

War Department.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Quartermaster-General's Office.

Office of Quartermaster-General; For salary of one assistant draftsman, one thousand six hundred dollars.

Department of Justice.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Defending suits in claims.

Defending suits in claims against the United States; For defraying the necessary expenses incurred in the examination of witnesses and procuring of evidence in the matter of claims against the United States and in defending suits in the Court of Claims, including the payment of such expenses as in the discretion of the Attorney-General shall be necessary for making proper defense for the United States in the matter of French spoliation claims, to be expended under the direction of the Attorney-General, five thousand dollars.

Department of Agriculture.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Irrigation investigation. Vol. 26, p. 1052.

The balance of the sum of ten thousand dollars, appropriated by act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and publish information as to the best methods of cultivating the soil by irrigation, remaining unexpended on January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, is hereby reappropriated and made available for said purposes, until the fifteenth day of April next, and out of said amount the disbursing officer of the Department of Agriculture shall be reimbursed in the sum of nine hundred and eighteen dollars and seventy-six cents, by him paid out since January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, as salaries and expenses of the division of said Department having charge of the irrigation inquiry, and from said amount there shall also be paid all unpaid balances of compensation due persons heretofore employed in said division for services rendered and not yet paid for, said report and all proceedings hereunder to be completed by the fifteenth day of April.

Reappropriation.

Completion.

Approved, March 18, 1892.

March 21, 1892.

CHAP. 19.—An act to prevent fraudulent transactions on the part of commission merchants and other consignees of goods and other property in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia. Commission merchants. Penalty for withholding returns of sales.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if any factor, commission merchant, consignee, or any person selling goods on commission, or the agent, clerk, or servant of such person, shall convert to his own use in the District of Columbia any provisions, fruits, flour, meat, butter, cheese, or any other goods, merchandise, or property, or the proceeds of the same, and shall fail to pay over the avails or proceeds, less his proper charges, within five days after receiving the money or its equivalent from the purchaser or purchasers of said goods or produce, and after demand made therefor by the person entitled to receive the same, or his or her duly authorized agent, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon information and conviction in the police court of the District of Columbia shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or be imprisoned not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Approved, March 21, 1892.