

[Act No. 1650, May 17, 1907]

AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND PESOS FROM THE FUNDS REALIZED FROM THE SALE OF PUBLIC-IMPROVEMENT BONDS AUTHORIZED BY ACT NUMBERED FOURTEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE PORT OF ILOILO.

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

SECTION 1. The sum of one hundred and seventy thousand pesos is hereby appropriated, out of funds realized from the sale of public-improvement bonds authorized by Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and forty-four, to be used in the improvement of the port of Iloilo, for the construction of a section of new river wall, not less than three hundred feet in length, beginning at Point Llorente and extending along the edge of the channel of the Iloilo River, and to repair the present river wall : *Provided*, That not more than thirty thousand pesos of such sum shall be used for the repair of the present river wall: *And provided further*, That in case there shall be raised by private subscription and paid into the Insular Treasury within three months after the date of the passage of this Act the sum of twenty-five thousand pesos, the sum of Fifty thousand pesos of the funds provided by this Act shall be added to said twenty-five thousand pesos raised by private subscription, making a total of seventy-five thousand pesos, which latter sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be used for dredging the channel and turning basin in the Iloilo River.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Commerce and Police is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the construction of the new river wall and for repairing the present river walls; and, in the event of a subscription of twenty-five thousand pesos by private parties, as provided for in the preceding section, for the dredging of the Iloilo River as herein provided. Said bids may be advertised for the entire work herein mentioned or for such part or parts thereof as to the Secretary of Commerce and Police may seem advisable, and shall be made under such conditions as he may prescribe and :upon plans and specifications to be prepared by the Bureau of Navigation. Subject to the approval of the Governor-General, the Secretary of Commerce and Police shall award the contract for the entire work to the best bidder, or, if the same is divided, and bids called for on parts of the work, then to the best bidder in each instance. The right shall be reserved to reject any or all bids, and in case of the rejection of all bids the work may be done under the direction of the Bureau¹ of Navigation. In case said work is let by contract such contract shall contain a provision under which at least ten per centum of each partial payment due shall be retained until the final acceptance of the work as additional security for the performance of the contract: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Commerce and Police, if in his judgment it shall seem advisable to do so, may order the Director of Navigation to undertake the dredging of the Iloilo River without advertising for bids, and in such case the Director of Navigation shall take immediate steps to undertake and carry the work to completion.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Commerce and Police is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the military authorities by which the dredged material may be given to them free of charge, under such conditions as may seem to him advantageous.