

Proviso.
Quality, etc., of steel
used.
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authorized, thirteen million six hundred and forty-eight thousand four hundred and seventy-three dollars: *Provided*, That section two of the Act entitled "An Act to increase the naval establishment," approved August third, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. That in the construction of all naval vessels the steel material shall be of domestic manufacture, and of the quality and characteristics best adapted to the various purposes for which it may be used, in accordance with specifications approved by the Secretary of the Navy."

Armor and arma-
ment.
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ARMOR AND ARMAMENT: Toward the armament and armor of domestic manufacture for the vessels authorized by the Act of July twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, of the vessels authorized under the Act of March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, of those authorized by the Act of June tenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, of the three torpedo boats authorized by the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and of those authorized by this Act, including the completion of ordnance outfit for the four harbor-defense vessels, the sixteen torpedo-boat destroyers, and twelve torpedo boats named herein, seven million one hundred and sixty-two thousand eight hundred dollars: *Provided*, That the total cost of the armor according to the plans and specifications already prepared, for the three battle ships authorized by the Act of June tenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, shall not exceed three million two hundred and ten thousand dollars, including all cost of nickel in the same, and exclusive of the cost of transportation, ballistic test plates, and tests, and royalty for steel face-hardening process, not to exceed one-half cent per pound, and which can not be made use of without the payment of royalty, and no contract for armor plate shall be made at an average rate to exceed four hundred dollars per ton of two thousand two hundred and forty pounds, including nickel as aforesaid. That hereafter all first-class battle ships and monitors owned by the United States shall be named for the States, and shall not be named for any city, place, or person until the names of the States, shall have been exhausted: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to interfere with the names of States already assigned to any such battle ship or monitor.

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Cost of armor, three
battle ships.
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—limit.

EQUIPMENT: Toward the completion of the equipment outfit of the new vessels heretofore and herein authorized, three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Price per ton for
armor plate.

Naming of battle
ships and monitors.

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—existing names.

Equipment.

For the installation of electric plants in gunboats numbered ten, eleven, twelve, and thirteen, forty thousand dollars.

Immediate availa-
bility of appropria-
tions.

It is further provided that whenever in the judgment of the President, the public interests may require he is authorized and empowered to make any or all the provisions and appropriations of this Act immediately operative and available.

Approved, May 4, 1898.

May 4, 1898.

CHAP. 235. An Act Making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for support of the Army for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and for other purposes.

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Army.
Deficiencies appro-
priations for.

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 they are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and for other objects, namely:

MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER.

Signal service.

For the expenses of the Signal Service of the Army, as follows. Purchase, equipment, and repair of field electric telegraphs, signal equip