

into any foreign country, or driven across such boundary line by the owner for temporary pasturage purposes only, together with their offspring, may be brought back to the United States within six months free of duty, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury: *And provided further*, That the provisions of this Act shall apply to all such animals as have been imported and are in quarantine, or otherwise in the custody of custom or other officers of the United States, at the date of the passage of this Act."

Approved, March 3, 1903.

Act applicable to animals now imported.

March 3, 1903.

[Public, No. 149.]

**CHAP. 999.**—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain lands therein mentioned.

Florida. Sale of Seminole Indian agency lands authorized. Vol. 28, p. 687.

*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 be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be sold, under the provisions of section twenty-four hundred and fifty-five, Revised Statutes, as amended by the Act of February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, providing for the sale of isolated tracts, in so far as the same shall apply, the south half of the northeast quarter of section four, township forty-seven south, of range twenty-nine east, in Lee County, Florida, being eighty acres of land formerly occupied for agency purposes for the Seminole Indians in that State, which land is no longer needed by the United States.

Approved, March 3, 1903.

March 3, 1903.

[Public, No. 150.]

**CHAP. 1000.**—An Act Making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, for the armament thereof, for the procurement of heavy ordnance for trial and service, and for other purposes.

Fortifications appropriations.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the sums of money herein provided for be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be available until expended, namely:

#### FORTIFICATIONS AND OTHER WORKS OF DEFENSE.

Gun and mortar batteries.

For construction of gun and mortar batteries, two million two hundred and thirty-six thousand four hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Range finders.

For installation of range and position finders, two hundred and twenty-three thousand five hundred dollars.

Sites.

For the procurement or reclamation of land, or right pertaining thereto, needed for the site, location, construction, or prosecution of works for fortifications and coast defenses, two hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to purchase land on Cushings Island, Portland Harbor, Maine, for which appropriation was made in the Act making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, and so forth, approved June sixth, nineteen hundred and two, at such times and in such parcels and quantity as may appear to him to be for the best interests of the Government.

*Proviso.* Purchases on Cushings Island.

*Ante*, p. 305.

Searchlights.

For purchase and installation of searchlights for the defenses of our most important harbors, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Preservation, etc.

For the protection, preservation, and repair of fortifications for which there may be no special appropriation available, three hundred thousand dollars:

For preparation of plans for fortifications, five thousand dollars.  
 For tools, electrical and engine supplies and appliances, to be furnished by the Engineer Department, for the use of the troops for maintaining and operating electric light and power plants in gun and mortar batteries, thirty-five thousand dollars.

For construction of sea walls and embankments, eighty-nine thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars.

For the construction of mining casemates, cable galleries, torpedo storehouses, cable tanks, and other structures necessary for the operation, preservation, and care of submarine mines and their accessories, fifty thousand dollars, to be expended by the Engineer Department.

For the purchase of submarine mines and necessary appliances to operate them for closing the channels leading to our principal seaports, and continuing torpedo experiments, one hundred thousand dollars; this sum and the unexpended balance from the sum of seventeen thousand dollars appropriated in the fortification appropriation act of June sixth, nineteen hundred and two, for the purchase of submarine mines and necessary appliances and for continuing torpedo experiments, to be expended through the Ordnance Department.

For purchase of the necessary machinery, tools, and implements for the repair shop of the torpedo depot at Fort Totten, Willets Point, New York, to be expended through the Ordnance Department, three thousand dollars.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to apply the money herein appropriated under the heading "Fortifications and other works of defense," in carrying on the various works, by contract or otherwise, as may be most economical and advantageous to the Government. Where said works are done by contract, such contract shall be made after sufficient public advertisement for proposals, in such manner and form as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and such contracts shall be made with the lowest responsible bidders, accompanied by such securities as the Secretary of War shall require, conditioned for the faithful prosecution and completion of the work according to such contract.

ARMAMENT OF FORTIFICATIONS.

For finishing and assembling eight-inch, ten-inch, and twelve-inch guns at the Army Gun Factory, including new firing attachments for guns now in service and any new tools or machinery necessary for their manufacture, eighty thousand dollars.

For oil-tempered and annealed steel for seacoast-defense guns of eight-inch, ten-inch, and twelve-inch caliber, sixty-one thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no contract for oil-tempered and annealed steel for high-power coast-defense guns and mortars shall be made at a price exceeding twenty-one cents per pound except for nickel steel: *Provided*, That in the discretion of the Secretary of War a portion of this money may be used for the purchase of material for a limited number of steel-wire seacoast guns.

For purchase, manufacture, alteration, issue, and repair of carriages for mounting seacoast guns of eight, ten, and twelve inch calibers, including any new tools or machinery necessary for their manufacture at arsenals, two hundred and ninety-six thousand dollars.

For equipping twelve-inch seacoast carriages in service with electrical apparatus for retracting purposes, fifteen thousand dollars.

For alteration and improvement of twelve-inch mortar carriages, one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars.

For new firing mechanism for twelve-inch mortars, thirty-five thousand dollars.

For shields for barbette carriages, fifty thousand dollars.

- Plans.
- Electric plants.
- Sea walls.
- Submarine mines.
- Torpedoes for harbor defense.
- Balance continued.
- Ante*, p. 306.
- Fort Totten, N. Y. Tools.
- Contracts.
- Armament.
- Army Gun Factory Eight-inch, etc., guns.
- Steel
- Provisos.* Maximum price per pound.
- Steel-wire guns.
- Carriages.
- Electrical apparatus.
- Mortar carriages.
- Firing mechanism.
- Barbette shields.

Reserve supply ammunition.	For powders, projectiles, and explosives for reserve supply for cannon, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
Rapid-fire guns.	For rapid-fire guns, including their mounts, sights, implements, ammunition, and so forth, to be procured by the Secretary of War by contract or otherwise, including any new tools or machinery necessary for their manufacture at arsenals, one million two hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars.
Contract guns. Vol. 26, pp. 319, 770.	For eight, ten, and twelve inch guns manufactured by contract under the provisions of the fortifications Acts approved August eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety, and February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, one hundred and ninety-nine thousand four hundred and seventy-three dollars and twenty-two cents.
Proof of guns, etc.	For proof of seacoast guns, mortars, and carriages, twenty-five thousand dollars.
Armor plates, etc., for tests.	For armor plates and deck plates, including backing and cost of erection, for testing armor-piercing and deck-piercing projectiles, fifteen thousand dollars.
Ammunition for practice.	For ammunition for artillery practice, including components thereof, and for subcaliber tubes, with their fittings, and ammunition for reloading fired cases, tools, and so forth, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
Machine guns.	For machine guns, including metallic carriages, with limbers and protective shields, complete, and also automatic and semiautomatic guns, with their mounts, ammunition, and so forth, seventy-five thousand dollars.
Range finders, etc.	For range finders, including instruments for fire control and azimuth instruments for coast defense, and for instruments for field batteries, fifty thousand dollars.
Equipments.	For implements and equipments for service, and also for mounting, repairs, care, and preservation of armament and of instruments for practice, eighty-two thousand five hundred dollars.
Material, etc.	For material, power lathes, machinist tools, and tools and implements for the use of battery mechanics and tools for electrical power plants at the fortifications, ten thousand dollars.
Field guns, etc.	For purchase, manufacture, alterations and repair of steel breech-loading field guns and their carriages, including sights, implements, equipments, and tools or machinery necessary for their manufacture at arsenals, two hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars.
Field howitzers.	For steel field howitzers and their carriages, including implements and equipments, fifty-three thousand dollars.
Breech-loading rifles.	For steel breech-loading siege rifles and their carriages, including implements, equipments, and platforms, forty thousand dollars.
Breech-loading howitzers.	For steel breech-loading howitzers, siege, and their carriages, including implements, equipments, and platforms, forty thousand dollars.
Sights.	For sights for cannon, twenty thousand dollars.
Fuses, etc.	For fuses and primers for cannon, fifty thousand dollars.
Inspecting instru- ments.	For inspecting instruments, gauges, and templates for the manufacture of cannon, projectiles, and carriages, five thousand dollars.
Mortar carriages.	For cast-steel top carriages for twelve-inch mortars, forty thousand dollars.

Sandy Hook proving ground.

PROVING GROUND, SANDY HOOK, NEW JERSEY.

Maintenance.

For current expenses and maintenance of the ordnance proving ground, Sandy Hook, New Jersey, including expenses incident to the transportation of men and material therefor, general repairs and alterations and accessories incidental to testing and proving ordnance, including hire of assistants for the Ordnance Board, skilled mechanical labor, purchase of instruments and other supplies, building and repairing butts and targets, clearing and grading ranges, fifty thousand two hundred and forty-three dollars.

For the necessary expenses of officers while temporarily employed on ordnance duties at the proving ground and absent from their proper station, at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per diem while so employed, and the compensation of draftsmen while employed in the Army Ordnance Bureau on ordnance construction, eighteen thousand seven hundred dollars.

Expenses of officers

For repairs of railroad tracks connecting the proving ground with the Central Railroad of New Jersey, four thousand dollars.

Railroad track repairs.

For replacing plank roads by macadam, five thousand dollars.

Macadam road.

FRANKFORD ARSENAL, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

Frankford Arsenal.

For one brick shop, and machinery for manufacture of shrapnel, forty-three thousand dollars.

Shrapnel shop.

BOARD OF ORDNANCE AND FORTIFICATION.

Board of Ordnance and Fortifications.

To enable the board to make all needful and proper purchases, experiments, and tests to ascertain, with a view to their utilization by the Government, the most effective guns, small arms, cartridges, projectiles, fuses, explosives, torpedoes, armor plates, and other implements and engines of war, and to purchase or cause to be manufactured, under authority of the Secretary of War, such guns, carriages, armor plates, and other war material as may, in the judgment of the board, be necessary in the proper discharge of the duty devolved upon it by the Act approved September twenty-second, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight; to pay the salary of the civilian member of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification provided by the Act of February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and for the necessary traveling expenses of said member when traveling on duty as contemplated in said Act; for the payment of the necessary expenses of the board, including a per diem allowance to each officer detailed to serve thereon, when employed on duty away from his permanent station, of two dollars and fifty cents a day; and for the test of experimental guns, carriages, and other devices procured in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification, one hundred thousand dollars, the expenditure of which shall be made by the several bureaus of the War Department heretofore having jurisdiction of the same, or by the board itself, as the Secretary of War may direct: *Provided*, That before any money shall be expended in the construction or test of any gun, gun carriage, ammunition, or implements under the supervision of the said board, the board shall be satisfied, after due inquiry, that the Government of the United States has a lawful right to use the inventions involved in the construction of such gun, gun carriage, ammunition, or implements, or that the construction or test is made at the request of a person either having such lawful right or authorized to convey the same to the Government.

Purchases, etc.

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Civilian member.  
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Per diem.

Tests.

*Proviso.*  
Right to use inventions.

That all material purchased under the foregoing provisions of this Act shall be of American manufacture, except in cases when, in the judgment of the Secretary of War, it is to the manifest interest of the United States to make purchases in limited quantities abroad, which material shall be admitted free of duty.

Purchases to be of American manufacture.  
Exception.

A. H. EMERY ELEVATING CARRIAGE.

To enable A. H. Emery to complete and erect the twelve-inch elevating carriage he is building for the Government the Secretary of War, in his discretion, is hereby authorized to increase the contract price of such carriage and its foundations from one hundred and fifty

A. H. Emery elevating carriage.

Contract price may be increased.

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thousand dollars to one hundred and ninety thousand dollars; and to enable the Secretary of War to make this increase in the price of this work and to make payment therefor the sum of forty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated: *Provided*, That if in the judgment of the Secretary of War the carriage, emplacement, and loading mechanism can be completed for the sum hereby appropriated, and when completed will be of service to the Government, the appropriation herein made shall be available.

Approved, March 3, 1903.

*Proviso.*  
Condition.

March 3, 1903.

[Public, No. 151.]

**CHAP. 1001.**—An Act Authorizing and empowering the Secretary of War to locate a right of way for and granting the same and a right to operate and maintain a line of railroad through the Vancouver Barracks and Military Reservation, in the State of Washington, to the Portland, Vancouver and Yakima Railway Company, its successors and assigns.

Vancouver Bar-  
racks, etc., Wash.  
Portland, Van-  
couver and Yakima  
Railway granted right  
of way through.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and empowered to locate a right of way, not exceeding one hundred feet in width, through the lands of the Vancouver Barracks and Military Reservation if in his judgment it can be done in such a manner as not to interfere with the uses of said reservation for military purposes by the United States; and when said right of way shall be so located it is hereby granted during the pleasure of Congress to the Portland, Vancouver and Yakima Railway, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Washington, its successors and assigns, for the purpose of constructing a railroad and telegraph line thereon: *Provided*, That the said right of way and the width and location thereof through said lands, the compensation therefor, and the regulations for operating said railroad within the limits of the said military reservation so as to prevent all damage to public property or for public uses shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War prior to any entry upon said lands or the commencement of the construction of said works: *Provided also*, That whenever said right of way shall cease to be used for the purposes aforesaid the same shall revert to the United States.

*Provisos.*  
Secretary of War to  
prescribe use, etc.

Reversion.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Approved, March 3, 1903.

March 3, 1903.

[Public, No. 152.]

**CHAP. 1002.**—An Act To amend section one of the Act of Congress approved May fourteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An Act extending the homestead laws and providing for a right of way for railroads in the district of Alaska."

Alaska.  
Homestead laws ex-  
tended to.  
Vol. 30, p. 409,  
amended.  
Restriction as to in-  
demnity, etc., selec-  
tions.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all the provisions of the homestead laws of the United States not in conflict with the provisions of this Act, and all rights incident thereto, are hereby extended to the district of Alaska, subject to such regulations as may be made by the Secretary of the Interior; and no indemnity, deficiency, or lieu land selections pertaining to any land grant outside of the district of Alaska shall be made, and no land scrip or land warrant of any kind whatsoever shall be located within or exercised upon any lands in said district except as now provided by law; and provided further that no more than one hundred and sixty acres shall be entered in any single body by such scrip, lieu selection, or soldier's additional homestead right;

Maximum entries.