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CHAP. XVIII. — An Act making Appropriations for the Support of the Military Academy for the fiscal Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

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 Military Academy for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-one:

For additional pay of officers, and for pay of instructors, cadets, and musicians, two hundred and five thousand two hundred and ninety-three dollars and twenty cents;

For commutation of officers' subsistence, six thousand five hundred and seventy dollars;

For pay in lieu of clothing to officers' servants, one hundred and fifty-six dollars;

For repairs and improvements, twenty thousand dollars;

For fuel and apparatus, fourteen thousand dollars;

For forage for draught animals, twelve hundred dollars;

For postage and telegrams, two hundred dollars;

For stationery, five hundred dollars;

For transportation, twelve hundred dollars;

For new press, type, and materials for office, and diplomas for graduates, one thousand three hundred dollars;

For cadet registers, class reports, and blanks, two hundred dollars;

For compensation to pressmen and lithographer, one hundred dollars;

For clerks to disbursing officers and quartermasters, one thousand six hundred and fifty dollars;

For clerks to adjutants, one thousand five hundred dollars;

For clerks to treasurers, one thousand five hundred dollars;

For contingent expenses of the departments of mathematics, artillery, cavalry, and infantry, ordnance and gunnery, practical engineering, civil and military engineering, natural and experimental philosophy, and compensation to attendant, three thousand three hundred and fifty dollars;

For miscellaneous and incidental expenses, viz.: gas, coal, for lighting academy barracks, mess-hall, and hospital, officers' stables, three thousand five hundred dollars; water pipes, plumbing, repairs, one thousand five hundred dollars; scrubbing public buildings, (not quarters,) five hundred dollars; chalk, sponge, and slates for recitation-rooms, fifty dollars; musical instruments, repairs for band, and organist in chapel, three thousand dollars; compensation to librarian, one hundred and twenty dollars; compensation to assistant librarian, one hundred and twenty dollars; compensation of non-commissioned officers in charge of mechanics, fifty dollars; and compensation of soldier writing in adjutant's offices, fifty dollars; in all seven thousand six hundred and ninety dollars;

For the departments of drawing, French, ethics, Spanish, and the department of chemistry, mineralogy, and geology, including one thousand dollars, and no more, for the yearly supply of chemicals, glassware, porcelain, paper, for the latter department, four thousand and ten dollars;

For increase and expense of library, two thousand dollars;

For annual repairs of gas pipes, gas meters, and retorts, six hundred dollars;

For furniture for cadets' hospital, two hundred and fifty dollars;

For repairs and additions to officers' quarters, three thousand dollars;

For fuel for cadets' mess-hall, shops, and laundry, three thousand dollars;

For fire-proof building for public offices and archives, twenty-five thousand dollars;

For rebuilding the north wharf, seven thousand dollars;
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For repairing roads, five hundred dollars;
For furniture for soldiers’ hospital, one hundred dollars;
For grading, draining, and improving the artillery and cavalry drill ground, two thousand dollars;
For contingencies for superintendent, one thousand dollars.

And hereafter, in addition to the other members of the board of visitors to be appointed by the President, according to existing law, to attend the annual examination of cadets at the United States Military Academy, there shall be on every such board two senators to be designated by the Vice-President or President pro tempore of the Senate; and three members of the House of Representatives to be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, such designations respectively to be made at the session of Congress next preceding the time of such examination; and the senators and members so appointed shall make full report of their action as such visitors, with their views and recommendations in regard to the said Military Academy, within twenty days after the meeting of Congress, at the session next succeeding the time of their appointment.

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CHAP. XIX.--An Act to admit the State of Mississippi to Representation in the Congress of the United States.

WHEREAS the people of Mississippi have framed and adopted a constitution of State government which is republican; and whereas the legislature of Mississippi elected under said constitution has ratified the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution of the United States; and whereas the performance of these several acts in good faith is a condition precedent to the representation of the State in Congress: therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the said State of Mississippi is entitled to representation in the Congress of the United States: PROVIDED, That before any member of the legislature of said State shall take or resume his seat, or any officer of said State shall enter upon the duties of his office, he shall take and subscribe, and file in the office of the secretary of state of Mississippi, for permanent preservation, an oath or affirmation in the form following: "I, — — —, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have never taken an oath as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, and afterward engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof, so help me God"; or under the pains and penalties of perjury, (as the case may be;) or such person shall in like manner take, subscribe, and file the following oath or affirmation: "I, — — —, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have, by act of Congress of the United States, been relieved from the disabilities imposed upon me by the fourteenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States, so help me God"; or under the pains and penalties of perjury, (as the case may be;) which oaths or affirmations shall be taken before and certified before whom any officer lawfully authorized to administer oaths. And any person who shall knowingly swear or affirm falsely in taking either of said oaths or affirmations shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall be punished therefor by imprisonment not less than one year, and not more than ten years, and shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars, and not more than ten thousand dollars. And in all trials for any violation of this act, the certificate of the taking of either of said oaths or affirmations, with proof of the signature of the party accused, shall be evidence.

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