

times as may, in the opinion of said health officer, be found necessary to secure the enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 28. That no person in said District shall molest, hinder, or in any manner prevent said health officer, or any person in the service of said health department, from performing any duty imposed upon him or them by the provisions of this Act. Interference with health officials forbidden.

SEC. 29. That any person who shall violate, or aid or abet in violating, any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail of the District of Columbia, or in such other place as may be designated by the court, for not less than five days nor more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. Punishment for violations.

SEC. 30. That prosecutions under this Act shall be in the police court of said District, in the name of said District, on information signed by the attorney of said District or one of his assistants, at the instance of said health officer: *Provided*, That any person or persons tried under this Act shall have the privilege, when demanded, of a trial by jury, as in other jury cases in said police court. Prosecution.

SEC. 31. That any person arrested in the District of Columbia for alleged violation of law, whose detention in a police station, workhouse, or jail would, in the opinion of the health officer of said District, expose the occupants of any such police station, workhouse, or jail to infection by any contagious disease aforesaid, or any other disease ordinarily recognized as contagious, may be confined in any hospital in which are treated patients suffering from such contagious disease as that by which said person is believed to be infected, or in such other place as may be designated by the court. Custody of affected persons under arrest.

SEC. 32. That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the foregoing be, and the same are hereby, repealed. Repeal.

Approved, March 3, 1897.

CHAP. 384.—An Act Making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, for the armament thereof, for the procurement of heavy ordnance for trial and service, and for other purposes. March 3, 1897.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sums of money herein provided for be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be available until expended, namely: Fortifications appropriations.

GUN AND MORTAR BATTERIES: For construction of gun and mortar batteries, one million three hundred and forty-one thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars. Gun and mortar batteries.

For materials and work for construction of fortifications, to meet contracts authorized by the fortification appropriation Act approved June sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, two million five hundred thousand dollars. Work under contracts.
Ante, p. 257.

That prior to any expenditure of money for the construction of necessary buildings connected with the new fortifications, except that already authorized, the Secretary of War shall report to Congress on or before December sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, the most practicable and economical plan for the care and preservation of the fortifications and their armament, said plans to be based upon the authorized strength of the artillery force of the Army. Plans for care, etc., to be submitted.

SITES FOR FORTIFICATIONS AND SEACOAST DEFENSES: For the procurement of land, or right pertaining thereto, needed for the site, location, construction, or prosecution of works for fortifications and coast defenses, three hundred thousand dollars. Sites, etc.

Preservation, etc.	PRESERVATION AND REPAIR OF FORTIFICATIONS: For the protection, preservation, and repair of fortifications for which there may be no special appropriation available, one hundred thousand dollars.
Plans.	For preparation of plans for fortifications, five thousand dollars.
Sea walls.	SEA WALLS AND EMBANKMENTS: For construction of sea walls and embankments, thirty-three thousand dollars.
Sandy Hook, N. J.	For construction of a riprap wall for protection of the eastern beach of United States lands at Sandy Hook, New Jersey, seventy-five thousand dollars.
Torpedoes for harbor defense.	TORPEDOES FOR HARBOR DEFENSE: For the purchase of submarine mines and necessary appliances to operate them for closing the channels leading to our principal seaports, needful casemates, cable galleries, and so forth, to render it possible to operate submarine mines, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
Armament.	ARMAMENT OF FORTIFICATIONS: For oil-tempered and annealed steel for high-power coast-defense guns of eight-inch, ten-inch, and twelve-inch caliber, five hundred and fifty-eight thousand six hundred and sixty-three dollars.
Steel for guns.	
Carriages.	For purchase or manufacture of carriages for coast-defense guns of eight, ten, and twelve inch calibers, four hundred and forty-six thousand dollars.
Mortars.	For purchase or manufacture of steel breech-loading mortars of twelve-inch caliber, seven hundred and sixty-eight thousand dollars.
Carriages.	For purchase or manufacture of carriages for steel breech-loading coast-defense mortars of twelve-inch caliber, three hundred and forty-three thousand four hundred and sixty-four dollars.
Payments under contracts.	To provide for payments that may become due in the purchase or manufacture of oil-tempered and annealed steel, for high-power coast-defense guns of eight, ten, and twelve inch caliber, and forgings for one type sixteen-inch gun; carriages for mounting seacoast guns of eight, ten, and twelve inch caliber; steel breech-loading mortars of twelve-inch caliber; carriages for mounting steel mortars of twelve inch caliber; steel deck-piercing shell for twelve-inch breech-loading mortars; and steel armor-piercing shot for seacoast breech-loading guns, contracted for under the provisions of the fortifications Act approved June sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, said payments being in excess of the money therein appropriated for these objects, as follows:
<i>Ante</i> , p. 257.	
Steel for guns.	Oil-tempered and annealed steel for high-power coast-defense guns of eight, ten, and twelve inch caliber, and forgings for one type sixteen-inch gun, five hundred and fifty-five thousand and thirty-eight dollars: <i>Provided</i> , That no contract for oil-tempered and annealed steel for high-power coast-defense guns and mortars shall be made at a price exceeding twenty-three cents per pound;
<i>Proviso</i> . Limit of price.	
Carriages.	Carriages for mounting seacoast guns of eight, ten, and twelve inch caliber, three hundred and sixty-four thousand five hundred dollars;
Mortars.	Steel breech-loading mortars of twelve-inch caliber, five hundred and ten thousand dollars;
Carriages.	Carriages for steel mortars of twelve-inch caliber, one hundred and seventy-eight thousand dollars;
Steel shells.	Steel deck-piercing and other shells for twelve-inch breech-loading mortars, fifty-four thousand six hundred dollars;
Steel shot.	Steel armor-piercing shot for seacoast breech-loading guns, thirty-two thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight dollars; in all, one million six hundred and ninety-five thousand and seventy-six dollars.
Powder and projectiles, reserve supply.	For powders and projectiles for a reserve supply for armament of fortifications, one hundred and sixty-nine thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight dollars; and twelve-inch armor-piercing shot, for which shot have failed to pass the prescribed ballistic tests and which are deemed by the Chief of Ordnance to possess sufficient strength and excellence for service against armor of medium thickness, may be
Acceptance of shot from Carpenter Steel Company.	

accepted and purchased at one-half the contract prices, from funds applicable for payments under the contracts mentioned.

For finishing and assembling coast-defense guns of eight-inch, ten-inch, and twelve-inch caliber, and one type sixteen-inch gun, at the Army Gun Factory, two hundred and four thousand and ninety-two dollars.

For coast-defense guns of eight, ten, and twelve-inch caliber manufactured by contract under the provisions of the fortifications acts approved August eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety, and February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, four hundred thousand dollars.

For sights for cannon, ten thousand three hundred dollars.

For fuses and primers for cannon, five thousand dollars.

For inspecting instruments, gauges, and templets for the manufacture of cannon and projectiles, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For powder for issue to service, including metallic cartridge cases for cannon, sixteen thousand seven hundred and ninety dollars.

For projectiles, including shrapnel, for issue to the service, twenty-four thousand dollars.

For powders and projectiles for the proof of coast-defense guns of eight-inch, ten-inch, and twelve-inch caliber, six thousand six hundred and fifty dollars.

For powder and projectiles for the proof of twelve-inch breech-loading mortars, twenty-three thousand three hundred and eighty-five dollars.

For armor plates and deck plates for the test of armor-piercing and deck-piercing projectiles, twenty-six thousand dollars.

For armament chests, including tools for coast-defense guns and mortars, twenty-seven thousand four hundred and twenty dollars.

For the purchase of machine guns of approved musket caliber, of American manufacture, twenty thousand dollars.

For the services of a chemist in investigating properties of smokeless powders and high explosives, with a view to improving same for adoption in service, one thousand five hundred dollars.

PROVING GROUND, SANDY HOOK, NEW JERSEY.—For current expenses and maintenance of the ordnance proving ground, Sandy Hook, New Jersey, including general repairs and alterations, and accessories incidental to testing and proving ordnance, including hire of assistants for the Ordnance Board, skilled mechanical labor, purchase of instruments and other supplies, building and repairing butts and targets, clearing and grading ranges, twenty-seven thousand dollars.

For the necessary expenses of officers while temporarily employed on ordnance duties at the proving ground and absent from their proper stations, at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per diem while so employed, and the compensation of draftsmen while employed in the Army Ordnance Bureau on ordnance construction, sixteen thousand dollars.

For repairs of railroad tracks connecting the proving ground with the Central Railroad of New Jersey, three thousand dollars.

WATERTOWN ARSENAL, WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS: For enlargement and improvement of gun-carriage plant, including the purchase of such machine tools as may be necessary, fifteen thousand dollars.

For extension of brick foundry shed and storehouse, two thousand dollars.

WATERVLIET ARSENAL, WEST TROY, NEW YORK: For new machinery, tools, fixtures, and alteration and improvement of same, forty-six thousand five hundred dollars.

For filling and grading grounds, construction of necessary roads and covering the same and some old roads with granite paving, three thousand dollars.

Reduction in price.

Seacoast guns at Army Gun Factory.

Contract guns. Vol. 26, pp. 319, 770.

Sights and fuses.

Inspecting instruments, etc.

Powder and projectiles.

Plates for tests.

Armament chests.

Machine guns.

Investigating smokeless powders, etc.

Sandy Hook proving ground. Maintenance.

Expenses of officers.

Repairs to track.

Watertown Arsenal. Gun-carriage plant.

Shed.

Watervliet Arsenal. Machinery, etc.

Grounds.

Sea wall. For repairs of sea wall on the Hudson River and a culvert at junction of Dry River and Hudson River, two thousand six hundred dollars.

Board of Ordnance and Fortification. BOARD OF ORDNANCE AND FORTIFICATION: To enable the Board to make all needful and proper purchases, experiments, and tests to ascertain, with a view to their utilization by the Government, the most effective guns, small arms, cartridges, projectiles, fuses, explosives, torpedoes, armor plates, and other implements and engines of war, and to purchase or cause to be manufactured, under authority of the Secretary of War, such guns, carriages, armor plates, and other war material as may, in the judgment of the Board, be necessary in the proper discharge of the duty devolved upon it by the Act approved September twenty-second, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight; to pay the salary of the civilian member of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification provided by the Act of February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and for the necessary traveling expenses of said member when traveling on duty as contemplated in said Act; for the payment of the necessary expenses of the Board, including a per diem allowance to each officer detailed to serve thereon when employed on duty away from his permanent station, of two dollars and fifty cents a day; and for the test of experimental guns, carriages, and other devices procured in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That before any money shall be expended in the construction or test of any gun, gun carriage, ammunition, or implements under the supervision of the said Board, the Board shall be satisfied, after due inquiry, that the Government of the United States has a lawful right to use the inventions involved in the construction of such gun, gun carriage, ammunition, or implements, or that the construction or test is made at the request of a person either having such lawful right or authorized to convey the same to the Government.

Expenses. That all material purchased under the foregoing provisions of this Act shall be of American manufacture, except in cases when, in the judgment of the Secretary of War, it is to the manifest interest of the United States to make purchases abroad, which material shall be admitted free of duty.

Tests. *Proviso.* Right to use inventions.

Purchases to be of American manufacture. Exception.

Approved, March 3, 1897.

March 3, 1897.

CHAP. 385.—An Act Making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Postal service appropriations. *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 for the service of the Post-Office Department, in conformity with the Act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, as follows:

Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Advertising.

For advertising, five thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

For miscellaneous items in the office of the Postmaster-General, one thousand dollars.

First Assistant Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Postmasters.

For compensation to postmasters, sixteen million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Clerks.

For compensation to clerks in post-offices, ten million six hundred thousand dollars.

Rent, light, and fuel.

For rent, light, and fuel for first, second, and third class post-offices, one million six hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That there shall

Proviso.