

[Act No. 1954, May 20, 1909]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF BONDS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS TO THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, GOLD COIN OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE PRESENT STANDARD VALUE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION TWO OF ACT OF CONGRESS ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT APPROVED JULY FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWO, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TEMPORARILY TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE AFFAIRS OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,' AND TO AMEND AN ACT APPROVED MARCH EIGHTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWO, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TEMPORARILY TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,' AND TO AMEND AN ACT APPROVED MARCH SECOND, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THREE, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD OF VALUE AND TO PROVIDE FOR A COINAGE SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,' AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MORE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." APPROVED FEBRUARY SIXTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIVE; REPEALING A PORTION OF SECTION ONE OF ACT NUMBERED SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT AND A PORTION OF SECTION ONE OF ACT NUMBERED SEVENTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY AND A PORTION OF SECTION ONE OF ACT NUMBERED EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN, APPROPRIATING FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS OUT OF BOND ISSUE, AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL TO SUSPEND FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS ALL ACCRETIONS TO SAID BOND SINKING FUND AND THE APPROPRIATIONS MADE THEREFOR, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Legislature, that:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the provisions of section two of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to amend an Act approved July first, nineteen hundred and two, entitled 'An Act temporarily to provide for the administration of the affairs of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes,' and to amend an Act approved March eighth, nineteen hundred and two, entitled 'An Act temporarily to provide revenue for the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes,' and to amend an Act approved March second, nineteen hundred and three, entitled 'An Act to establish a standard of value and to provide for a coinage system in the Philippine Islands/ and to provide for the more efficient administration of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes,'" approved February sixth, nineteen hundred and five, the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to issue, in the name and on behalf of the

Government of the Philippine Islands, its bonds to the amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars, gold coin of the United States of the present standard. The bonds thus authorized to be issued shall be dated rate of interest. August first, nineteen hundred and nine; shall bear interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, payable quarterly; shall be redeemable at the pleasure of the Government of the Philippine Islands after ten years, and payable thirty years after date. Both principal and interest shall be payable in gold coin of the United States at the Treasury of the United States. The said bonds shall be in registered form in denominations of one thousand dollars, and ten thousand dollars, in proportion to suit the purchaser or purchasers thereof, and shall be registered and transferable at the office of the Register of the Treasury Department of the United States, Washington, District of Columbia. The said bonds being of the class expressly exempted in and by section one of said Act of Congress from the payment of all taxation by the Government of the United States, or by the Government of the Philippine Islands or of any political or municipal subdivision thereof, or by any State, or by any county, municipality or other municipal subdivision of any State or Territory of the United States, or by statement on face the District of Columbia, such exemption shall be stated upon their face,

SEC. 2. The Secretary of War is further authorized to sell said bonds on such terms as are most favorable to the Government of the Philippine Islands, and he shall deposit the proceeds of such sale or sales with the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, an authorized depository of the Government of the Philippine Islands, to the credit of the Treasurer of the Philippine Islands: *Provided*, That no bond or bonds shall be sold at less than par value in gold coin of the United States.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of War shall report, to the Auditor and to the Treasurer of the Philippine Islands the amount of said bonds so issued and sold by him, together with the numbers and denominations thereof, the amount, realized from such sale or sales and the date or dates of such deposit or deposits, and the same shall be made a matter of record in the office of the Auditor and of the Treasurer of the Philippine Islands.

SEC. 4. Section one of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and eighty-eight, entitled "An Act making appropriations for certain public works, permanent improvements, and other purposes of the Insular Government," in so far only as the appropriations of seven hundred and eighty thousand pesos for the construction of a general hospital at Manila, one hundred thousand pesos for the construction of Constabulary barracks and quarters to be allotted by the Secretary of Commerce and Police, three hundred and fifty thousand pesos for the construction of permanent Government storehouses for tin- Buireau of Supply at Manila, and two hundred and fifty thousand pesos for the construction of necessary buildings for the Philippine Medical School, and section one of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and fifty, entitled "An Act making appropriation Id reimburse the government of the city of Manila on account of expend ares made in the reconstruction of walls along 'the banks of the Pasig River below the Ayala Bridge," in so far only as the appropriation of the sum of two hundred thousand pesos, this being part of the appropriation therein made for the purposes of said Act, and section one of Act Numbered eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, entitled "An Act making appropriations for certain public works and permanent improvements, and for other purposes," in so far only as to appropriations of one hundred thousand pesos tor the purpose of preparing for the construction of a public building for the use of the Chief Executive,

the Philippine Legislature, and the Supreme Court of the Philippines, five hundred thousand pesos for the construction and restoration of irrigation plant and systems, ten thousand pesos for the improvement of the lands of the Government around Sibul Springs, one hundred and fifty thousand pesos for the drilling of artesian wells, thirty thousand pesos for the construction of additional wards for contagious diseases at San Lazaro, eighty-five thousand pesos for the construction and equipment of a quarantine station for animals in the city of Manila, eighteen thousand pesos for the construction of a forage plant and the installation of an artesian well for the Bureau of Agriculture, eleven thousand pesos for additions to the Benguet, Sanitarium, two hundred thousand pesos for the construction of a building for the customs and *arraastre* system in the capital of Cebu, sixty thousand pesos for a fourth order light on Suluan Island, forty-six thousand pesos being a part of the appropriation for the extension of the river wall on the south bank of the Pasig River and one hundred and ten thousand pesos for the construction of additional river wall and the widening of Muelle Loney at Iloilo are hereby repealed: *Provided*, That the Auditor and Treasurer of the Philippine Islands are hereby authorized and directed, respectively, to audit and disburse out of all unexpended moneys so heretofore appropriated such sum or sums as shall be necessary to carry on and pay the expense necessary to the execution of said projects under any existing contracts therefor until the proceeds of the sale of the bonds as hereinbefore provided shall have been so deposited as aforesaid, immediately whereupon said Auditor and said Treasurer are hereby enjoined and directed to credit, reimburse, and transfer to said appropriations from said deposit such and all sums of money as may have been theretofore so audited and disbursed in carrying on and paying for said construction and all of each thereof, and for the construction and purposes mentioned in this section there is hereby appropriated the proceeds of the bond issue authorized by this Act the of three million pesos.

SEC. 5. Commencing with the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, appropriation on nineteen hundred and ten, and each succeeding year thereafter until said bonds shall have been paid, there is hereby made a continuing annual appropriation, authorized to be paid out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, of such sum as may be necessary to meet the annual interest payments upon the bonds issued in accordance with this Act.

SEC. 6. Commencing with the ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eleven, and each succeeding year thereafter until said bonds shall been paid, there is hereby made a continuing annual appropriation, authorized to be paid out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, of nineteen thousand four hundred dollars, gold coin of the United States of the present standard value, for each one million dollars, and proportionally for each fraction thereof, of bonds issued in accordance with this Act. Said sum so appropriated and the interest thereon shall be invested by the Insular Treasurer in such manner as may be approved by the Governor-General, and shall constitute a sinking fund for the payment of said bonds: *Provided, however*, That whenever in the judgment of the Governor-General the public interests so require he may by order suspend for a term of not to exceed three years all accretions to said sinking fund and the appropriations hereby made therefor: *And provided further*, That whenever in the judgment of the Governor-General the public interests so require he may by order suspend for a term of three years all accretions to the sinking funds heretofore created for the retirement of the bonds issued by virtue of Acts Numbered Thirteen hundred and one, Fourteen hundred and forty-four, or One thousand and thirty-four, except, however, that such

order shall not suspend accretions to the sinking fund for the retirement of the bonds issued under said last mentioned Act as are required to be made by section twenty-three of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and twenty or by any Act of the Congress of the United States of America.

SEC. 7. The following sums, or the part thereof which may be necessary, are hereby appropriated, out of any of the general funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for certain public works and permanent improvements, and for other purposes of the Insular Government:

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE.

There is hereby created a permanent reimbursable appropriation which shall be designated "Forage supply fund." There shall be payable from this appropriation all expenses incident to the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the forage manufacturing plant, the purchase and installation of which was authorized and provided for by Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and seventy-three; and there shall be deposited to the credit of this appropriation all moneys received on account of forage sold and for other services and supplies incidental to the purposes of the undertaking. The operation of the forage plant, together with the receipt and disbursement of funds pertaining to this appropriation, shall pertain to the Bureau of Agriculture. The employment of services, the purchase of supplies, and such other questions as may arise in connection with the administration of this undertaking which are not otherwise provided for by law shall be determined by the Director of Agriculture under the direction, of the Secretary of the Interior. To furnish the necessary funds for the prompt settlement of obligations notwithstanding delays necessarily incident to collection of funds which will accrue to this appropriation, there is hereby appropriated the sum of fifty thousand pesos.

There is hereby created a permanent reimbursable appropriation " which shall be designated "Cattle quarantine stations fund." There shall be payable from this appropriation all expenses incident to the care and maintenance of cattle held at cattle quarantine stations under the control of the "Bureau of Agriculture; and there shall be in the credit of this appropriation all moneys received of the care and maintenance of cattle so held at such station. To furnish the necessary funds for the prompt settlement of obligations notwithstanding delays necessarily incident to collection of funds which will accrue to this appropriation, there is hereby appropriated the sum of twenty thousand pesos.

There is hereby created a permanent reimbursable appropriation which shall be designated "The plow fund," the purpose of which shall be to enable the Bureau of Agriculture to plow and harrow lands for persons desiring such service, and by a practical demonstration to familiarize agriculturists with the advantages accruing from the substitution of motor for animal power in field work. There shall be payable from this appropriation all expenses incident to the purchase, maintenance, and operation of steam, petroleum, or other motor plows and harrows as contemplated for the purposes aforementioned : and there shall be

deposited to the credit of this appropriation all funds received on account of services rendered. To furnish the necessary funds for the prompt settlement of obligations notwithstanding delays necessarily incident to collection of funds which will accrue to this appropriation, there is hereby appropriated the sum of thirty thousand pesos. Total for the Bureau of Agriculture, one hundred thousand pesos.

BUREAU OF LANDS.

For the purchase of a tract of land, said to contain a superficial area of two thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight and ninety-six hundredths square meters, lying south of the projected Calle Ayala and west of Calle Carlos IV, near the present City Hall of Manila, and included in the section reserved under the Burnham Plan for public buildings and parks and forming part of the present layout of the proposed educational center, eight thousand one hundred and sixty pesos.

BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS.

For the construction, improvement, and, where necessary, maintenance of roads and bridges in those provinces which shall accept the provisions of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and fifty-two, or which shall be subject to the annual road and public works tax imposed by Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six, and which shall by resolution of the provincial board guarantee by continuing annual appropriations the establishment of such conservation system as may be necessary in the judgment of the Director of Public Works on all first-class roads now or hereafter constructed and declared to be such by the Director of Public Works, to be allotted in the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, one million two hundred thousand pesos: *Provided*, That with the prior approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Police not more than one hundred thousand pesos of the above sum may be used to assist provinces which have appropriated money from provincial funds to help in the construction of important roads in their respective provinces.

On recommendation of the Secretary of Commerce and Police and the Director of Public Works, the Governor-General may direct that not more than fifty per centum of the road and bridge fund of any province shall be used in the improvement of waterways and the construction of wharves.

For construction and repair of interior roads on friar lands estates, twenty thousand pesos.

For drilling of artesian wells in the provinces, including cost of new equipment and pumping plants where necessary, to be allotted by the Secretary of Commerce and Police, fifty-two thousand five hundred pesos.

For construction of a building for silk culture. Bureau of Science, two thousand nine hundred pesos.