

May 14, 1908.  
[H. R. 20784.]

**CHAP. 168.**—An Act To authorize additional aids to navigation in the Light-House Establishment, and for other purposes.

[Public, No. 116.]

Light-houses, beacons, and fog signals. Additional, established.  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor be, and he is hereby, authorized to establish and provide the following additional aids to navigation in the Light-House Establishment under the Light-House Board in the Department of Commerce and Labor, in accordance with the respective limits of cost hereinafter respectively set forth, which shall in no case be exceeded:

First district.

**FIRST LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT.**

A tender for use in the First light-house district and elsewhere as may be directed, at a cost not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars.

Third district.

**THIRD LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT.**

A light and fog-signal station at or near Negro Point, on Wards Island, Hellgate, East River, New York, at a cost not to exceed ten thousand dollars.

A light and signal or whistling buoy fitted with submarine bell off Point Judith, Rhode Island, at a cost not to exceed nine thousand dollars.

A light and signal or whistling buoy fitted with submarine bell; to be placed at or near the entrance to the dredged channel at Greenville, New Jersey, in New York Bay, at a cost not to exceed nine thousand dollars.

A new spar shop, at a cost not to exceed three thousand dollars, and a wooden dump scow, at a cost not to exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars, at the general light-house depot, Tompkinsville, New York.

A storehouse and dock at San Juan, Porto Rico, at a cost not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

Fourth district.

**FOURTH LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT.**

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The limit of cost for a light and fog-signal station on Elbow of Cross Ledge, Delaware Bay, New Jersey, authorized by an Act approved April twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and four, is hereby increased by the sum of twenty-one thousand five hundred dollars, so as to make the limit of cost ninety-six thousand five hundred dollars instead of seventy-five thousand dollars, as heretofore authorized.

The Schooner Ledge range lights, Delaware River, Pennsylvania, may be moved, so as to comply with the change in position of the dredged channel of the Delaware River, at a cost not to exceed ten thousand six hundred and fifty dollars.

Range lights, Reedy Island, Delaware River, Delaware and New Jersey, at a cost not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated.

A temporary light at Goose Island Flats, Delaware River, Delaware, at a cost not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars. And the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the establishment of a light and fog-signal station at Goose Island Flats, Delaware River, in the Act of March third, nineteen hundred and five, to be carried to the surplus fund and covered into the Treasury.

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Post lights on Delaware River between Bordentown and Trenton, New Jersey, at a cost not to exceed five hundred dollars.

## FIFTH LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT.

Fifth district.

One buoy to be placed off Cape Henry; one buoy to be placed to the northward of the Middle Ground near the entrance to Chesapeake Bay, and one relief buoy, all to be light and signal or whistling buoys, each fitted with submarine bell, at a cost for the three buoys not to exceed twenty-seven thousand dollars.

For a post-lantern light, at or near the mouth of Lower Broad Creek, North Carolina, at a cost not to exceed five hundred dollars.

The limit of cost for a light and fog-signal station at Ragged Point, Potomac River, Virginia, authorized by the Act approved June twentieth, nineteen hundred and six, is hereby increased by the sum of five thousand dollars, so as to make the total limit of cost thirty-five thousand dollars instead of thirty thousand dollars, as heretofore authorized.

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## SIXTH LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT.

Sixth district.

A tender for the use of the engineer in the Sixth Light-House District and elsewhere, as may be directed, at a cost not to exceed thirty thousand dollars.

A light and signal or whistling buoy, to be placed off the entrance to Saint Johns River, Florida, and a relief buoy for same, at a cost not to exceed eighteen thousand dollars.

## EIGHTH LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT.

Eighth district.

A light and fog-signal station at or near the end of Sabine Pass Jetty, at a cost not to exceed forty thousand dollars.

The limit of cost for light and fog-signal station at or near the outer end of one of the jetties at Galveston Harbor, as fixed by the Act of June eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, is hereby increased by the sum of ten thousand dollars, so as to make the total limit of cost forty-five thousand dollars instead of thirty-five thousand dollars, as heretofore authorized.

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A buoy wharf and depot shed at Fort San Jacinto, Texas, Military Reservation, Galveston Harbor, at a cost not to exceed ten thousand dollars.

## NINTH LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT.

Ninth district.

A light vessel at Milwaukee Bay, Wisconsin, at a cost not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars.

A fog-signal station at Grand Point au Sable, Michigan, at a cost not to exceed eleven thousand dollars.

## TENTH LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT.

Tenth district.

A light station at each of the east and west breakwater piers, entrance to Cleveland Harbor, Ohio, at a cost not to exceed forty-five thousand dollars.

## ELEVENTH LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT.

Eleventh district.

The limit of cost of the relief light vessel for the Ninth and Eleventh light-house districts, authorized by the Act approved March third, nineteen hundred and three, is hereby increased by the sum of twenty thousand dollars, so as to make the total limit of cost fifty thousand dollars instead of thirty thousand dollars, as heretofore authorized.

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The Light-House Board shall make survey and estimate the cost and report upon the feasibility and need of establishing a light and fog

station on Gull Island, or the easterly end of Michigan Island, Apostle Group, and whether when said station is established the existing station on the westerly end of Michigan Island can be safely closed, such survey and report to cost not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars.

Twelfth district.

TWELFTH LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT.

A light and fog-signal station at or near Four Mile Creek, near Punta Gorda, California, at a cost not to exceed sixty thousand dollars.

A light and fog-signal station at some point on the northerly or westerly coast of Kauai Island, Hawaii, at a cost not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars.

Thirteenth district.

THIRTEENTH LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT.

The Light-House Board shall survey and estimate the cost and report upon the feasibility and need of establishing a light vessel or light station at or near Orford Reef, off Cape Blanco, Oregon, such survey and report to cost not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars.

Contracts.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor is hereby authorized to enter into contract or contracts for any or all of the items provided for in section one of this Act within the limits of cost therein respectively provided.

Oil houses.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor is hereby authorized to establish and provide in the Light-House Establishment at such places as shall, in the opinion of the Light-House Board, be for the best interests of the Light-House Service, two oil houses, at a cost not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars for each one.

New York and Philadelphia harbors. Anchorage buoys.

SEC. 4. That it is hereby made the duty of the Light-House Board to care for and maintain the anchorage buoys in New York Harbor and Philadelphia Harbor heretofore placed there by the United States.

Bridge lights. Violation of regulations.

SEC. 5. That any person, firm, company, or corporation required by law to maintain a light or lights upon any bridge or abutments over or in any navigable waters, who shall fail or refuse to maintain such light or lights, or to obey any of the lawful rules and regulations relating to the same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be subject to a fine not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars for each offense, and each day during which such violation shall continue shall be considered as a new offense.

Penalty.

Obstruction to navigation forbidden.

SEC. 6. That it shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct or interfere with any aid to navigation established or maintained in the Light-House Establishment under the Light-House Board, or to anchor any vessel in any of the navigable waters of the United States so as to obstruct or interfere with range lights maintained therein, and any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be subject to a fine not exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars for each offense, and each day during which such violation shall continue shall be considered as a new offense.

Penalty.

Report on discontinuance of lights, etc.

SEC. 7. That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor shall annually cause the Light-House Board to make a report to him for transmission to Congress of all aids to navigation in service which may be discontinued without distinct injury to the interests of navigation.

Tenders, etc. Draftsmen.

SEC. 8. That the Light-House Board is authorized to employ temporarily at Washington, not exceeding three draftsmen, to be paid at current rates, to prepare plans for the tenders and light vessels authorized by this Act and to be paid from the respective appropriations therefor, such employment to terminate on or before the date when the plans for such tenders and vessels shall be finished and proposals for building them respectively are invited by advertisements.

SEC. 9. That every light-house keeper and assistant light-house keeper in the Light-House Establishment of the United States shall be entitled to receive one ration per day or, in the discretion of the Light-House Board, commutation therefor at the rate of thirty cents per ration.

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Keepers, etc.  
Ration.

CHAP. 170.—An Act To amend an Act entitled “An Act to prevent the importation of impure and unwholesome tea,” approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

May 16, 1908.  
[S. 514.]

[Public, No. 117.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section one of “An Act to prevent the importation of impure and unwholesome tea,” approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, be amended by adding at the end thereof the following words: “*Provided,* That nothing herein shall affect or prevent the importation into the United States, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, of any merchandise as tea which may be inferior in purity, quality, and fitness for consumption to the standards established by the Secretary of the Treasury, or of any tea waste, tea siftings, or tea sweepings, for the sole purpose of manufacturing theine, caffeine, or other chemical products whereby the identity and character of the original material is entirely destroyed or changed; and that importers and manufacturers who import or bring into the United States such tea, tea waste, tea siftings, or tea sweepings shall give suitable bond, to be approved as to amount and securities by the Secretary of the Treasury, conditioned that said imported material shall be only used for the purposes herein provided, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.”

Tea.  
Importation of impure, etc., prohibited.  
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*Proviso.*  
Tea used in manufacture of caffeine, etc., not included.

Bond.

Approved, May 16, 1908.

CHAP. 171.—An Act To create the office of captain in the Philippine Scouts.

May 16, 1908.  
[S. 652.]

[Public, No. 118.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the office of captain in the Philippine Scouts is hereby created as a grade of rank in the military establishment. Such captains shall be selected from officers of the grade of first lieutenants in said scouts, and shall be given provisional appointments for periods of four years each, and no such appointments shall be continued for a second or subsequent period unless the officers' conduct shall have been satisfactory in every respect: *Provided,* That the number of officers provisionally appointed under the terms of this Act shall not at any time exceed the number of companies of said native troops which may be formed by the President from time to time for service in the Philippine Islands.

Provisional appointments.  
Term.

*Proviso.*  
Maximum number.

Approved, May 16, 1908.

CHAP. 172.—An Act For the widening of Benning road, and for other purposes.

May 16, 1908.  
[H. R. 4063.]

[Public, No. 119.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That under and in accordance with the provisions of subchapter one of chapter fifteen of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia, within ninety days after the dedication to the District of Columbia of fifty per centum of the land necessary for the widening of Benning road in the District of Columbia

District of Columbia.  
Benning road.  
Condemning land for widening.