

Vessels to be tested. before any vessel provided for in this paragraph shall be purchased or contracted for a vessel of similar construction shall have been constructed complete and of full size for naval warfare and submitted to the Navy Department for such trial and tests as the Secretary of the Navy may, in his discretion, prescribe, and as the result of such tests be demonstrated to have fulfilled all the reasonable requirements of naval warfare for such a vessel.

Construction and machinery. **CONSTRUCTION AND MACHINERY:** On account of hulls and outfits of vessels and steam machinery of vessels heretofore authorized, twenty-two million seven hundred and sixty-six thousand eight hundred and twenty-three dollars: *Provided*, That no part of the above appropriation shall be used for the payment of the construction of any collier the total cost of which shall exceed nine hundred thousand dollars.

Proviso.
Limit of cost of collier.

Armor and armament.

ARMOR AND ARMAMENT: Toward the armor and armament of domestic manufacture for vessels authorized, twelve million four hundred and fifty-two thousand seven hundred and seventy-two dollars: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be expended for armor for vessels except upon contracts for such armor when awarded by the Secretary of the Navy to the lowest responsible bidder, having in view the best results and most expeditious delivery: *Provided also*, That contracts for furnishing said armor in a reasonable time, at a reasonable price, and of the required quality can be made with responsible parties.

Proviso.
Armor contracts.

Condition.

Equipment.

INCREASE OF THE NAVY, EQUIPMENT: Toward the completion of the equipment outfit of the new vessels authorized, six hundred thousand dollars.

Total increase of the navy, thirty-eight million eight hundred and nineteen thousand five hundred and ninety-five dollars.

Proviso.
Payment in Navy Department restricted.

Provided, That no part of any sum hereby appropriated under "Increase of the navy" shall be used for the payment of any clerical, drafting, inspection, and messenger service, or for pay of any of the other classified force, under the various bureaus of the Navy Department in Washington, District of Columbia.

Technical, etc., services. Navy Department.

That no part of any sum appropriated by this Act shall be used for any expense of the Navy Department at Washington unless specific authority is given by law for such expenditure, except that draftsmen and other technical employees heretofore paid from "Public works" and "Increase of the navy" and employed in the Navy Department at Washington may be continued in employment in the Navy Department at Washington and paid from appropriations "Maintenance," "Construction and repair," "Steam machinery," "Ordnance and ordnance stores," and "Equipment of vessels," respectively.

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CHAP. 256.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to sell part or all of the surplus lands of members of the Kaw or Kansas and Osage tribes of Indians in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

Oklahoma.
Kaw or Kansas and
Osage Indians in.
Sale of surplus lands
of, authorized.

Proviso.
Osage lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, authorized and empowered, upon application, to sell, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, part or all of the surplus lands of any member of the Kaw or Kansas and Osage tribes of Indians in Oklahoma: *Provided*, That the sales of the Osage lands shall be subject to the reserved rights of the tribe in oil, gas, and other minerals.

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