

Mar. 3, 1883.

**CHAP. 93.**—An act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, and for other purposes.

*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 support of the Army for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, as follows :

Appropriations.  
Army.

Commanding  
General's office.

For expenses of the Commanding General's Office, one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Recruiting.

For expenses of recruiting and transportation of recruits from rendezvous to depot, one hundred and ten thousand dollars. And no money appropriated by this act shall be paid for recruiting the Army beyond the number of twenty-five thousand enlisted men, including Indian scouts and hospital-stewards; and thereafter there shall be no more than twenty-five thousand enlisted men in the Army at any one time, unless otherwise authorized by law.

Contingent, Ad-  
jutant-General's  
Department.

For contingent expenses of the Adjutant-General's Department at the headquarters of military divisions and departments, two thousand five hundred dollars.

Signal Service,  
Army.

For expenses of the Signal Service of the Army: Purchase, equipment, and repair of field-electric telegraphs, signal equipments and stores; binocular glasses, telescopes, and other necessary instruments; telephone apparatus, and maintenance of same, five thousand dollars.

Pay.

#### PAY DEPARTMENT.

Officers.

**FOR PAY OF THE ARMY.**—For one General, one Lieutenant-General, three major-generals, fifteen brigadier-generals; thirty aides-de-camp in addition to pay in the line; and no more than thirty aides-de-camp shall be paid as such in addition to their pay in the line; sixty colonels, eighty-two lieutenant-colonels, two hundred and forty-four majors, three hundred and eight captains (mounted), three hundred and six captains (not mounted), thirty-four chaplains, fifteen storekeepers, forty adjutants, forty regimental quartermasters; adjutant and quartermaster of Engineer Battalion, in addition to pay in the line; one hundred and eighty-six first lieutenants (mounted), three hundred and sixty first lieutenants (not mounted), one hundred and thirty-eight second lieutenants (mounted), three hundred and five second lieutenants (not mounted); one hundred and eighty acting commissaries of subsistence, in addition to pay in line; officer in charge of public buildings and grounds in Washington; officers of foot regiments while on duty which requires

Additional pay.

them to be mounted; additional pay to officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay; pay to enlisted men for length of service, payable with their current monthly pay; retired officers; for the payment of any such officers as may be in service, either upon the active or retired list, during the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, in excess of the numbers for each class provided for in this act; enlisted men of all grades, not exceeding twenty-five thousand men; the allowances for travel, retained pay, and clothing not drawn, payable to enlisted men on discharge; two retired ordnance-sergeants; and for interest on deposits of enlisted men; and section thirteen hundred and six of the Revised Statutes is hereby so amended as to strike out the word "fifty," where it occurs in said section, and in lieu thereof inserting the word "five;" for mileage of officers of the Army for travel, over shortest usually traveled routes, not to exceed one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars; and from and after the passage of this act mileage of officers of the Army shall be computed over the shortest usually traveled routes between the points named in the order, and the necessity for such travel in the military

Men.

service shall be certified to by the officer issuing the order and stated in said order. For miscellaneous expenses, to wit: Hire of not exceeding

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Miscellaneous  
expenses.

seventy-five contract surgeons and one hundred and sixty hospital-matrons; extra-duty pay to enlisted men for service in hospitals; pay of fifty-four pay-master's clerks, at the rate of one thousand four hundred dollars each per annum, and fourteen veterinary surgeons, hire of pay-master's messengers, not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars; cost of telegrams on official business received and sent by officers of the Army; compensation of citizen witnesses attending upon military courts and commissions; traveling expenses of paymasters' clerks; and for commutation of quarters for officers on duty without troops at places where there are no public quarters; for the officer in command of the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in addition to his pay in the Army for the next fiscal year, one thousand dollars; in all, eleven million nine hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That nothing contained in the act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, shall be so construed as to prevent, limit, or restrict retirements from active service in the Army, as authorized by law in force at the date of the approval of said act, retirements under the provisions of said act of June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, being in addition to those theretofore authorized by law: *And provided further*, That officers of the Army shall only be assigned to duty or command according to their brevet rank when actually engaged in hostilities: *Provided*, That vacancies that may hereafter occur in the pay corps of the Army in the grades of lieutenant colonel and major, by reason of death, resignation, dismissal, or retirement, shall not be filled by original appointment until the pay corps shall by such vacancies be reduced to forty paymasters, and the number of the pay corps shall then be established at forty and no more, and hereafter vacancies occurring in the Quartermasters and Commissarys Departments of the Army may in the discretion of the President be filled from civil life

**SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT.**—For subsistence of twenty-five thousand enlisted men, one hundred and twenty additional half-rations for sergeants and corporals of ordnance, one thousand eight hundred and thirty civilian employees, not exceeding seventy-five contract surgeons, one hundred and sixty hospital-matrons, thirty-seven military convicts, and five hundred prisoners of war (Indians); in all, ten million one hundred and twenty-five thousand rations, at twenty-two cents each; for difference between cost of rations and commutation thereof for detailed men, and for enlisted men and recruits at recruiting stations, and for cost of hot coffee and cooked rations for troops traveling on cars; for subsistence stores for Indians visiting military posts and Indians employed without pay as scouts and guides, one million nine hundred thousand dollars, of which amount three hundred thousand dollars shall be available from and after the passage of this act for the purchase of stores necessary to be transported to distant posts in advance of the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and eighty-three: *Provided*, That hereafter no part of the sums appropriated for the Subsistence and Quartermaster's Departments of the Army shall be used or expended in the investigation of claims under the act of July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to restrict the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims, and to provide for the payment of certain demands for quartermaster's stores and subsistence supplies furnished to the Army of the United States," and acts and resolutions amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto. And not more than one hundred and five thousand dollars of the money appropriated by this paragraph shall be applied to the payment of civilian employees in the Subsistence Department of the Army.

**QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.**—For the regular supplies of the Quartermaster's Department, consisting of stoves for heating and cooking; of fuel and lights for enlisted men, guards, hospitals, storehouses, and offices, and for sale to officers; of forage in kind for the

Additional pay to commander military prison Fort Leavenworth.

*Proviso.*

Pamphlet edition of laws, 1 sess. 47 Cong., 117.

*Proviso.*

Assignment to duty, etc., with brevet rank, when.

*Proviso.*

Vacancies in Pay Corps, how filled.

Vacancies in Quartermaster's and Commissary's Department may be filled from civil life.

*Subsistence.*

Regular supplies. Quartermaster's Department.

horses, mules, and oxen of the Quartermaster's Department at the several posts and stations and with the armies in the field; for the horses of the several regiments of cavalry, the batteries of artillery, and such companies of infantry and scouts as may be mounted, and for the authorized number of officers' horses, including bedding for the animals; of straw for soldiers' bedding; and of stationery, including blank books for the Quartermaster's Department, certificates for discharged soldiers, blank forms for the Pay and Quartermaster's Department, and for printing of division and department orders and reports, two million nine hundred and forty thousand dollars.

**Horses.**

For purchase of horses for the cavalry and artillery, and for the Indian scouts, and for such infantry as may be mounted, two hundred thousand dollars.

**Incidental expenses.**

For incidental expenses, to wit: For postage; extra pay to soldiers employed under the direction of the Quartermaster's Department in the erection of barracks, quarters, and storehouses, in the construction of roads, and other constant labor, for periods of not less than ten days; expenses of expresses to and from the frontier posts and armies in the field; of escorts to paymasters and other disbursing officers, and to trains where military escort cannot be furnished; expenses of the interment of officers killed in action, or who die when on duty in the field, or at posts on the frontiers, or when traveling on orders, and of non-commissioned officers and soldiers; authorized office furniture; hire of laborers in the Quartermaster's Department, including the hire of interpreters, spies, and guides for the Army; compensation of clerks to officers of the Quartermaster's Department; compensation of forage and wagon masters authorized by the act of July fifth, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight; for the apprehension, securing, and delivering of deserters, and the expenses incident to their pursuit; and for the following expenditures, required for the several regiments of cavalry, the batteries of light artillery, and for the trains, to wit, hire of veterinary surgeons, medicine for horses and mules, picket-ropes, and for shoeing the horses and mules; also, generally, the proper and authorized expenses for the movement and operations of the Army not expressly assigned to any other department, six hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

**Transportation.**

For transportation of the Army, including baggage of the troops, when moving either by land or water; of clothing and camp and garrison equipage from the depots of Philadelphia and Jeffersonville to the several posts and Army depots, and from those depots to the troops in the field; of horse equipments and of subsistence stores from the places of purchase and from the places of delivery, under contract, to such places as the circumstances of the service may require them to be sent; of ordnance, ordnance stores, and small-arms from the founderies and armories to the arsenals, fortifications, frontier posts, and Army depots; freights, wharfage, tolls, and ferriages; the purchase and hire of horses, mules, oxen, and harness, and the purchase and repair of wagons, carts, and drays, and of ships and other sea-going vessels and boats required for the transportation of supplies, and for garrison purposes; for drayage and cartage at the several posts; hire of teamsters; transportation of funds for the pay and other disbursing departments; the expenses of sailing public transports on the various rivers, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Atlantic and Pacific; for procuring water at such posts as, from their situation, require it to be brought from a distance; and for clearing roads, and for removing obstructions from roads, harbors, and rivers, to the extent which may be required for the actual operations of the troops in the field, three million four hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

**For transportation due land-grant railroads.**

For the payment for Army transportation lawfully due such land-grant railroads as have not received aid in government bonds, to be adjusted by the proper accounting officers in accordance with the decisions of the Supreme Court in cases decided under such land-grant acts; but in

no case shall more than fifty per centum of the full amount of the service be paid, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That such compensation shall be computed upon the basis of the tariff rates for like transportation performed for the public at large, and shall be accepted as in full for all demands for said services:

*Proviso*

For hire of quarters for troops, of storehouses for the safe-keeping of military stores, of offices, and of grounds for camp and summer cantonments, and for temporary frontier stations; for the construction of temporary huts and stables; and for repairing public buildings at established posts, seven hundred thousand dollars. And not more than one million six hundred thousand dollars of the sums appropriated by this act shall be applied to the payment of civilian employees in the Quartermaster's Department of the Army, including those heretofore paid out of the funds appropriated for regular supplies, incidental expenses, barracks and quarters, Army transportation, clothing, camp and garrison equipage

Quarters, etc.

Limit of appropriation for civilian employees.

For construction and repairs of hospitals, as reported by the Surgeon-General of the Army, one hundred thousand dollars.

Hospitals.

For purchase and manufacture of clothing and camp and garrison equipage, altering, when necessary, soldiers' clothing, and for preserving and repacking the stock of clothing and camp and garrison equipage and materials on hand at the Philadelphia, Jeffersonville, and other depots of the Quartermaster's Department, one million four hundred thousand dollars.

Clothing, etc.

For all contingent expenses of the Army not provided for by other estimates, and embracing all branches of the military service, to be expended under the immediate orders of the Secretary of War, forty thousand dollars.

Contingent, Army.

**MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.**—For purchase of medical and hospital supplies, medical care and treatment of officers and enlisted men of the Army on duty at posts and stations, expenses of purveying depots, pay of employees, advertising, and other miscellaneous expenses of the Medical Department, one hundred and ninety thousand dollars. *Provided*, That civilian employees of the Army stationed at military posts may, under regulations to be made by the Secretary of War, purchase necessary medical supplies, prescribed by a medical officer of the Army, at cost, with ten per centum added. And not over thirty-four thousand dollars of the money appropriated by this paragraph shall be applied to the payment of civilian employees in the Medical Department.

Medical and hospital supplies.

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Purchase of medical supplies.

For the Army Medical Museum, and for medical and other works for the library of the Surgeon-General's Office, ten thousand dollars.

Books for library of Surgeon-General's office, Engineer Depot, Willet's Point.

**ENGINEER DEPARTMENT.**—For engineer depot at Willet's Point, New York, namely: For purchase of engineering materials to continue the present course of instruction of the Engineer Battalion in their special duties of sappers, miners, and pontoniers, one thousand dollars.

For incidental expenses of the depot, remodeling ponton-trains, repairing instruments, purchasing fuel, forage, stationery, chemicals, extra-duty pay to enlisted men employed as artisans, and ordinary repairs, three thousand dollars.

For replacing with plain structures, of cost not to exceed eight thousand dollars, two old buildings constructed during the war for hospitals, and now used as photograph laboratory for instructing enlisted men in duplicating military maps in the field, and as molding-room for instruction in field fortifications, three thousand dollars.

**ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.**—For the ordnance service, required to defray the current expenses at the arsenals; of receiving stores and issuing arms and other ordnance supplies; of police and office duties; of rents, tools, fuel and lights; of stationery and office furniture; of tools and instruments for use; incidental expenses of the ordnance service, and those attending practical trials and tests of ordnance, small-arms, and other ordnance supplies, one hundred thousand dollars.

Ordnance service.

<p>Proving and testing guns.</p>	<p>For transporting, mounting, proving, and testing guns, including small-arms constructed at private expense, said expenditure to be made in the discretion of the Secretary of War, fifteen thousand dollars.</p>
<p>Metallic ammunition.</p>	<p>For manufacture of metallic ammunition for small arms, one hundred thousand dollars.</p>
<p>Target practice.</p>	<p>For ammunition, tools, and material for target practice, twenty-five thousand dollars.</p>
<p>Mounting, etc., guns.</p>	<p>For mounting and dismounting guns and removing the armament from forts being modified or repaired, including heavy carriages returned to arsenals for alteration and repairs, and other necessary expenses of the same character, and for repairing ordnance and ordnance stores in the hands of troops and for issue at the arsenals and depots,</p>
<p>Extra-duty pay.</p>	<p>and for extra-duty pay for enlisted men detailed for ordnance service, twenty-five thousand dollars.</p>
<p>Ordnance stores.</p>	<p>For purchase and manufacture of ordnance stores, to fill requisitions of troops, one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars.</p>
<p>Infantry, etc., equipments.</p>	<p>For infantry, cavalry, and artillery equipments, consisting of clothing-bags, haversacks, canteens, and great-coat straps, and repairing horse equipments for cavalry troops, seventy-five thousand dollars.</p>
<p>Preservation of ordnance stores.</p>	<p>For horse equipments for cavalry, harness for field and machine guns, and for cavalry forge-carts, forty thousand dollars.</p>
<p>Manufacture of arms.</p>	<p>For overhauling, cleaning, and preserving new ordnance stores on hand at the arsenals, twenty thousand dollars.</p>
<p><i>Proviso.</i></p>	<p>For manufacture of arms at national armories, four hundred thousand dollars: <i>Provided</i>, That not more than fifty thousand dollars of this amount may be expended by the Secretary of War in the manufacture or purchase of magazine guns selected by the board of officers heretofore appointed by the Secretary of War: <i>Provided</i>, That not more than sixty-five thousand dollars of the money appropriated for the Ordnance Department, in all its branches, shall be applied to the payment of civilian clerks in said department.</p>
<p><i>Proviso.</i></p>	<p>UNITED STATES TESTING-MACHINE.—For caring for, preserving, testing machine. using, and operating the United States testing-machine at the Watertown Arsenal, ten thousand dollars: <i>Provided</i>, That the tests of iron and steel and other materials for industrial purposes shall be continued during the next fiscal year, and report thereof shall be made to Congress: <i>And provided further</i>, That in making tests for private citizens the officer in charge may require payment in advance, and may use the funds so received in making such private tests, making full report thereof to the Chief of Ordnance; and the Chief of Ordnance shall give attention to such programme of tests as may be submitted by the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the record of such tests shall be furnished said society, to be by them published at their own expense.</p>
<p>Tests, etc., for private citizens.</p>	<p>SEC. 2. That all officers, agents or other persons receiving public moneys appropriated by this act shall account for the disbursement thereof according to the several and distinct items of appropriation herein expressed.</p>
<p>American Society, Civil Engineers.</p>	<p>Approved, March 3, 1883.</p>
<p>Disbursement of money as appropriated.</p>	

Mar. 3, 1883.

**CHAP. 94.**—An act “to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Thames River, near New London in the State of Connecticut, and declare it a post-route”

Construction of bridge across Thames River, Conn. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the bridge across the Thames River, not below Winthrop's Point, and also across any inlet thereof, in the State of Connecticut, to be constructed under and by virtue of joint resolution of the legislature of the State of Connecticut entitled “A resolution authorizing the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company to bridge the Thames River, and to extend its lines”, passed at its January session, eighteen hundred and eighty-two,