

May 28, 1908.
[H. R., 21410.]

CHAP. 215.—An Act Granting condemned ordnance to certain institutions.

[Public, No. 155.]

Obsolete ordnance grants.
Mercer County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Association, Trenton, N. J.

Proviso.
No expense.
New Hampshire.

Proviso.
No expense.

American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society.
For Stony Point State Park, N. Y.

Proviso.
No expense.

Confederate Monument Association, Appomattox, Va.

Proviso.
No expense.

University of South Dakota.

Proviso.
No expense.

Elgin Academy, Illinois.

Proviso.
No expense.

San Antonio, Tex.

Proviso.
No expense.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to furnish to the Mercer County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Association, of Trenton, New Jersey, eight condemned brass cannon, for the purpose of marking the corners of a soldiers' and sailors' monument, and the lot of ground whereon it may be erected at Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey, said cannon to be subject at all times to the order of the Secretary of War: *Provided,* That no expense shall be incurred by the United States in the delivery of the same.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to donate to the State of New Hampshire the four bronze light twelve-pounder muzzle-loading cannon of obsolete design, formerly the equipment of the First Light Battery, New Hampshire National Guard, together with the carriages, limbers, caissons, and other accessories now in the possession of the State: *Provided,* That no expense shall be incurred by the United States in the delivery of said cannon and accessories.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to furnish to the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, incorporated by the State of New York, ten condemned brass cannon, for the purpose of marking certain historic positions connected with the American Revolution within Stony Point State Park, on the Hudson River, Rockland County, New York; said cannon to be subject at all times to the order of the Secretary of War: *Provided,* That no expense shall be incurred by the United States in the delivery of same.

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to furnish to the Confederate Monument Association of Appomattox, Virginia, two condemned bronze fieldpieces or cannon, with their carriages, and with a suitable outfit of cannon balls, which may not be needed in the service, the same to be used on the grounds surrounding the monument in the court-house square in the town of Appomattox, Virginia, and be subject at all times to the order of the Secretary of War: *Provided,* That no expense shall be incurred by the United States in the delivery of the same.

SEC. 5. That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to deliver to the board of regents of the University of South Dakota, at Vermilion, South Dakota, if the same can be done without detriment to the public service, one condemned twelve-pounder bronze field gun, of a weight not to exceed one thousand eight hundred pounds, as he may deem proper, to be placed on the campus of said university and be subject at all times to the order of the Secretary of War: *Provided,* That the donation shall be without expense to the United States.

SEC. 6. That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to furnish to the Elgin Academy, of Elgin, Illinois, two condemned fieldpieces or cannon, with a suitable outfit of cannon balls, which may not be needed in the service, the same to be used in the park surrounding the Elgin Academy in the city of Elgin, Illinois, and to be subject at all times to the order of the Secretary of War: *Provided,* That no expense shall be incurred by the United States in the delivery of the same.

SEC. 7. That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to furnish to the city of San Antonio, Texas, two condemned brass or bronze cannon or fieldpieces, with their carriages and a suitable outfit of cannon balls, which may not be needed in the service, to be subject at all times to the order of the Secretary of War: *Provided,* That no expense shall be incurred by the United States in the transportation and delivery of the same.

SEC. 8. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to donate to the Veteran Relief Guard, of Newburgh, New York, an independent military organization, fifty obsolete Springfield rifles, with bayonets, bayonet scabbards, and ammunition belts for same, which may not be needed in the service of said Department. Such donation shall be made subject to rules and regulations covering the same in the Department, and the Government shall be at no expense in connection with this donation.

Obsolete Springfield rifles.
Veteran Relief Guard, Newburgh, N. Y.

SEC. 9. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to donate to the Alabama Boys' Industrial School, of Birmingham, Alabama, one hundred and twenty-five obsolete Springfield rifles, with bayonets, bayonet scabbards, and ammunition belts for same, which may not be needed in the service of said Department. Such donation shall be made subject to rules and regulations covering the same in the Department, and the Government shall be at no expense in connection with this donation.

Alabama Boys' Industrial School, Birmingham, Ala.

SEC. 10. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to donate to John Buford Post, Grand Army of the Republic, Numbered Two hundred and forty-three, Department of Illinois, of Rock Island, Illinois, an independent military organization, fifty obsolete Springfield rifles, with bayonets, bayonet scabbards, and ammunition belts for the same, which may not be needed in the service of said Department. Such donation shall be made subject to the rules and regulations covering the same in the Department, and the Government shall be at no expense in connection with this donation.

John Buford Post, G. A. R., Rock Island, Ill.

SEC. 11. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to donate to the Henry Gowdy Relief Guard, of Walden, New York, an independent military organization, one hundred and twenty-five obsolete Springfield rifles, with bayonets, bayonet scabbards, and ammunition belts for same, which may not be needed in the service of said Department. Such donation shall be made subject to rules and regulations covering the same in the Department, and the Government shall be at no expense in connection with this donation.

Henry Gowdy Relief Guard, Walden, N. Y.

SEC. 12. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to donate to the Saint Bartholomew's Battalion, of the city of New York, New York, one hundred and twenty-five obsolete Springfield rifles, with bayonets, bayonet scabbards, and ammunition belts for same, which may not be needed in the service of said Department. Such donation shall be made subject to rules and regulations covering the same in the Department, and the Government shall be at no expense in connection with this donation.

Saint Bartholomew's Battalion, New York, N. Y.

SEC. 13. That the various cannon and other articles of ordnance property furnished under the foregoing provisions of this Act shall not be required to be accounted for to the Chief of Ordnance.

Accounting not required.

SEC. 14. That the Chief of Ordnance is hereby authorized to sell without advertisement to patriotic organizations for military purposes surplus obsolete small arms and their equipments and ammunition at such prices as he may deem reasonable and just: *Provided*, That hereafter obsolete small arms and their equipment and ammunition shall not be disposed of to such organizations except as provided for in this Act.

Sales to patriotic organizations allowed.

Proviso.
Restriction on donations hereafter.

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