

June 21, 1866.

CHAP. CXXVIII. — *An Act to reimburse the State of West Virginia for Moneys expended for the United States in enrolling, equipping, and paying Military Forces to aid in suppressing the Rebellion.*

Commissioners to ascertain the amount expended by West Virginia for State forces.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That immediately after the passage of this act the President shall appoint three commissioners whose duty it shall be to ascertain the amount of moneys expended by the State of West Virginia in enrolling, supplying, equipping, subsisting, transporting, and paying such State forces as have been called into service in said State since the twentieth day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to act in concert with the United States forces in the suppression of rebellion against the United States.

Duty of commissioners.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the commissioners so appointed shall proceed at once to examine all the expenditures made by said State for the purposes herein named, allowing only for disbursements made and amounts assumed by the State for enrolling, equipping, subsisting, transporting, supplying, and paying such troops as were called into service by the governor, at the request of the United States department commander commanding the district in which West Virginia may at the time have been included, or by the express order, consent, or concurrence of such commander, or which may have been employed in suppressing rebellion in said State. And no allowance shall be made for any troops which did not perform actual military service in full concert and co-operation with the authorities of the United States and subject to their orders.

No allowance except for actual service.

Certain amounts to be stated separately.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That in making up said account, for the convenience of the accounting officers of the government, the commissioners shall state separately the amounts expended, respectively, for enrolling, equipping, arming, subsisting, transporting, and paying said troops, and from the aggregate amount they shall deduct the amount of direct tax due by the said State to the United States under the act entitled "An act to provide increased revenue from imports, pay interest on the public debt, and for other purposes," approved August fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

Amount of direct tax to be deducted.

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Rate of allowance for expenditures or services.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That in the adjustment of accounts under this act the commissioners shall not allow for any expenditure or compensation for service at a rate greater than was at the time authorized by the laws of the United States in similar cases.

Commissioners to make report to Secretary of Treasury.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That so soon as said commissioners shall have made up said account and ascertained the balance, as herein directed, they shall make written report thereof, showing the different items of expenditure, as hereinbefore stated, to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall cause the same to be examined by the proper accounting officers of the treasury, and said officers shall audit the accounts as in ordinary cases; and if from their report it shall appear that any sum remains due to the said State, he shall draw his warrant for the same, payable to the governor of said State, and deliver it to him.

Accounts to be audited, and what is found due, if anything, to be paid.

Commissioners to be sworn.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the commissioners to be appointed as aforesaid shall, before proceeding to the discharge of their duties, be sworn that they will carefully examine the accounts existing between the United States and the State of West Virginia, and that they will, to the best of their ability, make a just, true, and impartial statement thereof, as required by this act. They shall receive such compensation for their services as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Compensation.

Appropriation.

For mode of disbursement, see 1867, ch. 10.
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SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of three hundred and sixty-eight thousand five hundred and forty-eight dollars and thirty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to carry this act into effect.

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CHAP. CXXIX. — *An Act to establish a Hydrographic Office in the Navy Department.* June 21, 1866.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be a hydrographic office attached to the bureau of navigation in the Navy Department, for the improvement of the means for navigating safely the vessels of the navy and of the mercantile marine, by providing, under the authority of the Secretary of the Navy, accurate and cheap nautical charts, sailing directions, navigators, and manuals of instructions, for the use of all vessels of the United States, and for the benefit and use of navigators generally.

A hydrographic office to be attached to bureau of navigation in Navy Department. Purposes thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be prepared, at the hydrographic office attached to the bureau of navigation in the Navy Department, maps, charts, and nautical books relating to and required in navigation, and to publish and furnish them to navigators at the cost of printing and paper, and to purchase the plates and copyrights of such existing maps, charts, navigators, sailing directions and instructions, as he may consider necessary, and when he may deem it expedient to do so, and under such rules, regulations, and instructions as he may prescribe.

Maps, charts, &c., to be published and furnished to navigators at cost of printing and paper. Copyrights to be purchased.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the moneys which may be received from the sale of all such maps, charts, and nautical books shall be returned by the Secretary of the Navy into the treasury of the United States, to be used in the further preparation and publication of maps, charts, navigators, sailing directions and instructions for the use of seamen, and to be sold at the rates as set forth in the preceding section.

Money received from sales of maps, charts, &c., to be returned to treasury, and how used.

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CHAP. CXXX. — *An Act to incorporate the "Howard Institute and Home" of the District of Columbia.* June 21, 1866.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That James M. Edmunds, Sayles J. Bowen, Cordial Storrs, Augustin Chester, John R. Elvans, J. Sayles Brown, and Linus D. Bishop, and their associates and successors, are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of "The Howard Institute and Home" of the District of Columbia, and as such shall have perpetual succession, with power to receive, purchase, and hold real or personal property, and to be able to sue and be sued, and to plead and be impleaded in all courts of law and equity in the United States, and to ordain and establish such by-laws, ordinances, and regulations as may be deemed necessary to carry into effect this act, and promote the objects of the corporation hereby created.

The "Howard Institute and Home" of the District of Columbia incorporated.

Powers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the object for which this corporation is created is declared to be the establishment of a charitable institution for the instruction of freedmen in the industrial pursuits of life and fit them for independent self-support, and to afford a temporary home for such freedmen as may, from sickness, misfortune, age, or infirmity, require fostering care until otherwise relieved.

Objects.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That James M. Edmunds, Sayles J. Bowen, Cordial Storrs, Augustin Chester, John R. Elvans, J. Sayles Brown, and Linus D. Bishop, are hereby appointed a board of managers of said "Howard Institute and Home," for one year from and after the passage of this act; and that thereafter a board of managers, consisting of seven persons, shall be elected from and by the contributors to the means to establish said institution, for such time and according to such rules as said corporation may establish. And said board of managers shall have the exclusive control of all the property, real or personal, contributed or belonging to said corporation, and to appoint such officers as may be deemed requisite for the conduct of its business, for such time and at such salaries as they may determine, and to change either at pleasure.

Board of managers for one year.

Board to be afterwards elected.

Power of board.