

**Punishment of perjury.** tion of the same, or by which the said land shall enure to the benefit of any other person. And all affidavits required by this act shall be entered of record, by the surveyor-general, in a book to be kept by him for that purpose; and on proof, before a court of competent jurisdiction, that any of such oaths or affirmations are false or fraudulent, the persons making such false or fraudulent oaths or affirmations shall be subject to all the pains and penalties of perjury.

**Surveyor-general authorized to make preliminary adjudications of questions arising under this act.** SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted,* That all questions arising under this act shall be adjudged by the surveyor-general as preliminary to a final decision according to law; and it shall be the duty of the surveyor-general, under the direction of the commissioner of the general land office, to cause proper tract books to be opened for the lands in Oregon, and to do and perform all other acts and things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this act.

**Reservation of mineral and other lands.** SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted,* That no mineral lands, nor lands reserved for salines, shall be liable to any claim under and by virtue of the provisions of this act; and that such portions of the public lands as may be designated under the authority of the President of the United States, for forts, magazines, arsenals, dock-yards, and other needful public uses, shall be reserved and excepted from the operation of this act: *Provided,* That if it shall be deemed necessary, in the judgment of the President, to include in any such reservation the improvements of any settler made previous to the passage of this act, it shall in such case be the duty of the Secretary of War to cause the value of such improvements to be ascertained, and the amount so ascertained shall be paid to the party entitled thereto, out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, September 27, 1850.

Sept. 28, 1850. CHAP. LXXVII. — *An Act making Appropriations for Lighthouses, Light-Boats, Buoys, &c., and providing for the Erection and Establishment of the same, and for other Purposes.*

**Appropriation.** *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following appropriations be, and the same are hereby, made, and directed to be paid, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to carry the provisions of this act into effect: *Provided, however,* If a good title to any land, which it may be necessary to use, cannot be obtained on reasonable terms, or the exclusive right to such land cannot be acquired by cession, when the interest of the United States demands it, before the appropriation would by law fall into the surplus fund, in any and all such cases, the appropriations shall be applicable to the objects for which they are made, at any time within two years after the first meeting of the legislature, in any State wherein such land may be situated, subsequent to the passage of this act, to wit:

**Maine.** *In Maine.* — For a buoy on a ledge about one league east of Boon Island, one hundred and fifty dollars.

**Drunken and Fidler's Ledges.** For dumb beacons on Drunken and Fidler's Ledges, at the mouth of the thoroughfare between Northhaven and Vinalhaven, one thousand dollars.

**Black Saddle-back Island.** For a lighthouse on Black Saddleback Island, in the county of Hancock, four thousand dollars.

**N. Hampshire.** *In New Hampshire.* — For a beacon and buoys at the mouth of Little Harbor, near Portsmouth, two thousand five hundred dollars.

**Logy's ledge.** For a beacon on Logy's Ledge, in Piscataqua River, five hundred dollars.

*In Massachusetts.*—For a dwelling-house for the keeper of the beacon light at Hyannis, eight hundred dollars.

Massachusetts.  
Dwelling-house  
at Hyannis.  
Spar buoys.

For a spar buoy on the middle ground off Chatham; one on the east end of Monomoy Rip; one on Schooner Bar; one at Powder Hole Harbor; and one on Stone Horse Shoal, near Pollock Rip, four hundred dollars.

For one spar buoy at the north and one at the south end of a ledge called Muskeget Rocks, one on the north-west end of the Horseshoe, one at Hyannis, one on the Sturgeon Flat, one off Stoney Point, and one on Blankenship's Rock, in the Edgartown district, five hundred and sixty dollars.

For a lighthouse on Egg Rock, near Nahant, five thousand dollars.

Egg Rock.  
Boston Bay.

For a fog signal, to be placed at the outer lighthouse in Boston Bay, three thousand dollars.

For spar buoys at the entrance of Lynn Harbor, viz.: one on the Dolphin Rock, one on the Libby Rock, one on Sawney's Rock, one on the north-east and one on the south-west of Pig Rocks, one on Old Harry Rock, and one on Lobster Rock, five hundred and sixty dollars.

Spar buoys.

For the completion of the causeway from the shore to the lighthouse at Edgartown, four thousand dollars.

Edgartown.

For buoys or beacons at the harbor of Newburyport, five hundred dollars.

Newburyport.

For a lighthouse on the breakwater at Bass River, four thousand dollars.

Bass River.

For a beacon on Bird Island, and one on the False Spit, and a buoy on Slate Ledge, near the lower middle in the harbor of Boston, two thousand nine hundred dollars.

Boston Har-  
bor.

For beacons on Black Rock, Harbor Rock, and Five Pound Island Point, in the harbor of Gloucester, fifteen hundred dollars.

Gloucester Har-  
bor.

For the erection of a beacon and placing buoys at the mouth of and in Essex River, in Ipswich Bay, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Ipswich Bay.

For a lighthouse upon a reef of rocks called the Sow and Pigs, off the Island of Cuttyhunk, in place of the light-boat stationed off said reef, and the lighthouse on said island: *Provided*, on examination, a good foundation can be found, thirty thousand dollars.

Cuttyhunk.

Proviso.

*In Rhode Island.*—For a lighthouse on Sandy Point, Prudence Island, three thousand five hundred dollars.

Rhode Island.  
Sandy Point.

For a spar buoy on the middle ground shoal, Dutch Island Harbor, in Narragansett Bay, forty dollars.

Narragansett  
Bay.

For a buoy upon a rock near Coal Mine Wharf, on the Island of Rhode Island, one hundred dollars.

Rhode Island.

*In Connecticut.*—For a can buoy on Pea Field's Reef, off Black Rock Harbor, one hundred dollars.

Connecticut.  
Pea Field's  
Reef.

For a beacon light on Bridgeport Bar, three thousand five hundred dollars.

Bridgeport Bar

*In New York.*—For four spar buoys in Greenport Harbor, three hundred dollars.

New York.  
Greenport Har-  
bor.

For two beacon lights near Fort Hamilton, as a range to guide vessels from the South-west Spit to the Narrows, four thousand dollars.

Fort Hamilton.

For seven can buoys in Niagara River, between Horseshoe Reef and Grand Island, one thousand dollars.

Niagara River.

For the erection of a beacon on the south-east part of Romer Shoal, thirty thousand dollars.

Romer Shoal.

For a spar buoy on Glover's Reef, near Port Chester, Long Island Sound, seventy dollars.

Glover's Reef.

For a spar buoy at Cold Spring, Long Island, seventy dollars.

Cold Spring.

For four spar buoys, to be placed in the inlet to Fire Island Bay, Long Island.\*

Fire Island  
Bay.

\* No sum is named in the Rolls.

- New Jersey.** *In New Jersey.*—For an iron can buoy between the new and old Inlet Shoal, at Little Egg Harbor, two hundred dollars.
- Little Egg Harbor.**
- Passaic River.** For a beacon at the "Elbow" in Passaic River, and for four spar buoys in said river, four hundred dollars.
- Mill Reef and Corner Stake.** For a spar buoy on Mill Reef, at the entrance of the Kills, and a beacon at the Corner Stake near Elizabethtown Point, four hundred dollars.
- Conaskonk Point.** For a lighthouse on Conaskonk Point, four thousand five hundred dollars.
- Delaware.** *In Delaware.*—For a lighthouse at the entrance of Indian River, five thousand dollars.
- Indian River.**
- Maryland.** *In Maryland.*—For a lighthouse at Seven Foot Knoll, ten thousand dollars.
- Seven Foot Knoll.**
- James Island.** For a light-boat to be stationed off James Island, Tangier Sound, eight thousand dollars; or for a lighthouse on the south-west point of James Island, if the Secretary of the Treasury shall decide that it will answer the purposes of commerce.
- Virginia.** *In Virginia.*—For two lights on the south end of Hog Island, as a range for the channel of Great Mutchipungo, or on Sand Shoal, as the one or the other, upon actual survey, may be found to be best, ten thousand dollars; and the appropriation of ten thousand dollars, made by the act of the fourteenth August, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, for two lights on Sand Shoal Inlet, be, and is hereby, repealed.
- Hog Island.**
- Repeal of appropriation for Sand Shoal Inlet. 1848, ch. 176.**
- James River.** For four beacons in James River, viz.: one on White Shoal, one on Bluvess Bluff Shoal, one on Point Shoal, and one on Deep Water Shoal, three thousand five hundred dollars.
- North Carolina.** *In North Carolina.*—For buoys in Hatteras Inlet, near the south breakers, at the entrance from the ocean, five hundred dollars.
- Hatteras Inlet.**
- Cape Channel.** For buoys at the Cape Channel, opposite the Hatteras lighthouse, one at Cates Slew, and one at the Bog Channel, opposite Kinnikeet, two hundred and fifty dollars.
- Bog Channel.**
- South Carolina.** *In South Carolina.*—For a small beacon light on Morris Island, two thousand five hundred dollars.
- Morris Island.**
- Mississippi.** *In Mississippi.*—For a beacon lighthouse on the pier at Mississippi city, three thousand dollars.
- Mississippi city.**
- Ship Island.** For a lighthouse on the west end of Ship Island, twelve thousand dollars, being a renewal of an appropriation for this purpose made August fourteenth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.
- 1848, ch. 176.**
- Pascagoula River.** For a lighthouse at or near Pascagoula River, three thousand dollars.
- Michigan.** *In Michigan.*—For a lighthouse on the north-west point of Grand Travers Bay, four thousand dollars.
- Grand Travers Bay.**
- Marquette Port.** For a lighthouse at the port of Marquette, Lake Superior, five thousand dollars.
- Straits of Mackinaw.** For a lighthouse on the point of land about three miles east of Cheboygan River, in the Straits of Mackinaw, four thousand dollars.
- Eagle River.** For a lighthouse at or near the mouth of Eagle River, four thousand dollars.
- Ontanagon.** For a lighthouse on the south shore of Lake Superior, at Ontanagon, five thousand dollars.
- Ottawa Point.** For a lighthouse at Ottawa Point, in Saginaw Bay, five thousand dollars.
- Beaver Island.** For a lighthouse on Beaver Island, Lake Michigan, five thousand dollars.
- Wisconsin.** *In Wisconsin.*—For a lighthouse at the mouth of Twin Rivers, three thousand five hundred dollars.
- Twin Rivers.**
- Port Ulao.** For a lighthouse at Port Ulao, three thousand five hundred dollars.
- Texas.** *In Texas.*—For a lighthouse and beacon light at Brasos Satiago, [Santiago,] fifteen thousand dollars.
- Brasos Satiago.**

For a lighthouse at Boliver Point, fifteen thousand dollars.

For a lighthouse at Matagorda Island, fifteen thousand dollars.

*In Florida.*—For the erection of a lighthouse on Sea Horse Key, eight thousand dollars.

*In Georgia.*—For the purchase of the signal light at the Savannah River, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For two dumb beacons to be erected, one on Black Oyster Rock, the other on Sugar Loaf, in the River Savannah, four thousand dollars.

*In Louisiana.*—For a lighthouse at or near the head of the South-west Pass of the Mississippi River, fifteen thousand dollars.

*In California.*—For a lighthouse at Alcatraz Island; for a lighthouse at Point Conception, and a fog signal; for a lighthouse on Battery Point entrance of the Bay of San Francisco; for a lighthouse at San Diego; for a lighthouse and a fog signal at Monterey; for a lighthouse at the Island of Faralones, off the harbor of San Francisco, and a fog signal, and for the transportation, erection, and placing the same; ninety thousand dollars.

*In Oregon.*—For a lighthouse on Cape Disappointment, at the mouth of the Columbia River; one on an island off Cape Flattery, at the entrance of the Straits of Fuca, and one at New Dungenness; twelve iron can buoys in Columbia River, and the transportation, erection, and placing the same; fifty-three thousand one hundred and forty dollars.

To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to test the use and economy of the calcium light, five thousand dollars.

For fog signals at the lighthouses on Execution Rocks, Gull Island, Long Island Sound, Beaver Tail Point, Rhode Island, and on board the light-boat at Bartlett's Reef, Long Island Sound, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For life-boats and other means for rendering assistance to wrecked mariners, and others, on the coasts of the United States, to be expended under the control and direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, ten thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That whereas the lighthouse on Minot's Ledge is completed and in operation, the one at Scituate be therefore suspended during such time as the one on Minot's Ledge is lighted.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That if such person as the Secretary of the Treasury shall designate shall report, in any of the cases herein provided for, that preliminary surveys are necessary to determine the site of a proposed lighthouse, or light-boat, beacon or buoy, or to ascertain more fully what the public exigency demands, the Secretary of the Treasury shall thereupon appoint one or more officers of the United States revenue service, to perform the required duty.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That any officer so appointed shall forthwith enter upon the discharge of the duty, and, after fully ascertaining the facts, shall report; first, whether the proposed facility to navigation is the most suitable for the exigency which exists; and second, where it should be placed if the interests of commerce demand it; third, if the thing proposed be not the most suitable, whether it is expedient to make any other kind of improvement; fourth, whether the proposed light has any connection with other lights, and if so, whether it cannot be so located as to subserve both the general and the local wants of trade and navigation; and fifth, whether there be any, and if any, what other facts of importance touching the subject.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That all such reports shall, as speedily as may be, be laid before the Secretary of the Treasury, and if such as to authorize the work without further legislation, he shall forthwith proceed with it; otherwise, such reports shall be laid before

Boliver Point.  
Matagorda  
Island.  
Florida.  
Sea Horse Key.  
Georgia.  
Savannah River.

Louisiana.  
South-west  
Pass.

California.  
Alcatraz; Point  
Conception; Bat-  
tery Point; San  
Diego; Monte-  
rey; Faralones.

Oregon.  
Pacific coast,  
Oregon.

Calcium light.

Long Island  
Sound and  
Rhode Island

Life-boats, &c.

Lighthouse at  
Scituate sus-  
pended while  
that on Minot's  
Ledge is lighted.

Secretary of  
Treasury author-  
ized to appoint  
officers of U. S.  
revenue service  
to make surveys  
for lighthouses  
and beacons.

Duties of of-  
ficers appointed  
on the service  
aforesaid.  
Report.

Secretary of  
the Treasury au-  
thorized to pro-  
ceed when the  
report is favor

able without further legislation; otherwise, to lay the report before Congress.

Marks and numbers to be painted on buoys to designate the channel.

Commissions allowed to collectors acting as superintendents of lighthouses, &c.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

Appropriation of \$150,000 for purchase of a steamer for the Pacific coast survey.

Appropriation of \$2000 for M. La Font.

Congress, at the next ensuing session; but in all cases where such person as the Secretary of the Treasury shall designate does not report such preliminary examination as expedient, the provisions of this act shall without delay be carried into execution.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That hereafter all buoys along the coast, or in bays, harbors, sounds, or channels, shall be colored and numbered, so that passing up the coast or sound, or entering the bay, harbor, or channel, red buoys with even numbers shall be passed on the starboard hand, black buoys with uneven numbers on the port hand, and buoys with red and black stripes on either hand. Buoys in channel ways to be colored with alternate white and black perpendicular stripes.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be allowed to collectors, when acting as superintendents of lighthouses, beacons, light-boats, and buoys, the same rate of commission on the disbursement of the aforesaid appropriations, as were allowed and paid for the year ending fourth March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine: *Provided*, That no collector shall receive for his services, as superintendent aforesaid, over the sum of four hundred dollars per annum: *And provided, further*, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall assign to the collectors the superintendence of such lighthouses, beacons, light-boats, and buoys, as he may judge best and most convenient for the public interest.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to purchase a steamer to be employed in the coast survey upon the Pacific coast, and used, if deemed expedient, in designating the sites of the several lighthouses provided for in California.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the balance due to M. La Font, of Paris, for the light at Saneoty Head, Nantucket.

APPROVED, September 28, 1850.

Sept. 28, 1850. CHAP. LXXVIII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Support of the Army for the Year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.*

*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, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the army for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

Pay of the army.

Proviso as to pay of the superintendent of the Military Academy.

Commutation of officers' subsistence, &c.

For pay of the army, one million seven hundred and fifty-nine thousand eight hundred and forty-two dollars: *Provided*, that the pay and emoluments of the superintendent of the United States Military Academy shall in no case be less than the pay and emoluments of the professor of natural and experimental philosophy.

For commutation of officers' subsistence, five hundred and fifty thousand six hundred and seventy-nine dollars, including the additional rations for commissioned officers of ordnance commanding arsenals or armories, being fixed or permanent posts of the army of the United States, and the additional rations for the commissioned officers of engineers commanding separate and fixed or permanent posts of the army of the United States.

Extra pay to officers and soldiers serving in Oregon or California.

For extra pay to the commissioned officers and enlisted men of the army of the United States, serving in Oregon or California, three hundred and twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-four dollars, on