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AND

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WITH

REFERENCES TO THE MATTER OF EACH ACT AND TO THE SUBSEQUENT
ACTS ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

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For repairing roads, five hundred dollars ;
 For furniture for soldiers' hospital, one hundred dollars ;
 For grading, draining, and improving the artillery and cavalry drill
 ground, two thousand dollars ;
 For contingencies for superintendent, one thousand dollars.

Appropriation
 for Military
 Academy.

And hereafter, in addition to the other members of the board of visit-
 ors to be appointed by the President, according to existing law, to attend
 the annual examination of cadets at the United States Military Acade-
 my, there shall be on every such board two senators to be designated by
 the Vice-President or President pro tempore of the Senate; and three
 members of the House of Representatives to be designated by the Speak-
 er of the House of Representatives, such designations respectively to be
 made at the session of Congress next preceding the time of such exami-
 nation; and the senators and members so appointed shall make full re-
 port of their action as such visitors, with their views and recommenda-
 tions in regard to the said Military Academy, within twenty days after
 the meeting of Congress, at the session next succeeding the time of their
 appointment.

Addition to
 board of visitors.

Senators and
 representatives.

Report.

APPROVED, February 21, 1870.

✓ CHAP. XIX.—*An Act to admit the State of Mississippi to Representation in the*
Congress of the United States.

Feb. 23, 1870.

WHEREAS the people of Mississippi have framed and adopted a consti-
 tution of State government which is republican; and whereas the
 legislature of Mississippi elected under said constitution has ratified
 the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution of the
 United States; and whereas the performance of these several acts in
 good faith is a condition precedent to the representation of the State in
 Congress: therefore,

Preamble.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
 States of America in Congress assembled,* That the said State of Missis-
 sippi is entitled to representation in the Congress of the United States:
Provided, That before any member of the legislature of said State shall
 take or resume his seat, or any officer of said State shall enter upon the
 duties of his office, he shall take and subscribe, and file in the office of
 the secretary of state of Mississippi, for permanent preservation, an
 oath or affirmation in the form following: "I, ———, do solemnly
 swear (or affirm) that I have never taken an oath as a member of Con-
 gress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State
 legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support
 the Constitution of the United States, and afterward engaged in insur-
 rection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the
 enemies thereof, so help me God"; or under the pains and penalties of
 perjury, (as the case may be;) or such person shall in like manner take,
 subscribe, and file the following oath or affirmation: "I, ———,
 do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have, by act of Congress of the
 United States, been relieved from the disabilities imposed upon me by
 the fourteenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States, so
 help me God"; or under the pains and penalties of perjury, (as the case
 may be;) which oaths or affirmations shall be taken before and certified
 by any officer lawfully authorized to administer oaths. And any person
 who shall knowingly swear or affirm falsely in taking either of such
 oaths or affirmations shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall be
 punished therefor by imprisonment not less than one year, and not more
 than ten years, and shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars,
 and not more than ten thousand dollars. And in all trials for any
 violation of this act, the certificate of the taking of either of said oaths
 or affirmations, with proof of the signature of the party accused, shall

Mississippi de-
 clared entitled to
 representation in
 Congress.

Members of
 State legisla-
 ture and State
 officials to take
 one of two oaths
 before, &c.

Oaths, form of;

before whom
 to be taken.

Perjury in tak-
 ing either oath,
 how punished.

Certificate of
 taking, &c. to
 be evidence.

Neglect for thirty days to take, &c. the oath, to vacate office.

Fundamental conditions of the admission of Mississippi to representation in Congress.

No citizen or class to be deprived of right to vote, except, &c.

or to hold office on account of race or color;

or of school rights and privileges.

be taken and held as conclusive evidence that such oath or affirmation was regularly and lawfully administered by competent authority: *And provided further*, That every such person who shall neglect for the period of thirty days next after the passage of this act to take, subscribe, and file such oath or affirmation as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken, to all intents and purposes, to have vacated his office: *And provided further*, That the State of Mississippi is admitted to representation in Congress as one of the States of the Union, upon the following fundamental conditions: First, That the constitution of Mississippi shall never be so amended or changed as to deprive any citizen or class of citizens of the United States of the right to vote who are entitled to vote by the constitution herein recognized, except as a punishment for such crimes as are now felonies at common law, whereof they shall have been duly convicted under laws equally applicable to all the inhabitants of said State: *Provided*, That any alteration of said constitution, prospective in its effects, may be made in regard to the time and place of residence of voters. Second, That it shall never be lawful for the said State to deprive any citizen of the United States, on account of his race, color, or previous condition of servitude, of the right to hold office under the constitution and laws of said State, or upon any such ground to require of him any other qualifications for office than such as are required of all other citizens. Third, That the constitution of Mississippi shall never be so amended or changed as to deprive any citizen or class of citizens of the United States of the school rights and privileges secured by the constitution of said State.

APPROVED, February 23, 1870.

Feb. 24, 1870.

CHAP. XX. — *An Act making Appropriations to supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for the naval Service for the Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy, and for other Purposes.*

Appropriation for deficiencies in the naval service.

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 be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy, namely:

Bureau of steam engineering; of construction and repairs.

For the bureau of steam engineering, five hundred thousand dollars.

Certain unexpended balances covered into the treasury.

For the bureau of construction and repairs, one million five hundred thousand dollars; and the following amounts of unexpended balances are hereby covered into the treasury, viz.: Of the unexpended balance standing to the credit of the bureau of provisions and clothing, one million four hundred thousand dollars; of the balance to the credit of the bureau of equipment and recruiting, three hundred and ninety-nine thousand dollars; of the balance to the credit of the bureau of navigation, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and of the balance to the credit of the bureau of yards and docks, nine hundred and fifty-one thousand dollars.

Appropriations how to be expended.

And these sums shall be covered in and restored to the treasury, whether they stand to the credit of said bureaus in the proper books of the Treasurer of the United States, or have been placed to any other account, or are under the control of any officer or agent of the Navy Department: *Provided*, That the money so appropriated shall be expended only for the purpose of providing materials, carrying on the work, and paying the employes of the bureaus for which it is appropriated.

APPROVED, February 24, 1870.