

Age limit for present employees.

Employment of excepted civilians, etc.

General Staff Corps. Composition modified. Vol. 32, p. 280, amended.

Proviso. Appointments above rank of colonel. Vol. 31, p. 755.

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limits of age within which civilian employees who are actually employed by the Government when this Act takes effect and who are to be replaced by enlisted men under the terms of this Act may enlist in the Quartermaster Corps: *Provided further*, That nothing in this section shall be held or construed so as to prevent the employment of the class of civilian employees excepted from the provisions of this Act or the continued employment of civilians included in the Act until such latter employees have been replaced by enlisted men of the Quartermaster Corps.

SEC. 5. That hereafter the General Staff Corps shall consist of two general officers, one of whom shall be the Chief of Staff, four colonels, six lieutenant colonels, twelve majors, and twelve captains or first lieutenants, all of whom shall be detailed from the Army at large in the manner and for the periods prescribed by law: *Provided*, That hereafter, except as otherwise provided herein, when any officer shall under the provisions of section twenty-six of the Act of Congress approved February second, nineteen hundred and one, be appointed to an office with rank above that of colonel, his appointment to said office and his acceptance of the appointment shall create a vacancy in the arm, staff corps, or staff department from which he shall be appointed, and said vacancy shall be filled in the manner prescribed by existing law, but he shall retain in said arm, staff corps, or staff department, the same relative position that he would have held if he had not been appointed to said office, and he shall return to said relative position upon the expiration of his appointment to said office unless he shall be reappointed thereto; and if under the operation of this proviso the number of officers of any particular grade in any arm, staff corps, or staff department, shall at any time exceed the number authorized by law, no vacancy occurring in said grades shall be filled until after the total number of officers therein shall have been reduced below the number authorized by law; but nothing in this proviso shall be held to apply in the case of any officer who now holds a four-year appointment to an office with rank above that of colonel, and whose return to the relative position that he would have held if he had not been appointed to said office is not possible under existing law.

SEC. 6. That hereafter the service of a cadet who may hereafter be appointed to the United States Military Academy or to the Naval Academy shall not be counted in computing for any purpose the length of service of any officer of the Army.

SEC. 7. That the appropriations herein provided for the several departments consolidated under this Act shall be available for the consolidated corps herein created.

SEC. 8. That nothing in this Act shall be held or construed so as to separate any officer from the Army or to diminish the rank now held by him, and that all laws and parts of laws, so far as they are inconsistent with the terms of this Act, be, and they are hereby, repealed.

Approved, August 24, 1912.

August 26, 1912.  
[S. 7500.]

[Public, No. 339.]

CHAP. 407.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act authorizing the sale of certain lands in the Colville Indian Reservation to the town of Okanogan, State of Washington, for public park purposes," approved July twenty-second, nineteen hundred and twelve.

Colville Indian Reservation. Sale of lands to Okanogan, Wash. Error corrected. *Asst. p. 137.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That an Act entitled "An Act authorizing the sale of certain lands in the Colville Indian Reservation to the town of Okanogan, State of Washington, for public park purposes," approved July twenty-second, nineteen hundred and twelve,

be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out in the first section thereof in the description of the lands authorized to be sold the word "twenty-three", after the word "township", and inserting in lieu thereof the word "thirty-three".

Approved, August 26, 1912.

**CHAP. 408.**—An Act Making appropriations to supply deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and twelve and for prior years, and for other purposes.

August 26, 1912.

[H. R. 25970.]

[Public, No. 340.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and twelve and for prior years, and for other purposes, namely:

Deficiencies appropriations.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

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**INTERNATIONAL PRISON COMMISSION:** For subscription of the United States as an adhering member of the International Prison Commission, and the expenses of a commissioner, including preparation of reports, \$2,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary.

International Prison Commission. Subscription, etc.

**INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY CONGRESS:** To pay the quota of the United States as an adhering member of the International Railway Congress for the year nineteen hundred and twelve, \$400.

International Railway Congress. Pay of quota.

**INTERNATIONAL SEISMOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION:** For defraying the necessary expenses in fulfilling the obligations of the United States as a member of the International Seismological Association, including the annual contribution to the expenses of the association, for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and twelve, \$800.

International Seismological Association. Contribution.

**INTERNATIONAL BUREAU AT BRUSSELS FOR REPRESSION OF AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE:** For additional amount required to meet the share of the United States in the expenses of the special bureau created by article eighty-two of the general Act concluded at Brussels July second, eighteen hundred and ninety, for the repression of the African slave trade and the restriction of the importation into and sale in a certain defined zone of the African Continent of firearms, ammunition, and spirituous liquors, for the calendar year nineteen hundred and twelve, \$13.36.

Bureau for Repressing African Slave Trade. Vol. 27, p. 917.

**INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON UNIFORM LETTERS OF EXCHANGE:** For preparation, translation, and publication of the report of the American delegate to the adjourned meeting of the International Conference on Uniform Letters of Exchange, held at The Hague, to continue available during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen, \$2,000.

International Congress on Uniform Letters of Exchange. Preparation, etc., of report. Vol. 26, p. 1264.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Treasury Department.

For purchase of coal, wood, engine oils and grease, grates, grate baskets and fixtures, blowers, coal hods, coal shovels, pokers, and tongs, \$3,000.

Contingent expenses

The Secretary of the Treasury may employ such number of expert money sorters, feeders, and other employees, and expend such sums for contingent and miscellaneous items and for the purchase or construction and installation of paper-money laundering machines as may be necessary, in his judgment, to install, maintain, and operate such laundering machines in the Treasury at Washington and at the sub-treasuries: *Provided*, That the money required to pay for such purpose shall not exceed \$60,000, which sum is hereby appropriated, the

Paper-money laundering machines. Employees, etc.

Provisos. Amount available.