

[Act No. 897, September 23, 1903]

AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND PESOS, PHILIPPINE CURRENCY, FOR THE PURCHASE AND OPERATION OF THE ARRASTRE PLANT FOR UNLOADING, CONVEYING, AND DELIVERING IMPORTED MERCHANDISE AT THE MANILA CUSTOM-HOUSE.

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

SECTION 1. The following sums, in Philippine currency, are hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase, maintenance, and operation of the arrastre plant for the landing, conveyance, storing, and delivery of imported merchandise at the custom-house of the port of Manila, to wit:

For the purchase by the Collector of Customs for the Philippine Islands from Carman and Company, Limited, of the steam cranes, tramway, locomotive, cars, machinery, appliances, material, and other personal property used in the landing, conveyance, storing, and delivery of imported merchandise at the custom-house of the port of Manila, in accordance with the inventory and appraisal presented by the Insular Collector on February twenty-first, nineteen hundred and three, and approved by resolution of the Philippine Commission of March fourth, nineteen hundred and three, and all rights pertaining thereto, the sum of twenty-nine thousand pesos.

For the placing in operation at the port of Manila, of said arrastre system, including salaries, wages, materials, and other expenses, and for a reserve fund for its continued operation, the sum of ten thousand pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

SEC. 2. The Collector of Customs for the Philippine Islands is hereby authorized to fix and collect such charges for the landing, conveyance, storage, and delivery of imported merchandise at the port of Manila as he shall deem necessary to cover the total cost of operating said plant. The receipts from such charges shall be retained by him as a permanent fund, on deposit with the Treasurer of the Philippine Islands, and shall be disbursed upon the Insular Collector's approval. Said fund shall be deemed a permanent annual appropriation and the expenditure thereof is hereby authorized, in the manner provided, for the payment of salaries and wages and all other necessary expenses of operation, maintenance, repairs, improvements, and materials incurred in the landing, conveyance, storage, and delivery of imported merchandise at the port of Manila: *Provided*, That the total amount of such expenditures shall not exceed the total amount of the receipts: *And provided further*, That all expenditures for salaries and wages and other necessary expenses shall be made on regular vouchers, and receipts taken therefor.

SEC. 3. All expenditures made under the provisions of the two preceding sections shall be made by order of the Collector of Customs for the Philippine Islands, which shall be sufficient authorization therefor.

SEC. 4. A report showing the total receipts for the unloading, conveyance, storage, and delivery of imported merchandise and expenditures for salaries and wages and