

[Act No. 1260, November 14, 1904]

AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS, PHILIPPINE CURRENCY, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RELIEF FUND, TO BE LOANED TO THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WAGON ROADS FROM TABACO TO LIGAO, AND FROM GUINOBATAN TO JOVELLAR, IN SAID PROVINCE.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated, out of so much of the three-million-dollar Congressional relief fund as remains unappropriated in the Insular Treasury, the sum of sixty-five thousand pesos, Philippine currency, for the purpose of constructing wagon roads from Tabaco to Ligao and from Guinobatan to Jovellar, in the Province of Albay: *Provided*, That the provincial board of Albay appropriate not less than twenty-five thousand pesos, Philippine currency, from the provincial road fund and moneys of the Congressional relief fund now subject to appropriation by the provincial board: *And provided further*, That the money hereby appropriated shall be accepted by the provincial board of Albay as a loan, to be repaid without interest in three equal installments, the first within one year, the second within two years, and the third within three years from the date of the acceptance of the loan. The money so loaned shall, when repaid, revert to the Congressional relief fund.

SEC. 2. The money appropriated in section one of this Act shall be paid to the provincial treasurer of the Province of Albay upon the production by him to the Treasurer of the Philippine Islands of a certified copy of a resolution of the provincial board of the Province of Albay accepting such loan, with the conditions stated in section one hereof, and shall be disbursed by the provincial treasurer of Albay, unless the Civil Governor shall designate another person to act in that capacity, upon giving proper bond. The provincial treasurer, or other disbursing officer, as the case may be, shall pay all bills for services and material upon presentation of proper vouchers approved by the superintendent hereinafter provided for.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Commerce and Police is authorized and directed to cause the Warden of Bilibid Prison to furnish sufficient convicts to perform the necessary labor for the construction of the roads mentioned in section one hereof and to arrange for the necessary guards: *Provided*, That the additional cost of subsistence of convicts while on this work shall be a charge against the appropriation hereby made.

SEC. 4. The Consulting Engineer to the Commission shall have general supervision of the road construction herein provided for. He shall appoint a superintendent and fix his salary, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Police. The superintendent shall have immediate charge of the work of construction; he shall appoint his assistants and determine their compensations; subject to the approval of the Consulting Engineer to the Commission; he shall make detailed monthly reports of the progress of the work, including a statement of expenditures made during the preceding month, and the purposes thereof, to the Consulting Engineer, who shall forward the same to the Secretary of Commerce and Police.