

Treasury, for the purpose of building said new revenue cutter: *Provided*, That the construction of said cutter shall be let, after advertisement, to the lowest responsible bidder, and be built in American ship-yards.

Approved, September 22, 1888.

*Proviso.*  
*Contract.*

**CHAP. 1027.**—An act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and for other purposes. September 22, 1888.

*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 they 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-nine: Army appropriations.

**FOR PAY OF OFFICERS OF THE LINE.**

*Pay.*

For pay of officers of the line, two million eight hundred and sixty-eight thousand dollars. Line officers.

Additional pay for twenty-three aids-de-camp, one military secretary, and officers of foot-regiments when mounted by proper authority, additional to and payable with their current monthly pay, in all, eight thousand dollars. Additional.

For pay of officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, in all, eight hundred and fifteen thousand dollars. Longevity.

**FOR PAY OF ENLISTED MEN.**

For pay proper of the enlisted men of all grades, four million one hundred and thirty-seven thousand dollars. Enlisted men.

For pay of Hospital Corps, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Hospital Corps.

For service pay of enlisted men by reason of length of service, in addition to their monthly pay and payable therewith, three hundred and eighty-one thousand three hundred and sixty dollars. Service pay.

For general-service clerks and messengers, to the number and at the rate now fixed by law, one hundred and sixty-one thousand nine hundred dollars. General service clerks and messengers.

**FOR PAY OF THE GENERAL STAFF.**

*General staff.*

**ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT:** For pay of the officers in the Adjutant-General's Department, as now authorized and provided by law, fifty thousand dollars; for additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, sixteen thousand dollars; in all, sixty-six thousand dollars. Adjutant General's Department.

*Longevity.*

**INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT:** For pay of the officers in the Inspector-General's Department, as now authorized and provided by law, twenty-three thousand five hundred dollars; for additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, six thousand dollars; in all, twenty-nine thousand five hundred dollars. Inspector-General's Department.

*Longevity.*

**THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS:** For pay of the officers in the Corps of Engineers, as now authorized and provided by law, two hundred and thirty-nine thousand three hundred and forty dollars; for additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, seventy-three thousand seven hundred and forty dollars; in all, three hundred and thirteen thousand and eighty dollars. Corps of Engineers.

*Longevity.*

## Staff officers.

## PAY OF STAFF OFFICERS.

## Ordnance Department.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT: For pay of the officers in the Ordnance Department, as now authorized and provided by law, one hundred and thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars; for additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, forty-two thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars; in all, one hundred and seventy-four thousand four hundred and sixty dollars.

## Longevity.

## Quartermaster's Department.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT: For pay of the officers in the Quartermaster's Department, as now authorized and provided by law, one hundred and forty-six thousand five hundred dollars; for additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, fifty thousand dollars; in all, one hundred and ninety-six thousand five hundred dollars.

## Longevity.

## Subsistence Department.

SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT: For the pay of the officers in the Subsistence Department, as now authorized and provided by law, seventy-nine thousand five hundred dollars; for additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, twenty-two thousand dollars; in all, one hundred and one thousand five hundred dollars.

## Longevity.

## Medical Department.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT: For the pay of the officers in the Medical Department, as now authorized and provided by law, four hundred and twenty-six thousand seven hundred dollars; for additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, one hundred and ten thousand dollars; in all, five hundred and thirty-six thousand seven hundred dollars.

## Longevity.

## Pay Department.

PAY DEPARTMENT: For the pay of the officers in the Pay Department, as now authorized and provided by law, one hundred and sixteen thousand five hundred dollars; for additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, thirty-three thousand five hundred dollars; in all, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

## Longevity.

## Judge-Advocate-General's Department.

JUDGE-ADVOCATE-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT: For the pay of the officers in the Judge-Advocate-General's Department, as now authorized and provided by law, twenty-five thousand dollars; for additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, seven thousand dollars; in all, thirty-two thousand dollars.

## Longevity.

## Retired list.

## RETIRED OFFICERS.

## Officers.

For pay of officers on the retired list, and for officers who may be placed thereon during the current year, nine hundred and twenty thousand dollars; for additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars; in all, one million one hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars.

## Longevity.

## RETIRED ENLISTED MEN.

## Enlisted men.

For pay of the enlisted men of the Army on the retired list, sixty thousand dollars.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

## Contract surgeons, etc.

For pay and travelling expenses of not exceeding fifty contract-surgeons, not exceeding one hundred and sixty hospital-matrons, and not exceeding fourteen veterinary surgeons, in all, eighty-five thousand dollars.

## Paymasters' clerks and messengers.

For pay of not exceeding forty-two paymasters' clerks, at one thousand four hundred dollars each, not exceeding thirty paymasters' messengers, and traveling expenses of paymasters' clerks; in

all, eighty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the maximum sum to be allowed paymasters' clerks and contract surgeons when traveling on duty shall be four cents per mile, and, in addition thereto, when transportation can not be furnished by the Quartermaster's Department, the cost of same actually paid by them, exclusive of sleeping or parlor car fare and transfers.

*Proviso.*  
Maximum travelling allowance.

For expenses of courts-martial and courts of inquiry, and compensation of witnesses attending the same, ten thousand dollars.

Courts-martial, etc.

For additional pay to officer in charge of public buildings, and so forth, in Washington, District of Columbia, five hundred dollars.

Public buildings, Washington.

For the pay of a clerk attendant on the collection and classification of military information from abroad, one thousand five hundred dollars; and the officers detailed to obtain the same shall be entitled to mileage and transportation and also commutation of quarters while on this duty, as provided when on other duty.

Information from abroad.

For commutation of quarters to commissioned officers on duty without troops, at places where there are no public quarters, one hundred and fifty-eight thousand dollars.

Commutation of quarters.

For allowances for travel, retained pay, clothing not drawn, and for interest on deposits, payable to enlisted men on discharge, in all, eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Allowances, etc., enlisted men.

For mileage to officers when traveling on duty without troops, when authorized by law not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That in disbursing this amount the maximum sum to be allowed and paid to an officer shall be four cents per mile, distance to be computed over the shortest usually traveled routes and, in addition thereto, the cost of the transportation actually paid by the officer over said route or routes, exclusive of sleeping or parlor car fare and transfers: *And provided further*, That when any officer so traveling shall travel in whole or in part on any railroad on which the troops and supplies of the United States are entitled to be transported free of charge, or over any of the bond-aided Pacific railroads, he shall be allowed for himself only four cents per mile as a subsistence fund for every mile necessarily traveled over any such railroads: *And provided further*, That the transportation furnished by the Quartermaster's Department to officers traveling without troops shall be limited to transportation in kind, not including sleeping or parlor car accommodations, over free roads, over bond-aided Pacific railroads, and by conveyance belonging to the said Department; making in all, for pay and general expenses of the Army, twelve million six hundred and seventy-six thousand dollars.

Mileage to officers.

*Provisos.*  
Maximum allowance.

On subsidized roads.

Transportation by Quartermaster's Department.

All the money hereinbefore appropriated shall be disbursed and accounted for by the Pay Department as pay of the Army, and for that purpose shall constitute one fund.

Total pay accounts.

SUBSISTENCE OF THE ARMY.

For the purchase of subsistence supplies; for issue as rations to troops, civil employees when entitled thereto, contract surgeons, hospital matrons, military convicts at posts, prisoners of war (including Indians held by the Army as prisoners, but for whose subsistence appropriation is not otherwise made), estimated for the fiscal year on the basis of nine million nine hundred and sixty-eight thousand four hundred and fifty rations; for sales to officers and enlisted men of the Army; for authorized extra issue of candles, salt, and vinegar; for public animals; for issues to Indians visiting military posts and to Indians employed with the Army, without pay, as guides and scouts; for payments for cooked rations for recruiting parties or recruits; for hot coffee, baked beans, and canned beef for troops traveling when it is impracticable to cook their rations; for scales, weights, measures, utensils, tools, stationery, blank books and forms, printing, advertising, commercial newspapers, use of telephones,

Subsistence supplies.

office furniture; for temporary buildings, cellars, and other means of protecting subsistence supplies (when not provided by the Quartermaster's Department); for bake-ovens at posts and in the field, and repairs thereof; for extra pay to enlisted men employed on extra duty in the Subsistence Department for periods not less than ten days, at rates fixed by law; for compensation of civilians employed in the Subsistence Department; and for other necessary expenses incident to the purchase, care, preservation, issue, sale, and accounting for subsistence supplies for the Army; for the payment of the regulation allowances for commutation in lieu of rations to enlisted men on furlough, to ordnance-sergeants on duty at ungarrisoned posts, to enlisted men stationed at places where rations in kind can not be economically issued to enlisted men traveling on detached duty when it is impracticable to carry rations of any kind, to enlisted men selected to contest for places or prizes in the department, division, and Army rifle competitions, while traveling to and from places of contest; in all, one million seven hundred and forty-five thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War; and not more than one hundred and ten thousand dollars thereof shall be applied to the payment of civilian employees of the Subsistence Department.

#### QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Quartermaster's Department.

Regular supplies.

Regular supplies: For the regular supplies of the Quartermaster's Department, consisting of stoves and heating apparatus, and repair and maintenance of the same, for heating barracks and quarters; of ranges and stoves for cooking; of fuel and lights for enlisted men, guards, hospitals, storehouses, and offices, and for sales to officers; of forage in kind for the horses, mules, and oxen of the Quartermaster's Department at the several posts and stations and with the armies in the field, including its care and protection; 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 Departments, and for printing division and department orders and reports, two million six hundred and seventy-eight thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be expended on printing unless the same shall be done by contract, after due notice and competition, except in such case as the emergency will not admit of the giving notice for competition: *Provided further*, That after advertisement all the supplies for the use of the various departments and posts of the Army shall be purchased where the same can be purchased the cheapest, quality and cost of transportation considered.

Provisos.

Printing.

Purchase of supplies.

Incidental expenses.

Incidental expenses: For postage; cost of telegrams on official business received and sent by officers of the Army; extra pay to soldiers employed under the direction of the Quartermaster's Department in the erection of barracks, quarters, and store-houses, in the construction of roads, and other constant labor, for periods of not less than ten days, and as clerks for post quartermasters at military posts; for expense 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 escorts can not be furnished; expenses of the interment of officers killed in action, or who die when on duty in the field, or at military posts and on the frontiers, or when traveling under 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, or guides for the Army; compensation of clerks and other employees to the officers of the Quartermaster's Department, compensation of

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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 such companies of infantry and scouts as may be mounted, and for the trains, to wit: Hire of veterinary surgeons; purchase of medicine for horses and mules, picket-ropes, blacksmiths' tools and materials, horseshoes and blacksmiths' tools for the cavalry service, and for the shoeing of horses and mules, and such additional expenditures as are necessary and authorized by law in the movement and operations of the Army, and not expressly assigned to any other department, six hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars of the appropriation for incidental expenses, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be set aside for the payment of enlisted men on extra duty at constant labor of not less than ten days, in the Quartermaster's Department, but no such payment shall be made at any greater rate per day than is fixed by law for the class of persons employed at the work done therein.

*Proviso.*  
Extra-duty pay.

For purchase of horses for the cavalry and artillery, and for the Indian scouts, and for such infantry as may be mounted, and the expenses incident thereto, one hundred and thirty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the number of horses purchased under this appropriation, added to the number on hand, shall not at any time exceed the number of enlisted men and Indian scouts in the mounted service; and that no part of this appropriation shall be paid out for horses not purchased by contract, after competition duly invited by the Quartermaster's Department, and an inspection by such department, all under the direction and authority of the Secretary of War.

Purchase of horses

*Proviso.*  
Limitation.

Army transportation: For transportation of the Army, including baggage of the troops, when moving either by land or water; of the necessary agents and employees; of clothing, camp and garrison equipage and other quartermaster's stores from Army depots or places of purchase or delivery 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 foundries and armories to the arsenals, fortifications, frontier posts, and Army depots; freights, wharfage, tolls, and ferriages; the purchase and hire of draught and pack animals, 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 and other employees; extra-duty pay of enlisted men driving teams, repairing means of transportation, and employed as train-masters, and in opening roads and building wharves; transportation of the funds of the Army, 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 the disposal of sewage and drainage, and for clearing roads, and for removing obstruction from roads, harbors, and rivers to the extent which may be required for the actual operation of troops in the field; for the payment of Army transportation lawfully due such land grant railroads as have not received aid in Government bonds (to be adjusted 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: *Provided*, That such compensation shall be computed upon the basis of the tariff or lower special rates for like transportation performed for the public at large, and shall be accepted

Transportation.

*Provisos.*  
Land-grant roads.

as in full for all demands for such service; in all, two million seven hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That hereafter no part of this appropriation shall be expended in the purchase for the Army of draught animals until the number on hand shall be reduced to five thousand, and thereafter shall only be expended for the purchase of a number sufficient to keep the supply up to five thousand.

**Limit of draught animals.**

**Barracks and quarters.** Barracks and quarters: For barracks and quarters for troops, store-houses for the safe-keeping of military stores, for offices, and for the hire of buildings and of grounds for summer cantonments and for temporary buildings at frontier stations, for the construction of temporary buildings and stables, and for repairing public buildings at established posts, six hundred and twenty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no expenditures exceeding five hundred dollars shall be made upon any building or military post, or grounds about the same, without the approval of the Secretary of War for the same, upon detailed estimates by the Quartermaster's Department; and the erection, construction, and repair of all buildings and other public structures in the Quartermaster's Department shall, as far as may be practicable, be made by contract, after due legal advertisement: *And provided further*, That no more than one million three hundred thousand dollars of the sums appropriated by this act shall be paid out for the services of civilian employees in the Quartermaster's Department, including those heretofore paid out of the funds appropriated for regular supplies, incidental expenses, barracks and quarters, Army transportation, clothing, and camp and garrison equipage; and that no employee paid therefrom shall receive as salary more than one hundred and fifty dollars per month, unless the same shall be specially fixed by law; and no part of any of the moneys so appropriated shall be paid for commutation of fuel and for quarters to officers or enlisted men.

**Civilian employees.**

**Maximum salaries.**

**Buildings, etc., Chicago, Ill.** For the necessary buildings and wharf for the military post at Highwood, near Chicago, Illinois, three hundred thousand dollars.

**Shooting ranges, etc.** For shelter, shooting-galleries, ranges, repairs and expenses incident thereto, ten thousand dollars.

**Hospitals.** Construction and repairs of hospitals: For construction and repairs of hospitals, including the extra-duty pay of enlisted men employed on the same, one hundred thousand dollars.

**Quarters for hospital stewards.** For construction of quarters for hospital-stewards, including the extra-duty pay of enlisted men employed on the same, twelve thousand five hundred dollars: *Provided*, That the posts at which such quarters shall be constructed shall be designated by the Secretary of War, and the quarters shall be built by contract, after legal advertisement, whenever the same is practicable; but the cost of construction of quarters at any one post shall in no case exceed eight hundred dollars, except where a post is situated at a city of more than fifty thousand inhabitants, the cost of construction of such quarters may be not to exceed twelve hundred dollars.

**Proviso.** Designation of posts.

**Limitation.**

**Clothing, camp and garrison equipage.** Clothing, camp and garrison equipage: For cloth, woollens, material, and for the manufacture of clothing for the Army; for issue and for sale at cost-price, according to the Army Regulations; for altering and fitting clothing, and washing and cleaning when necessary; for equipage, and for expenses of packing and handling, and similar necessaries, one million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That out of the money hereby appropriated for clothing and equipage of the Army there shall not be expended at the military prison at Fort Leavenworth a sum in excess of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

**Proviso.**

**Military prison.**

**Medical Department.****MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.****Supplies, etc.**

**Medical and Hospital Department:** For the purchase of medical and hospital supplies, including disinfectants for general sanitation, expenses of medical purveying depots, pay of employees, medical

care and treatment of officers and enlisted men of the Army on duty at posts and stations for which no other provision is made, for the proper care and treatment of cases in the Army suffering from contagious or epidemic diseases, and the supply of the Army and Navy Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas, advertising, and other miscellaneous expenses of the Medical Department; in all, two hundred thousand dollars; and not over forty-two thousand dollars of the money appropriated by this paragraph shall be applied to the payment of civilian employees of the Medical Department.

Hot Springs, Ark.

Medical Museum and Library: For Army Medical Museum, preservation of specimens, and the preparation or purchase of new specimens, five thousand dollars; for the library of the Surgeon-General's Office, ten thousand dollars: in all, fifteen thousand dollars.

Army Medical Museum.

Library.

ENGINEER DEPARTMENT.

Engineer Department.

Engineer depot at Willet's Point, New York: Incidental expenses of the depot, fuel, chemicals, stationery, extra-duty pay for soldiers employed in wheelwright's work, engine-driving, draughting, printing, photographing, and lithographing engineer documents, repairs of public buildings, and unforeseen expenses, five thousand dollars; for purchase of materials for the instruction of engineer troops at Willetts' Point in their special duties of sappers, miners, for land and submarine mines, and pontoneers, torpedo drill and signaling, one thousand five hundred dollars; for purchase and repairs of instruments to be issued to officers of the Corps of Engineers, for use on public works and surveys, two thousand dollars; to replace the building known as the laboratory for enlisted men, which was destroyed by fire in November, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, six thousand five hundred dollars; library of the Engineer School of Application: purchase and binding of professional works of recent date treating of military and civil engineering, five hundred dollars; in all, fifteen thousand five hundred dollars.

Incidental expenses.

For repairs to sea-wall and wharf at Willetts' Point, New York, two thousand five hundred dollars.

Repairs, Willetts Point, N. Y.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

Ordnance Department.

Ordnance service: For current expenses of 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, including payment for mechanical labor in the office of Chief of Ordnance, eighty thousand dollars.

Current expenses.

For manufacture of metallic ammunition for small-arms and ammunition for reloading cartridges, and tools for the same, including the cost of targets and material for target-practice, and marksmen's medals and insignia, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Ammunition for small-arms, etc.

For purchase and manufacture of ordnance stores to fill requisitions of troops, one hundred thousand dollars.

Ordnance stores.

For infantry, cavalry, and artillery equipments, including horse equipments for cavalry and artillery, one hundred thousand dollars.

Equipments.

For manufacture, repair, and issue of arms at the national armories, four hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That not more than sixty 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: *Provided further*, That the cost to the Ordnance Department of all ordnance and ordnance stores issued to the States, Territories, and District of Columbia, under the

Manufacture, etc., of arms. *Providos.*

Civilian clerks.

Arms for militia.

Appropriation available. act of February twelfth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, shall be credited to the appropriation for "manufacture of arms at national armories," which appropriation for eighteen hundred and eighty-nine and thereafter shall be available until exhausted.

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Dynamite guns.

For the purchase by the Secretary of War of pneumatic dynamite guns of different calibers, and the necessary machinery to fire and handle the same, ammunition, and carriages for the same, all complete and mounted in place ready for military use, four hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as he may deem proper.

Preserving ordnance stores.

For overhauling, cleaning, and preserving new ordnance stores on hand at the arsenals, five thousand dollars.

Firing morning and evening guns.

For firing the morning and evening gun at military posts, prescribed by general orders number seventy, headquarters of the army, dated July twenty-third, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, thirty thousand six hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Targets.

For targets for artillery practice, five thousand dollars.

Recruiting service.

#### RECRUITING SERVICE.

Expenses.

For expenses of recruiting and transportation of recruits from rendezvous to depot, one hundred and thirteen thousand dollars.

Signal Service.

#### SIGNAL SERVICE.

Expenses.

For expenses of the Signal Service of the Army, as follows: Purchase, equipment, and repair of field electric telegraphs; signal equipments and stores; binocular glasses, telescopes, heliostats, and other necessary instruments, including absolutely necessary meteorological instruments for use on target-ranges; telephone apparatus and maintenance of same; in all, five thousand dollars.

Contingent expenses

#### CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Commanding-General's office.

For contingent expenses of the office of the Commanding-General, one thousand two hundred dollars.

Adjutant-General's Department.

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

Not elsewhere provided for.

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, fifteen thousand dollars.

West Point, N. Y.  
Purchase of additional ground authorized.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War be authorized to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the two hundred and twenty-five acres of land on the Hudson River, directly south of the Military Reservation at West Point, belonging to the estate of Edward V. Kinsley, or so much thereof as he may deem necessary for the purposes of the Military Academy, and to receive offers for the sale of their interest in such land from such of the heirs of said Kinsley as are competent and willing to sell such interests; and the Secretary of War is authorized to submit all offers so made and the question of the value of said two hundred and twenty-five acres to a board to consist of the Superintendent of the Military Academy and two competent civilians, who shall make due investigation and report concerning said value; and the Secretary of War shall submit said offers and the report of said board, with his opinion, to Congress, at its next session. The expenses of said board and compensation at the rate of ten dollars a day for not more than ten days for each of the civilian members shall be paid from the appropriation for contingencies of the Army.

Report.

Expenses.

Approved, September 22, 1888.