

of his authorized rate of pay therefor: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of War, under such regulations as he shall prescribe, may cause to be remitted and canceled, upon honorable discharge of the enlisted man from the service, any such indebtedness incurred during the current enlistment and remaining unpaid at the time of discharge: *And provided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent collections of such indebtedness on final statements from pay, in the proportions hereinbefore indicated, or from clothing allowance savings.

Remission, on honorable discharge, of unpaid indebtedness, authorized.

Collections on final statements from pay, etc.

Approved, May 22, 1928.

CHAP. 677.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to transfer and convey to the Portland Water District, a municipal corporation, the water pipe line including the submarine water main connecting Fort McKinley, Maine, with the water system of the Portland Water District, and for other purposes.

May 22, 1928.
[S. 3057.]

[Public, No. 465.]

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 to transfer or cause to be conveyed to the Portland Water District, a municipal corporation of Portland, Maine, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maine, the Government-owned water pipe line, including the submarine main connecting the Fort McKinley Military Reservation located on Great Diamond Island, Maine, with the water system of the said Portland Water District on the mainland and to enter into a contract with the said Portland Water District for the furnishing of potable water to Fort McKinley, upon such terms as the Secretary of War may deem expedient, including payment to the said Portland Water District of an annual charge, payable quarterly, for the putting of the water line in good condition and the relocation of the submarine main so as to furnish at all seasons of the year ample supply of potable water to the Fort McKinley Military Reservation, and that said annual charge to be agreed upon and the rates to be paid for the water furnished shall be paid from appropriations heretofore made and to be made for "Water and Sewers at Military Posts": *Provided*, That before exercising the authority conferred by this Act, the Secretary of War shall require and receive from the Portland Water District, of Portland, Maine, the execution and delivery of an obligation in such terms and with such surety as shall satisfy the Secretary of War that the Portland Water District will at all times in the future maintain a good and sufficient water line to Fort McKinley, and will furnish by means of said water line, an abundant supply of suitable water for use for all purposes at Fort McKinley, at fair and reasonable prices.

Fort McKinley Military Reservation, Me. Conveyance authorized of Government-owned water pipe line of, to Portland Water District.

Contract for furnishing potable water to Fort McKinley, etc.

Annual charge.

Proviso. Obligation required of Portland Water District.

Approved, May 22, 1928.

CHAP. 678.—An Act To insure adequate supplies of timber and other forest products for the people of the United States, to promote the full use for timber growing and other purposes of forest lands in the United States, including farm wood lots and those abandoned areas not suitable for agricultural production, and to secure the correlation and the most economical conduct of forest research in the Department of Agriculture, through research in reforestation, timber growing, protection, utilization, forest economics, and related subjects, and for other purposes.

May 22, 1928.
[S. 3556.]

[Public, No. 466.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to conduct such investigations, experiments, and tests as he may deem necessary under sections 2 to 10, inclusive, in order to determine, demonstrate, and

Forest products, timber growing, etc.

Investigations, experiments, etc., of best methods of reforestation, protection from fires, insects, etc.