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Fundamental conditions of the admission of Mississippi to representation in Congress.

No citizen or class to be deprived of right to vote, except, &c.

or to hold office on account of race or color;

or of school rights and privileges.

be taken and held as conclusive evidence that such oath or affirmation was regularly and lawfully administered by competent authority: *And provided further*, That every such person who shall neglect for the period of thirty days next after the passage of this act to take, subscribe, and file such oath or affirmation as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken, to all intents and purposes, to have vacated his office: *And provided further*, That the State of Mississippi is admitted to representation in Congress as one of the States of the Union, upon the following fundamental conditions: First, That the constitution of Mississippi shall never be so amended or changed as to deprive any citizen or class of citizens of the United States of the right to vote who are entitled to vote by the constitution herein recognized, except as a punishment for such crimes as are now felonies at common law, whereof they shall have been duly convicted under laws equally applicable to all the inhabitants of said State: *Provided*, That any alteration of said constitution, prospective in its effects, may be made in regard to the time and place of residence of voters. Second, That it shall never be lawful for the said State to deprive any citizen of the United States, on account of his race, color, or previous condition of servitude, of the right to hold office under the constitution and laws of said State, or upon any such ground to require of him any other qualifications for office than such as are required of all other citizens. Third, That the constitution of Mississippi shall never be so amended or changed as to deprive any citizen or class of citizens of the United States of the school rights and privileges secured by the constitution of said State.

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Feb. 24, 1870.

CHAP. XX.—*An Act making Appropriations to supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for the naval Service for the Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy, and for other Purposes.*

Appropriation for deficiencies in the naval service.

*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, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy, namely:

Bureau of steam engineering; of construction and repairs.

For the bureau of steam engineering, five hundred thousand dollars.

Certain unexpended balances covered into the treasury.

For the bureau of construction and repairs, one million five hundred thousand dollars; and the following amounts of unexpended balances are hereby covered into the treasury, viz.: Of the unexpended balance standing to the credit of the bureau of provisions and clothing, one million four hundred thousand dollars; of the balance to the credit of the bureau of equipment and recruiting, three hundred and ninety-nine thousand dollars; of the balance to the credit of the bureau of navigation, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and of the balance to the credit of the bureau of yards and docks, nine hundred and fifty-one thousand dollars.

Appropriations how to be expended.

And these sums shall be covered in and restored to the treasury, whether they stand to the credit of said bureaus in the proper books of the Treasurer of the United States, or have been placed to any other account, or are under the control of any officer or agent of the Navy Department: *Provided*, That the money so appropriated shall be expended only for the purpose of providing materials, carrying on the work, and paying the employés of the bureaus for which it is appropriated.

APPROVED, February 24, 1870.