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BY AUTHORITY.

Acts and Resolutions passed at the First Session of the Thirtieth Congress.

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AN ACT further to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

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 the same are hereby, appropriated to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, to-wit:

For an extra clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Navy, occasioned by the Mexican war, six thousand dollars.

For salary of the judge of the southern district of Florida, per act twenty-third February, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, from third March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, to thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, eight hundred and sixty-five dollars, and twelve cents.

For salaries of the two keepers of the public archives in Florida, per act of third March, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, one thousand dollars: Provided, That so much of said act of third March, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, as relates to the appointment of two keepers of the public archives, shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed from and after the thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and forty-eight; and, in the mean time, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the said archives to be removed to some public office in the State of Florida, to be designated by the President of the United States, there to be safely kept.

For expenses of thirty-five light-houses, including oil and other annual supplies, delivering the same, and repairing the lighting apparatus for four hundred and twenty lamps; salaries of thirty-five keepers, at the fixed average of four hundred dollars per annum, and all other expenses for six months, twenty-two thousand seven hundred and forty dollars.

For one new floating light, including the keeper's salary at six hundred and fifty dollars, and all other expenses for nine months, two thousand three hundred and sixteen dollars.

For additional expenses of sundry new buoys for six months, one thousand six hundred and ninety dollars.

For additional expenses of a temporary floating light at Sand Key, Florida, in lieu of the light-house destroyed there, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For superintendent's commission on twenty-eight thousand two hundred and forty-six dollars, at two and a half per cent., seven hundred and six dollars and fifteen cents.

For contingent expenses under the act for the collection, sale, keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue of sixth August, eighteen hundred and forty-six, five thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses in the office of the Treasurer of the United States, five hundred dollars.

For all other expenses for six months, to be paid by the Adjutant General's office, one thousand dollars.

For per diem compensation of clerk employed in the Ordnance office, one thousand and ninety-eight dollars.

For per diem compensation for eight clerks employed, and such additional number of clerks as the exigencies of the public service may require to be employed temporarily by the Secretary of Penions with the approbation and consent of the Secretary of War, during the present fiscal year, on bounty land business in the Pension office, at a rate not exceeding three dollars and thirty-three cents per day, fifteen thousand six hundred and ninety dollars and ninety-six cents.

For contingent expenses of the Pension office, one thousand dollars.

For clerks in the office of the Secretary of War, being an unexpended balance of the appropriation remaining on the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, for that purpose, two hundred and ninety-nine dollars and eighty-five cents.

For outfit of charges des affaires at Naples, the Papal States, and Republics of Bolivia, Guatemala, and Ecuador, twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars.

For one quarter's salary for each of the charges des affaires to the Papal States, Bolivia, Guatemala, and Ecuador, four thousand five hundred dollars.

For salary of the consul at Beyroot, from the fourth of August, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, to the thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, nine hundred and fifty-three dollars and eighty cents.

For compensation for such additional number of clerks as the exigencies of the public service may require, to be employed temporarily by the Secretary of the Treasury in the offices of the Second and Third Auditor, and to the office of the Second Comptroller, at a rate not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum, and for contingencies, seventeen thousand dollars.

For compensation for eight additional clerks to be employed in the General Land office, at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum each, the sum of two thousand dollars.

For the relief and protection of American seamen in foreign countries, twenty thousand dollars.

ARMY.

For regular supplies, incidental expenses, and transportation in the Quartermaster's department of the army, five million dollars.

For clothing of the army, camp and garrison equipments, including one hundred and sixty thousand equipments for volunteers in lieu of commutation, therefore, one million one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

For subsistence in kind, (in addition to the sum of one million dollars appropriated at the present session,) two million nine hundred and thirty-seven thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine dollars and seventy-four cents.

For pay of volunteers called into service during the present fiscal year, three million six hundred and eleven thousand dollars.

For medical and hospital department, sixty-four

thousand five hundred dollars.

For purchase of ordnance, ordnance stores, and supplies, three hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

For payment of arbitrating title to the Pea Patch island, five thousand dollars.

MARINE CORPS.

For provisions, sixteen thousand one hundred and four dollars.

For clothing, thirty-six thousand three hundred dollars.

For fuel, three thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven dollars.

For military stores, three thousand five hundred dollars.

For transportation and expenses of recruiting, five thousand dollars.

For contingencies, six thousand dollars.

For paying James Crutcheon for lighting the Capitol and grounds, three thousand dollars and ten cents.

For contingent expenses of the Senate, twenty thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses of the House of Representatives, fifty thousand dollars.

For payment for printing of one thousand copies of list of patents, by Commissioners of Patents, two thousand dollars, to be paid out of the patent fund.

Sec. 2 And be it further enacted, That the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for clothing in kind to volunteers for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, agreeably to the act entitled "An act to provide clothing for volunteers in the service of the United States," approved the twenty-sixth of January, eighteen hundred and forty-eight; and that so much of said sum of eight hundred thousand dollars as the President shall direct, is hereby authorized to be applied to the purchase of said clothing during the current fiscal year.

ROBT. C. WINTHROP,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

G. M. DALLAS,
President of the Senate.

Approved March 27, 1848.

JAMES K. POLK.

GOLD AND SILVER. The importance of having a common and permanent standard of value which will secure the substantial justice and faith of money contracts and obligations between nations, as well as individuals, is recognized by all enlightened governments at the present day. In all commercial countries, one or the other of the precious metals, or both of them, in combination with copper, are now made to fill this office. In a former age, as among the ancient Spartans, iron was used for the same purpose. Experience has shown that no other measure of value has thus far been discovered comparable to gold. It possesses certain qualities which peculiarly adapt it to the business of life, in a higher degree than any other article of which we have any knowledge. It is scarce and dear, so that a large amount in it may be conveniently carried from place to place. In this respect, platinum is the only metal comparable to it. It is susceptible of minute divisibility. It resists the action of heat, acids, and all atmospheric influences. For malleability, ductility and tenacity, no other metal is equal to it. It possesses great brilliancy and beauty. By being alloyed with a small amount of copper, it acquires a degree of hardness which prevents any very rapid injury from abrasion. The supply is very uniform and regular, and the quantity less liable to fluctuation than that of any other article. The numerous uses to which it is converted in the arts are too well known to require enumeration; and yet there are theorists, and the number is just now rapidly increasing, both in this country and in England, who regard its value as being nearly altogether fictitious and imaginary. These theorists, who are in some instances there in a very ignorant notion that but for the stamp or coinage by the sovereign, it would be worth far less than its nominal value. This is a fallacy. On the contrary, its exchangeable value and its intrinsic value are always very nearly the same. So that when a barrel of flour sells for a half eagle, it will be found to produce the amount of labor required to produce the quantity of gold which it contains from the mines, that it does to lay down the barrel of flour.

It has been argued that insinuate as gold is a mere metal, which can neither be eaten or drunk, or in any way made to subserve the natural wants of man, that therefore wheat or iron, or any other commodity which is capable of being used as food, or which can be substituted for it with advantage. This system of exchanges has been tried, and is probably still in use among rude and barbarous races of men. But, whenever it has been adopted, it is known that it has been attended with many inconveniences. To suppose, then, that in the multiplied and complicated transactions of a highly civilized society, it would be found less subject to objection, is repugnant to reason.

Perhaps there is no question connected with banking and currency more vitally important than that which regards its foundation. Unsound notions in relation to it always aggravate and prolong crises of commercial difficulty, and produce the same effects of bank suspensions and of paper inflation incident thereto, they lead persons to imagine that the rise in the price of gold, and all the embarrassments incident thereto, result entirely from its alleged scarcity. A general rise of all prices, a rise in the market price of gold, and a fall of the foreign exchange, will be the effect of an excessive amount of circulation in a country which adopts a currency not exportable to other countries, or not convertible, at will, into a coin which is exportable.

WITHOUT BENEFIT OF CLERGY. We often hear this phrase, but never do we comprehend its real meaning. Some persons suppose that it means that a criminal shall have no spiritual adviser or religious consolation previous to his execution. But this is a popular error. The dark cloud of barbarism which succeeded the downfall of the Roman empire, having nearly effaced literary pursuits, the attention of the nobility and the clergy was directed to the study of the law, which was wholly absorbed by military exercises and chases, while the regular and secular clergy became, for ages, with some exceptions, almost the sole depositories of books, and the learned languages. As it is natural to respect what we do not understand, the monks turned the advantage to good account, and it gradually became a principle of common law, that no clerk, that is to say, no priest, should be tried by the civil power.

The privilege was enjoyed and abused without restriction, till the reign of Henry the Second, when the council or parliament of Clarendon, or the sense of the nation was provoked by murder, rape, and other crimes, to set bounds to ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and to require regulation on this subject, but a necessity was evaded by the insolence of Becket, and the base pusillanimity of King John and his successor.

During a period equally disagreeable to the monarch and the clergy, a provision, artificial, because it seemed to wear the face of a remedy, was enacted, by which any person tried for felony or other capital offence, if he was able to read as a priest, was pronounced to be exempt from punishment *si legit ut clericus*, if he was able to read as a priest. From this *finestre* the monks received considerable emolument, by teaching prisoners to read, which, however odious or bloody their crimes, rescued them from the penalty of the laws, and also answered another purpose, as by these means, men of the most desperate character were thus rendered humble and desolate clerics of the church. This lucrative monopoly remained till it was provided against in the twenty-seventh year of the reign of Edward the Third; but the noxious weed grew up in the shade of ignorance and confusion, during the bloody contests of the houses of Lancaster and York, till it received a mortal wound under Edward the Sixth, when it was enabled to creep up again, and to flourish in the reign of James the First, it was entirely taken away from these delinquents.

THE LATE KING OF THE FRENCH.

We would not rebuke the conduct or insult the feelings of Louis Philippe. But the last days of his exile from France are marked with so strange a romance, and with such a singular reverse of fortune, that we shall lay the account of his adventures before our readers to-morrow. Meantime, we give as a more reasonable article the following extract from one of the last London Times. The King seems to have lost, as his presence of mind—all his moral courage will find that this wonderful man had found his wife for many of the facilities of escape. The fact is, the King has not fallen with dignity; and the very circumstances of his retreat are so much calculated to lower him in the opinion of the French, that they alone would contribute to cut off his return to power.

Washington Union.

From the London Times, March 4.

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION. It is with the greatest pleasure that we announce the safe arrival of the last and most illustrious intendant of the "royal fugitives" on these shores. For a whole week the King of the French, after playing for eighteen years the most conspicuous part on the most conspicuous stage of European affairs, had totally disappeared from the scene. His place could now here be found, and, shocking as all would have felt it, it was at last as probable a conjecture as any other, that his Majesty had perished in the Channel. The Express steamer brought them yesterday morning to New-haven, where they had to wait for some hours till the state of the tide should enable them to enter the harbor. At last they landed, and were glad to receive a very hearty welcome to the well-known shore. For the rest, we must refer to the particulars which we have been enabled to supply, and to which the rank, the misfortunes, and it must be added, the errors of the distinguished sufferer will impart so peculiar an interest.

It may be safely said, there is nothing in history—nothing at least, in the examples which most readily occur to the mind—that at all comes near the tremendous suddenness of the present royal reverse. This day fortnight, Louis Philippe was the most prosperous, the most powerful, and accounted the ablest sovereign in the world. If the reader will just think of it, he will find that this wonderful man had attained the very acme of success, consideration, and power. It is a work of time to enumerate the many circumstances of his splendid condition. His numerous, handsome, and dutiful children; the brilliant alliances—one of them recently concluded—which brought into one family interest the vast regions of Antwerp to Cadix; the most prospect of an event which would probably make his grandchild the sovereign, his son the regent of Spain; the great cross and drawback of his reign just removed—Algeria pacified after eighteen years' war; his immense private fortune; his eleven or twelve palaces, unequalled for situation and magnificence, on all of which he had previously looked down on the royal subjects as seen by the way of a curiosity; his splendid army of four hundred thousand men, in the highest discipline and equipment; a minister of unequalled energy and genius, who had found out at last the secret of France; a metropolis fortified and armed to the teeth against all the world; the favorable advances recently made by those powers who had previously looked down on the royal subjects as seen by the way of a curiosity; his splendid army of four hundred thousand men, in the highest discipline and equipment; a minister of unequalled energy and genius, who had found out at last the secret of France; a metropolis fortified and armed to the teeth against all the world; the favorable advances recently made by those powers who had previously looked down on the royal subjects as seen by the way of a curiosity.

What we have described was a sober and solid reality. What we now come to, reads like the proreptor incidents of a nursery tale. A mob of artisans, boys, and some women, pours through the streets of Paris. They make for the palace. Eighty thousand infantry, cavalry, and artillery are dumfounded and stultified. In a few minutes, an elderly couple are seen by the way of a curiosity; they are thrust into a hack-cab, and driven out of the way. The mob rushes into the Senate, and proclaims a republican government—which exists, which is ruling the nation with great energy and judgment, and is already communicating with the representatives of foreign powers. But let us follow the princes. We say it without intention. No family of Irish trappers was ever so summarily bundled out of the way as this illustrious group. The Queen, we are told, had run back to a bureau for some silver; but it seems it was not enough, as a hat was sent round for the royal couple at St. Cloud, and a great number of the ladies, and some of the gentlemen, were left with a five-franc piece between them. Flying "when none pursued," they get to Louis Philippe's once celebrated chateau at Eu, which they are afraid to enter. So there they disappear into space. They were to be at Eu, and for a week—that is all that we knew of them. Meanwhile, the foreign birds dashed by a storm against a light-house. The Duke de Nemours and certain Saxe Coburgs come one day, knowing nothing of the rest. They parted in the crowd. A Spanish Infanta, for whose hand all the world was competing only the year before last, scrambled out another way, through by-roads and back-doors. The Duke de Nemours and certain Saxe Coburgs come one day, knowing nothing of the rest. They parted in the crowd. A Spanish Infanta, for whose hand all the world was competing only the year before last, scrambled out another way, through by-roads and back-doors.

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