

Further liability  
disclaimed.

Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to create any liability upon the part of the United States, directly or indirectly, for any debt or obligation incurred or for any claim for aid or pecuniary assistance from Congress or the Treasury of the United States in support or liquidation of any debts or obligations that may be created on account of said International Irrigation Congress beyond the sum hereby appropriated.

Approved, May 27, 1908.

May 27, 1908.  
[H. R. 18618.]

**CHAP. 201.**—An Act Fixing the status of the Porto Rico Provisional Regiment of Infantry.

[Public, No. 142.]

Porto Rico Pro-  
visional Regiment of  
Infantry.  
Name changed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That on and after the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and eight, the Porto Rico Provisional Regiment of Infantry shall be designated the Porto Rico Regiment of Infantry of the United States Army. It shall be composed of the two existing battalions of the Porto Rico Provisional Regiment of Infantry.

Composition.

Field officers.

**SEC. 2.** That the field officers of said regiment shall be one lieutenant-colonel and two majors, who shall be detailed for four years by the President from officers not below the rank of captain of the Army.

Captains and lieutenants.

**SEC. 3.** That the present captains and lieutenants of the Porto Rico Provisional Regiment of Infantry appointed or who were reappointed after a mental, physical, and professional examination, may be recommissioned as officers of the Porto Rico Regiment of Infantry.

Vacancies in grade  
of second lieutenant.

**SEC. 4.** That vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant may be filled by the President in his discretion by the appointment of citizens of Porto Rico whose qualifications for commissions shall be established by examination.

Promotions.

**SEC. 5.** That promotions to the grade of first lieutenant and captain shall be according to seniority within the regiment, subject to the examination provided by law. All appointments and promotions herein provided for shall be made with the advice and consent of the Senate. Officers of the Porto Rico Regiment of Infantry shall have the same rank, pay, rights, and allowances provided by law for officers of similar rank in the Army of the United States, except as herein provided with regard to promotion. Any of the officers provided for by section three who may have become incapacitated for active service by reason of disability incident to the service shall be placed upon the retired list with the rank to which they would otherwise be entitled.

Appointments con-  
firmed by the Senate.

Retired list.

Repeal.

**SEC. 6.** That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, May 27, 1908.

May 27, 1908.  
[H. R. 19355.]

**CHAP. 202.** 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.

[Public, No. 143.]

Fortifications appro-  
priations.

*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 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be available until expended, namely :

## FORTIFICATIONS AND OTHER WORKS OF DEFENSE.

### UNDER THE ENGINEER DEPARTMENT.

Gun and mortar bat-  
teries.

For construction of gun and mortar batteries, three hundred thousand dollars.