shall be under the immediate control and supervision of the Secretary of War and such agents as he may appoint; and all rules, regulations, articles, usages, and laws in conflict with this provision are hereby annulled.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the compensation of each of the commissioners aforesaid shall be eight dollars per day while in actual service; and that the provisions of this act, so far as it relates to the

operating and using said railroads and telegraphs, shall not be in force any longer than is necessary for the suppression of this rebellion.

APPROVED, January 31, 1862.

CHAP. XVII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Consular and Diplomatic Expenses of the Government for the Year ending thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and additional Appropriations for the Year ending thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.* February 4, 1862

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 objects hereafter expressed, for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, namely:

Consular and diplomatic appropriation.

For salaries of Envoys Extraordinary, Ministers, and Commissioners of the United States at Great Britain, France, Russia, Prussia, Spain, Austria, Brazil, Mexico, China, Italy, Chili, Peru, Portugal, Switzerland, Rome, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Turkey, New Granada, Bolivia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Sandwich Islands, Costa Rica, Honduras, Argentine Confederation, Paraguay, and Japan, three hundred and one thousand dollars.

Envoys, Ministers, and Commissioners.

For salaries of Secretaries of Legation, forty-three thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

Secretaries of Legation, &c.

For salaries of Assistant Secretaries of Legation at London and Paris, three thousand dollars.

For salary of the Interpreter to the Legation to China, five thousand dollars.

For salary of the Secretary of Legation to Turkey, acting as Interpreter, three thousand dollars.

For salary of the Interpreter to the Legation to Japan, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For compensation to an Interpreter to the Consulate at Kanagawa, fifteen hundred dollars.

For contingent expenses of all the missions abroad, fifty thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses of foreign intercourse, one hundred thousand dollars.

Contingent expenses of foreign intercourse.

For expenses of intercourse with the Barbary Powers, three thousand dollars.

Barbary Powers.

For expenses of the Consulates in the Turkish dominions, namely, interpreters, guards, and other expenses of the Consulates at Constantinople, Smyrna, Candia, Alexandria, and Beirut, two thousand five hundred dollars.

Turkish Consulates.

For the relief and protection of American seamen in foreign countries, two hundred thousand dollars.

Relief, &c. of Seamen.

For expenses which may be incurred in acknowledging the services of the masters and crews of foreign vessels in rescuing citizens of the United States from shipwreck, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For the purchase of blank books, stationery, arms of the United States, seals, presses, flags, postages, and for the payment of miscellaneous expenses of the Consuls of the United States, including the preservation of the archives of the Consulates, forty-five thousand dollars.

Blank books, &c.

For office rent for those Consuls General, Consuls, and Commercial Agents, who are not allowed to trade, including loss by exchange thereon, twenty-seven thousand three hundred and seventy dollars.

Office rent of Consuls-General, &c.

For salaries of Consuls General at Quebec, Calcutta, Alexandria, Havana, Constantinople, Frankfort-on-the-Main; Consuls at Kanagawa and Nangasaki, in Japan, Liverpool, London, Melbourne, Hong Kong, Glasgow, Mauritius, Singapore, Belfast, Cork, Dundee, Demarara, Halifax,

Salaries of Consuls General and Consuls.