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Pennsylvania Legislature.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, March 15, 1861.

The House was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M., by the SPEAKER.

Afternoon Session.

Mr. ACKER moved that when the House adjourn it adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock P. M. The motion was agreed to.

GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. SHEPPARD, (Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means,) called up House bill No. 420, entitled "An Act to provide for the ordinary expenses of the government and other general and specific purposes."

Whereupon

The House went into Committee of the Whole, (Mr. BARR in the Chair,) on said bill.

The first section of the bill was read as follows:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the following sums be and the same are hereby specifically appropriated to the several objects hereinafter mentioned for the year commencing on the first day of June, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The section was agreed to.

The second section was read as follows:

Sec. 2. For the salary of the Governor of the Commonwealth, four thousand dollars.

For the salary of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, one thousand seven hundred dollars.

For the salary of the Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For the salary of the Auditor General one thousand seven hundred dollars.

For the salary of the Surveyor General, one thousand six hundred dollars.

For the salary of the Attorney General, three thousand dollars.

For the salary of the State Treasurer, one thousand seven hundred dollars.

For the salary of the Superintendent of Common Schools, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For the salary of the Adjutant General, six hundred dollars.

For the salary of the State Librarian, eight hundred dollars.

For the salary of the Superintendent of Public Printing, eight hundred dollars, and for office rent ninety dollars.

Mr. SHEPPARD moved to amend by inserting between the words "and" and "for" the words "to Chas. D. Hineine."

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. GORDON moved to amend the 16th line by making the salary of the Adjutant General "\$1000" instead of "\$600."

The amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. WILSON moved to amend by making the salary of the Adjutant General "\$800" instead of "\$600."

The amendment was not agreed to; and the section was adopted.

The third section was read as follows:

Sec. 3. For the salary of the private Secretary of the Governor, six hundred dollars.

For messenger in Executive department, five hundred dollars.

The section was agreed to.

The fourth section was read as follows:

Sec. 4. For the salary of the chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, one thousand dollars.

For the salary of the military clerk, one thousand dollars.

For the salary of the commission clerk, one thousand dollars.

For the salary of the first transcribing clerk, nine hundred dollars.

For the salary of the second transcribing clerk, nine hundred dollars.

For the salary of the third transcribing clerk, nine hundred dollars.

For the salary of the messenger in the State department, five hundred dollars.

For postage and telegrams in the State department, one thousand dollars.

For blank books, fifty dollars.

For stationery, four hundred dollars.

For carpets, two hundred and seventy-five dollars.

For fuel and lights in the State department, one hundred and fifty-five dollars.

For cleaning offices, one hundred dollars.

For miscellaneous expenses one hundred and fifty dollars.

The section was agreed to.

The fifth section was read as follows:

Sec. 5. For the salary of the chief clerk in the Auditor General's office, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For the salary of the clerk in the banking department, one thousand two hundred dollars.

For the salary of the clerk in the department for settling accounts of county treasurers, prothonotaries, registers, recorders, clerk of courts, etc., one thousand one hundred dollars.

For the salary of the clerk for settling the accounts of corporations and in charge of the business with foreign insurance companies, reports of railroads and manufacturing companies, etc., one thousand one hundred dollars.

For the salary of warrant and bond clerk, one thousand dollars.

For the salary of clerk in charge of canal papers and assistant to chief and corporation clerk, one thousand dollars.

For the salary of clerk for copying, at forty-nine hundred dollars.

For the salary of messenger, six hundred dollars.

For postage and telegrams, five hundred dollars.

For stationery, three hundred and fifty dollars.

For fuel, seventy-five dollars.

For miscellaneous expenses of the office, seventy-five dollars.

Mr. SHEPPARD moved to amend by adding between the eleventh and twelfth lines, as follows:

"For the salary of the Registering and Copying Clerk, one thousand dollars."

The amendment was agreed to; and the section was amended as follows:

Sec. 6. For the salary of the chief clerk in the Surveyor General's office, one thousand four hundred dollars.

For the salary of the second clerk, one thousand one hundred dollars.

For the salary of the third clerk, one thousand one hundred dollars.

For the salary of the fourth clerk, one thousand one hundred dollars.

For the salary of the fifth clerk, one thousand one hundred dollars.

For the salary of the sixth clerk, one thousand one hundred dollars.

For the salary of the seventh clerk, one thousand one hundred dollars.

For the salary of the eighth clerk, one thousand one hundred dollars.

For the salary of the ninth clerk, one thousand one hundred dollars.

For the salary of the tenth clerk, one thousand one hundred dollars.

For the salary of the eleventh clerk, one thousand one hundred dollars.

For the salary of the twelfth clerk, one thousand one hundred dollars.

For the salary of the seventh clerk, nine hundred dollars.

For the salary of an additional clerk to make out and furnish to each county in this Commonwealth a list of lands on which the State has any lien, in accordance with the requirements of the Act of March twenty-first, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty, the sum of one thousand dollars.

For the salary of messenger, five hundred and fifty dollars.

For postage stamps in the office of the Surveyor General, four hundred dollars.

For stationery, five hundred dollars.

For fuel, seventy-five dollars.

For miscellaneous expenses, fifty dollars.

Mr. SHEPPARD moved to amend by striking out in the ninth line the words "an additional."

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. SHEPPARD moved to amend in the sixteenth line by striking out "two" and inserting "three."

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. SHEPPARD moved further to amend by striking "for cleaning offices, \$50," also, in the 18th line strike out "for miscellaneous expenses, \$100," and insert "for miscellaneous expenses, \$150."

The amendment was agreed to; and the section was amended as agreed to.

The seventh section was read as follows:

Sec. 7. For the payment of the salary of the clerk in the office of the Attorney General, eight hundred dollars.

For the contingent expenses in the Attorney General's office the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, and to John C. Knox, late Attorney General, one hundred and nineteen dollars and thirty-five cents.

The section was agreed to.

The eighth section was read as follows:

Sec. 8. For the salary of the chief clerk in the office of the State Treasurer, one thousand six hundred dollars.

For the salary of the book-keeper, one thousand two hundred dollars.

For the salary of the account clerk one thousand dollars.

For the salary of the messenger and night-watch of the Treasury Department six hundred and fifty dollars.

For postage and telegrams in the Treasury Department four hundred and seventy-five dollars.

For stationery and blank books, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For express charges, one hundred dollars.

For fuel and light, seventy-five dollars.

For miscellaneous expenses, one hundred and fifty dollars.

The section was agreed to.

The ninth section was read as follows:

Sec. 9. That the State Treasurer is hereby required to pay to each of the commissioners of the sinking fund the sum of three hundred dollars.

And to the clerk of said commissioners, one thousand dollars.

The section was agreed to.

The tenth section was read as follows:

Sec. 10. For the salary of the Deputy Superintendent of Common Schools, one thousand four hundred dollars.

For the salary of the first clerk in the school department, one thousand dollars.

For the salary of the second clerk, one thousand dollars.

For the salary of the third clerk, nine hundred dollars.

For the salary of the messenger, five hundred dollars.

For stationery and blank books in the school department, three hundred dollars.

For postage, telegrams and express expenses, one thousand dollars.

For fuel, light and cleaning office, sixty dollars.

For expenses in packing and distributing blank forms, reports, school laws and decisions to the several school districts of the Commonwealth, six hundred dollars.

For expenses of the Superintendent in visiting the several school districts of the State, three hundred dollars.

For expenses of visiting and inspecting the State Normal School at Edinboro', two hundred and fifty dollars.

For miscellaneous expenses of school department, fifty dollars.

For blank diplomas, forms for the State Normal School and for county teachers' certificates, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, upon settling the account by the Auditor General.

The section was agreed to.

The eleventh section was read as follows:

Sec. 11. For the salary of assistant Librarian, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For the purchase of law and miscellaneous books, one thousand dollars.

For the purchase of law books, three hundred and fifty dollars.

For postage and telegrams, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For stationery, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For fuel, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For miscellaneous expenses of the library, one hundred and fifty dollars.

The section was agreed to.

The twelfth section was read as follows:

Sec. 12. For repairs to the building of State department, painting, etc., the sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be needed to be expended by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and deposited for to the Auditor General.

For iron safe, carpeting and matting, etc., in the office of the Auditor General, the sum of six hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be needed to be expended by the Auditor General, and deposited for to the State Treasurer.

For general repairs to building of land department, fitting up room for use of Surveyor General, and for the meeting of the board of property, and for salaries, or so much thereof as may be needed, to be expended by the Surveyor General, and accounted for to the Auditor General.

For packing and distributing the common school report for one thousand eight hundred and sixty, and to June first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, the sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be needed, to be expended by the Superintendent of common schools, and accounted for to the Auditor General.

For the appropriation authorized by this section may be expended as soon as deemed expedient by the heads of departments after the passage of this Act.

Mr. SHEPPARD moved to amend the sixth line by striking out "\$600" and inserting "\$800."

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. HOG moved to amend by striking out the words "or the Normal Schools" in the 10th line.

The amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. SMITH (Berks) moved to amend by striking out the words "and to the State Normal School" in the 10th line.

The amendment was not agreed to.

The fourth section was read as follows:

Sec. 14. For the payment of the expenses of the Legislature, including the pay and mileage of members, clerks and officers thereof, and the amount authorized by law for stationery, etc., the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be settled by the Auditor General according to law.

The section was agreed to.

The fifth section was read as follows:

Sec. 15. For packing and distributing the laws and journals of the Legislature, to be performed under the direction of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, seven hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

The section was agreed to.

The sixth section was read as follows:

Sec. 16. For miscellaneous expenses, to be first audited by the Auditor General before being paid by the State Treasurer, the sum of three thousand dollars.

The section was agreed to.

The seventh section was read as follows:

Sec. 17. For the salaries of the judges of the Supreme Court the sum of twenty thousand dollars, or so much of the same as shall be necessary.

The section was agreed to.

The eighth section was read as follows:

Sec. 18. For the payment of the salaries of the judges of the district court and the judges of the court of common pleas of the city of Philadelphia, the sum of eighteen thousand dollars, or three thousand dollars to each judge.

The section was agreed to.

The ninth section was read as follows:

Sec. 19. For the payment of the judges of the district court and the president and assistant law judges of the court of common pleas of the county of Allegheny, twelve thousand dollars.

The section was agreed to.

The tenth section was read as follows:

Sec. 20. For the payment of the salaries and mileage of the president and associate law judges of the several courts of common pleas in this Commonwealth, except the county of Philadelphia and the county of Allegheny, the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

The section was agreed to.

The twenty-first section was read as follows:

Sec. 21. For the payment of the salaries and mileage of the associate judges of the courts of this Commonwealth the sum of forty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

The section was agreed to.

The twenty-second section was read as follows:

Sec. 22. For the payment of the interest on the bonded debt of the Commonwealth that will fall due on the first days of July, and August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and on the first days of January and February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, the sum of one million eight hundred and fourteen thousand one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

The section was agreed to.

The twenty-third section was read as follows:

Sec. 23. For the instruction of indigent pupils in the Pennsylvania Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, twenty-five thousand dollars, to be paid in proportion to the number of indigent pupils from the several counties of the Commonwealth at the rates prescribed by law, the evidence of which is to be furnished to the State Treasurer.

The section was agreed to.

The twenty-fourth section was read as follows:

Sec. 24. For the Pennsylvania Institution for the instruction of the Blind, the sum of twenty-four thousand eight hundred dollars, to be paid in proportion to the number of indigent pupils at the rates prescribed by law, the evidence of which is to be furnished to the State Treasurer.

The section was agreed to.

The twenty-fifth section was read as follows:

Sec. 25. For the Western Pennsylvania Hospital at Harrisburg for the purpose of completing suitable buildings the further sum of thirty thousand dollars.

The section was agreed to.

The twenty-sixth section was read as follows:

Sec. 26. For the Penn. Widows' Asylum five thousand dollars.

The section was agreed to.

The twenty-seventh section was read as follows:

Sec. 27. For the Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital at Harrisburg for the payment of salaries and wages the sum of ten thousand dollars, and for repairs to the buildings and machinery the further sum of five thousand dollars, and for the support of the house a further sum of five thousand dollars, or so much of the above as may be necessary.

The section was agreed to.

The twenty-eighth section was read as follows:

Sec. 28. For the Pennsylvania training school for feeble minded children at Media, in the county of Delaware, the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of completing the necessary buildings, and the usual sum for each pupil, and providing for the support of the school, the number of said pupils shall not exceed fifty.

The section was agreed to.

The twenty-ninth section was read as follows:

Sec. 29. For the support of schools, to be paid on warrants drawn by the Superintendent in favor of the several school districts of the Commonwealth, in proportion to the number of taxable therein, the sum of three hundred and twenty-eight thousand dollars, inclusive of an appropriation of ten thousand dollars to each of the State normal schools at Millersville and Edinboro', and also of the county superintendents, to be accounted for in the usual manner, on the basis of taxable, of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty in the several counties. Provided, That the city of Philadelphia shall be entitled to a proportion of the county superintendents, on the normal schools.

Mr. GORDON moved to amend the fourth line by striking out the word "inclusive" and inserting "exclusive" instead of "inclusive."

The amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. SHEPPARD moved to amend by inserting "for the salaries" after the words "inserting" in the 10th line.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. HOG moved to amend by striking out the words "or the Normal Schools" in the 10th line.

The amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. SMITH (Berks) moved to amend by striking out the words "and to the State Normal School" in the 10th line.

The amendment was not agreed to.

Schools at Millersville and Edinboro'. The amendment was not agreed to; and the section was amended as follows:

The third section was read as follows:

Sec. 20. For the support of the Western Penitentiary, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, and for the payment of the salaries of the officers, the sum of twelve thousand eight hundred dollars and the additional sum of four dollars for each discharged convict, in equal quarterly payments on or after the fifteenth day of the months of June and September in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and December and March in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

The section was agreed to.

The first section was read as follows:

Sec. 31. For the payment of the salaries of the officers of the Western Penitentiary the sum of eleven thousand one hundred and sixty-one dollars, and the additional sum of seventy-five thousand dollars for building purposes, to be drawn from the State Treasury monthly as the work progresses. This appropriation reads, "and the additional sum of \$75,000 to be drawn from the State Treasury monthly, as the work progresses." The two appropriations are in language identical.

Mr. RIDGWAY. I do not see anything extraordinary in these appropriations. The only question appears to be to decide between \$40,000 and \$75,000. For my own part I am prepared to vote for whatever amount may be necessary. If any man is prepared to say that the money heretofore appropriated has not been properly expended—has been spent without the State receiving an equivalent—then I may vote against further appropriations. But I have passed that prison several times during the past year; I have seen a very pretty piece of masonry going on, but I think it will take fully \$40,000 to put up the outside wall. Unless some gentleman can show me that the work will not require the sum proposed in the bill, I shall certainly vote for the full amount.

Mr. BLISS. I suppose that the builders have conceived a plan of building and that it will be carried out; and I cannot conceive that it will make one dollar's difference in the final expense, whether we now appropriate seventy-five thousand dollars or fifty thousand dollars. It is simply a question as to how soon we shall carry forward and complete the building. I therefore do not see any reason why we should hesitate with regard to this seventy-five thousand dollars.

Mr. GORDON. I would just say that if at the last session any member of this House understood that forty thousand dollars would put up an acre of stone wall with buildings and a proper number for a penitentiary, I was not one of those. I understand that to complete the buildings. These penitentiaries or jails are of so high importance for the protection of the community, that we cannot ignore them; we cannot put them off; we must provide for them. The penitentiary in the west requires an increase in its size. I believe it is a mistake that it should be double its former size; and a very large expenditure of money is, of course, required to make this enlargement. We must provide for this work as a whole. We cannot erect it piece-meal by appropriations from time to time. I consider that this appropriation is necessary; and I shall support it.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW. As a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, I heard the representations of the Superintendent of the Western Penitentiary, Mr. CUSH, and I am satisfied from his representations, and from the Report made by the Board of Managers, that the amount provided for in this appropriation bill, \$75,000, is absolutely necessary. That sum should be appropriated now. The work is in progress, and it should be carried to completion during the coming summer. \$75,000 is a low estimate for the completion of these buildings. The representations made with great discretion and judgment, by those who have this matter in charge, show that the penitentiary is now crowded, and that there is an urgent necessity for the enlargement, which has been begun. This policy of appropriating \$25,000 now and \$25,000 at another time, for the purpose of patching up the building, is not the policy of economy or wisdom. The appropriation should be made at once in a sufficient amount to complete the buildings, on the plan originally intended, and \$75,000 is not more than enough to accomplish this work.

The amendment of Mr. HUGHES was not agreed to; and

The section was then adopted.

The thirty-second section was read as follows:

Sec. 32. For the House of Refuge in Philadelphia, twenty-five thousand dollars; of which five thousand dollars