

Chap. 57.

AN ACT to provide for the payment of the expenses of compiling the Documentary History of Wisconsin.

Published, April, 19, 1854.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:

§ 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Governor of this State the sum of eight hundred dollars out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, out of which the Governor is hereby authorized and empowered to pay Wm. R. Smith from time to time, such sums as in his discretion he may think necessary and proper, to defray the expenses of compiling the documentary history of Wisconsin.

Appropriation—
how disbursed.

§ 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, March 30, 1854.

Chap. 58.

AN ACT relating to the duties of the State Prison Commissioner.

Published, April 20, 1854.

The people of the State of Wisconsin represented in Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:

§ 1. The State Prison Commissioner is hereby required at the time when he estimates the work due by any contractor on the State Prison, to estimate and ascertain the amount due each convict under any agreement of any contractor to pay for extra labor of convicts as contemplated.

Amounts due for
extra labor by
convicts to be
estimated.

Such amount to be deducted.

ted by the act authorizing the awarding of convicts, &c., approved, March 11th, 1854, and said State Prison Commissioner shall make a certificate under his hand of the amount due said convicts, and each of them, and file one copy of such certificate in the State Prison, to be handed over to his successor in office; one copy in the office of the Secretary of State, and shall give one copy to the contractor from whom the amount is due to convicts. The amount so estimated and found due the convicts, shall be deducted from the estimated sum due the contractor from the State, whenever an estimate is made, and the Governor shall at the same time when he draws his warrant for the payment of any estimate to the contractor, draw his warrant, payable out of the appropriation in the act aforesaid made for the sum due to convicts from such contractor, aforesaid, and pay the same to the State Prison Commissioner, to be applied by him as directed in the act above mentioned.

Not to contract for such work as convicts can advantageously do.

Proviso.

§ 2. The act aforesaid, entitled "an act to appropriate money for the construction of the south wing of the State Prison, authorizing further letting of contracts, and to provide for awarding convicts," shall not be so construed as to require the State Prison Commissioner to advertise for, or let contracts for any such work upon the prison, as the commissioner with the labor at his disposal can advantageously do; but the said commissioner may advertise for bids and let contract or contracts for such work as he cannot do advantageously, and for such material not already contracted for, as may be necessary for the completion of said south wing of said state prison. *Provided*, That if at any time, in the opinion of the Governor the interest of the state would be promoted by letting the work by contract to the lowest bidder, provided to be done by the state with convict labor, by this section, he may order the State Prison Commissioner to let the same by contract to the lowest bidder, as provided by the act above referred to, of March 11, 1854.

§ 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, March 30, 1854.