# LAWS

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# NAVY AND MARINE CORPS,

AND THE

# NAVY DEPARTMENT .....

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#### CONSTITUTION\*

## THE UNITED STATES.

Preamble.

We, the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

#### ARTICLE I.

#### SECTION I.

All Legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Congress.

#### SECTION II.

The House of Representatives shall be composed of mem- Representatives, bers chosen every second year by the people of the several States, and the electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State Legislature.

No person shall be a Representative who shall not have at- Qualifications of tained to the age of twenty-live years, and been seven years representatives. a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among Apportionment the several States which may be included within this Union, and direct taxes. according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three-fifths of all other persons. The actual enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent term of ten years, in such manner as they shall by law direct. The number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty thousand, but each State shall years, have at least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled

\* The Constitution of the United States went into effect on the first Wednesday in March, 1760.—Owings vs. Speed, 5 Wheaton, 420.

to choose three, Massachuselts eight, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five, and Georgia three.

Vacancies, how filled.

When vacancies happen in the representation from any State, the Executive authority thereof shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies.

Representatives choose officers and bring ments.

The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker impeach and other officers; and shall have the sole power of impeach-

#### SECTION III.

Senate, how chosen.

The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote.

Senators class'd.

Immediately after they shall be assembled, in consequence of the first election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three classes. The seats of the Senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the second year, of the second class at the expiration of the fourth year, and of the third class at the expiration of the sixth year, so that one-

filled.

vacancies, how third may be chosen every second year; and if vacancies happen by resignation or otherwise, during the recess of the Legislature of any State, the Executive thereof may make temporary appointments, until the next meeting of the Legislature, which shall then fill such vacancies.

Qualification of senators.

No person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the age of thirty years, and been nine years a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen.

Vice President to preside.

The Vice President of the United States shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no vote unless they be equally divided.

Officers of Sennte

The Senate shall choose their other officers, and also a President pro tempore, in the absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the office of President of the United States.

Trial of impeachments.

The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When sitting for that purpose, they shall be on oath or affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried the Chief Justice shall preside; and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

Judgment on impeachment.

Judgment in cases of impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit, under the United States; but the party convicted shall nevertheless be liable

Effect of.

and subject to indictment, trial, judgment and punishment, according to law.



#### SECTION IV.

The times, places, and mainer of holding elections for Elections, when Senators and Representatives shall be prescribed in each and how held. State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time, by law, make or alter such regulations, except as to the places of choosing Senators.

The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year; Congress assemble annually. and such meeting shall be on the first Monday in December,

unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

#### SECTION V.

Each House shall be the judge of the elections, returns, Elect and qualifications of its own members, and a majority of each judged. shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner Absentmembers. and under such penalties as each House may provide.

Each House may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the

concurrence of two-thirds, expel a member.

Each House shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and Journals to be from time to time publish the same, excepting such parts as may in their judgment require secrecy; and the year and nays of the members of either House on any question shall, at the desire of one-fifth of those present, be entered on the

Neither House, during the session of Congress, shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other place than that in which the two

Houses shall be sitting.

Rules.

Expulsion.

Journals to be

Yeas and nays,

#### SECTION VI.

The Senators and Representatives shall receive a compen- Compensation. sation for their services, to be ascertained by law, and paid out of the treasury of the United States. They shall, in all cases except treason, felony, and breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at the session Privileges. of their respective Houses, and in going to or returning from the same; and for any speech or debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other place.

No Senator or Representative shall, during the time for Members not apwhich he was elected, be appointed to any civil office under pointed to office. the authority of the United States which shall have been created, or the emoluments whereof shall have been increased, during such time; and no person holding any office under the Officers of gov-United States shall be a member of either House during his members. continuance in office.

#### SECTION VII.

Revenue bills.

All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representative.; but the Senate may propose or concur with amendments, as on other bills.

Bills to be presented to the President.

Every bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate shall, before it become a law, be His powers over presented to the President of the United States; if he ap-

prove he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it, with his objections, to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the objections at large on their journal and

his veto.

Proceedings on proceed to reconsider it. If, after such reconsideration, twothirds of that House shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two-thirds of that House it shall become a law. But in all such cases the votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the journal of each House

Bals to be laws respectively. If any bill shall not be returned by the Presiar not returned in deat within ten days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have ten days. been presented to him, the same shall be a law, in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress, by their adjournment, prevent its return, in which case it shall not be a law.

Joint orders or President.

Every order, resolution, or vote to which the concurrence resolutions to be of the Senate and House of Representatives may be necessapproved by the sary (except on a question of adjournment) shall be presented to the President of the United States: and before the same shall take effect shall be approved by him, or, being disapproved by him, shall be repassed by two-thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, according to the rules and limitations prescribed in the case of a bili.

#### SECTION VIII.

Powers of Con-

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, gress: to lay taxes, duties, imposts, and excises, to pay the debts and provide for pay debts, general duties, imposts, and excises, to pay the debts and provide for welfare, duties unit the common defence and general welfare of the United States; but all duties, imposts, and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

Borrow money.

To borrow money on the credit of the United States;

Commerce.

To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian tribes;

Naturalization. Bankruptey.

To establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies throughout the United States;

Coin money. Weights measures. Counterfeiting.

To coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign and coin, and fix the standard of weights and measures;

To provide for the punishment of counterfeiting the securities and current coin of the United States;

To establish post offices and post roads;

Post roads.

To promote the progress of science and useful arts by securing for limited times, to authors and inventors, the ex-science. clusive right to their respective writings and discoveries;

Promote arts &

To constitute tribunals inferior to the Supreme Court; To define and punish piracies and felonies committed on Piracies, &c.

Inferior courts

the high seas, and offences against the law of nations;

make captures.

To declare war, grant letters of marque and reprisal, and Declare war and make rules concerning captures on land and water;

To raise and support armies; but no appropriation of Raise armies. money to that use shall be for a longer term than two years;

Navy.

To provide and maintain a navy;

To make rules for the government and regulation of the Rules and artiland and naval forces;

Call out the mili-

To provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions;

To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the Organize & gov-militia, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively the appointment of the officers, and the officers, militia. authority of training the militia according to the discipline

prescribed by Congress;

To exercise exclusive legislation, in all cases whatsoever, Exclusive legislation over seat of over such district (not exceeding ten miles square) as may, government. by cession of particular States and the acceptance of Congress, become the seat of the government of the United States, and to exercise like authority over all places purchased by the consent of the Legislature of the State in which the same shall be, for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dock- And over forts, arshals, docks, &c. yards, and other needful buildings; and

To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for To make general carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other laws to carry powers into effect. powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

#### SECTION IX.

The migration or importation of such persons as any of the Importation of States now existing shall think proper to admit, shall not be slaves allowed till prohibited by the Congress prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eight; but a tax or duty may be imposed on such importation, not exceeding ten dollars for each person.

The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be Habeas corpus. suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it.

No bill of attainder or ex post facto law shall be passed. No capitation or other direct tax shall be laid, unless in post facts laws,

Attainderandex

proportion to the census or enumeration hereinbefore directed to be taken.

No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any No duty. No exportation State.

Commerce tween the States.

No preference shall be given by any regulation of commerce or revenue to the ports of one State over those of another; nor shall vessels bound to or from one State be obliged to enter, clear, or pay duties in another.

Money, how dr'n from treasury.

No money shall be drawn from the treasury but in consequence of appropriatious made by law; and a regular state-To be published, ment and account of the receipts and expenditures of all public money shall be published from time to time.

No nobility.

No title of nobility shall be granted by the United States; and no person holding any office of profit or trust under them Foreign presents shall, without the consent of the Congress, accept of any present, emolument, office, or title, of any kind whatever, from any king, prince, or foreign state.

#### SECTION X.

Powers denied to the States.

No State shall enter into any treaty, alliance, or confederation; grant letters of marque and reprisal; coin money; emit bills of credit; make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts; pass any bill of attainder, ex post facto law, or law impairing the obligation of contracts, or grant any title of nobility.

Other powers demed to States.

No State shall, without the consent of the Congress, lay any imposts or duties on imports or exports, except what may be absolutely necessary for executing its inspection laws; and the net produce of all duties and imposts, laid by any State on imports or exports, shall be for the use of the treasury of the United States; and all such laws shall be subject to the revision and control of the Congress.

Further denial of powers to States.

No State shall, without the consent of Congress, lay any duty of tonnage, keep troops or ships-of-war in time of peace, enter into any agreement or compact with another State, or with a foreign power, or engage in war, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent danger as will not admit of delay.

#### ARTICLE II.

#### SECTION I.

President Unit'd States.

The Executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his office during the term of four years, and, together with the Vice President, chosen for the same term, be elected as follows:

Elect'rs, how appointed.

Each State shall appoint, in such manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors, equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress; but no Senator or Representative, or person holding an office of trust or profit Electors to meet, under the United States, shall be appointed an elector.

and to elect a President and Vice President.

The electors shall meet in their respective States, and vote Vice by ballot for two persons, of whom one at least shall not be

an inhabitant of the same State with themselves. And they shall make a list of all the persons voted for and the number of votes for each; which list they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the seat of government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and countdin G'ngr'ss. House of Representatives, open all the certificates, and the votes shall then be counted. The person having the greatest number of votes shall be the President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of electors appointed; and if there be more than one who have such majority, and have an equal number of votes, then the House of Representatives Representatives to choose it electors shall immediately choose, by ballot, one of them for Presi-fail. dent; and if no person have a majority, then from the five highest on the list the said House shall, in like manner, choose the President. But in choosing the President, the votes shall be taken by States, the representation from each votes by States. State having one vote; a quorum for this purpose shall consist of a member or members from two-thirds of the States, and a majority of all the States shall be necessary to a choice. In every case, after the choice of the President, the person having the greatest number of votes of the electors shall be the Vice President. But if there should remain two or more Vice President. who have equal votes, the Senate shall choose from them by ballot the Vice President.\*

Their votes

The Congress may determine the time of choosing the Election&meet-

No person except a natural born citizen, or a citizen of the Qualifications of United States at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, President.

resident within the United States. In case of the removal of the President from office, or of Removal death, his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the Vice President, and the Congress may by law provide for the case of removal, death, resignation, or inability both of the President and Vice President, declaring what officer shall then act as President, and such officer shall act accordingly, until the disability be removed, or a President shall be elected.

electors, and the day on which they shall give their votes; which day shall be the same throughout the United States.

shall be eligible to the office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that office who shall not have attained to the age of thirty-five years, and been fourteen years a

The President shall, at stated times, receive for his services Componation of a compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that period any other emolument from the United States, or any of them.

Before he enter on the execution of his office, he shall take the following oath or affirmation:

\* This clause of the Constitution has been amended. See twelfth article of the Amendments, page 15

Oath.

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States?

#### SECTION II.

Powers and du-

The President shall be commander-in-chief of the army ties of the Prest and navy of the United States, and of the militia of the several States, when called into the actual service of the United States; he may require the opinion, in writing, of the principal officer in each of the Executive Departments upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices; and he shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offences against the United States, except in cases of impeachment.

Appointment of public officers.

He shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make treaties, provided two-thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, judges of the Supreme Court, and all other officers of the United States, whose appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by law. But the Congress may by law vest the appointment of such inferior officers, as they think proper, in the President alone, in the courts of law, or in the heads of departments.

Vacancies in office.

The President shall have power to fill up all vacancies that may happen during the recess of the Senate, by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of their next session.

#### SECTION III.

Further powers ident.

He shall from time to time give to the Congress information and duties of Prest of the state of the Union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient. He may, on extraordinary occasions, convene both Houses, or either of them; and, in case of disagreement between them, with respect to the time of adjournment, he may adjourn them to such time as he shall think proper. He shall receive ambassadors and other public ministers. He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed; and shall commission all the officers of the United States.

#### SECTION IV.

Impeachment.

The President, Vice President, and all civil officers of the United States, shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors.

#### ARTICLE III.

#### SECTION I.

The Judicial power of the United States shall be vested in Judiciary, and one Supreme Court, and in such inferior courts as the Con-tenur of judges. gress may from time to time ordain and establish. The judges, both of the Supreme and inferior courts, shall hold their offices during good behavior; and shall, at stated times, receive for their services a compensation, which shall not be diminished during their continuance in office.

Powers of the

#### SECTION II.

The Judicial power shall extend to all cases in law and equity, arising under this Constitution, the laws of the United States, and treaties made, or which shall be made under their authority;—to all cases affecting ambassadors, other public ministers, and consuls:---to all cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction:--to controversies to which the United States shall be a party:—to controversies between two or more States: between a State and citizens of another State;—between citizens of different States; between citizens of the same State claiming lands under grants of differen' States, and between a State or the citizens thereof, and foreign States, citizens or subiects.\*

In all cases affecting ambassadors, other public ministers and Supreme Court. consuls, and those in which a State shall be a party, the Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction. In all the other cases before mentioned, the Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction, both as to law and fact, with such exceptions. and under such regulations, as the Congress shall make.

The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury; and such trial shall be held in the State where the said crimes shall have been committed; but when not committed within any State, the trial shall be at such place or places as the Congress may by law have directed.

Trials by jury.

And where held.

#### SECTION III.

Treason against the United States shall consist only in levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort. No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or on confession in open court.

The Congress shall have power to declare the punishment blood. of treason, but no attainder of treason shall work corruption of blood, or forfeiture, except during the life of the person attainted.

Treason.

No corruption of

\*See Amendments, Art. XI.

#### ARTICLE IV.

#### SECTION 1.

Acts of States Full faith and credit shall be given in each State to the pubaccredited. lie acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other State. And the Congress may by general laws prescribe the manner in which such acts, records and proceedings shall be proved, and the effect thereof.

#### SECTION II.

Privileges of cit-The citizens of each State shall be entitled to all privileges zeuship. and immunities of citizens in the several States.

Fugitives from tringes to be delivered up.

A person charged in any State with treason, felony, or other erime, who shall flee from justice, and be found in another State, shall, on demand of the Executive authority of the State from which he fled, be delivered up to be removed to the State having jurisdiction of the crime.

Fugitive slaves

No person held to service or labor in one State under the to be delivered up. laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in consequence of any law, or regulation therein, be discharged from such service or labor, but shall be delivered up on claim of the party to whom such service or labor may be due.

#### SECTION III.

New States.

New States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union; but no new States shall be formed or erected within the jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be formed by the junction of two or more States, or parts of States, without the consent of the Legislature of the States concerned, as well as of the Congress.

Territory and other property of United States.

Chaims.

The Congress shall have power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to prejudice any claims of the United States, or of any particular State.

#### SECTION IV.

The United States shall guaranty to every State in this Union Republican form el government. Protection of the a republican form of government, and shall protect each of them States. against invasion; and on application of the Legislature, or of th. Executive, (when the Legislature cannot be convened,) against domestic violence.

#### ARTICLE V.

Amendments of The Congress, whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall this Constitution. deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution, or, on the application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several States, shall call a convention for proposing amendments, which, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress; provided that no amendment, which may be made prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eight, shall in any manner affect the first and fourth clauses in the ninth section of the first article; and that no State, without its consent, shall be deprived of its equal suffrage in the Senate.

#### ARTICLE YI.

All debts contracted and engagements entered into, before Debts of former the adoption of this Constitution, shall be as valid against the meet. United States under this Constitution, as under the Confederation.

This Constitution and the laws of the United States which What constituted shall be made in pursuance thereof, and all treaties made, or the supreme law. which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land; and the judges in every State shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the officers. members of the several State Legislatures, and all Executive and Judicial officers, both of the United States, and of the several States, shall be bound by oath or affirmation, to support this Constitution: but no religious test shall ever be required as No religious test. a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.

#### ARTICLE VII.

The ratification of the conventions of nine States shall be sufficient for the establishment of this Constitution between the States so ratifying the same.

Ratification.

Done in Convention, by the unanimous consent of the States present, the seventeenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, and of the independence of the United States of America the In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed twelfth. our names.

> (†. WASHINGTON, President, and Deputy from Virginia.

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#### AMENDMENTS.\*

#### ARTICLE THE FIRST.

Freedom of religion, of speech,
ct the press, and religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the
right of petition.
freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people
peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a
redress of grievances.

#### ARTICLE THE SECOND.

Right to keep A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

#### ARTICLE THE THIRD.

Quartering of No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner; nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

#### ARTICLE THE FOURTH.

Scarches and The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated; and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by outh or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

#### ARTICLE THE FIFTH.

Trial for crimes. No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia when in actual service, in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself;

Rights of life, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due proliberty and propercies of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use

#### ARTICLE THE SIXTH.

Rights of detendant in crimit to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State

without just compensation.

\*The first ten amendments were proposed by Congress at their first session, in the year 1789; the eleventh was proposed in 1794, and the twelfth in 1803.

and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor; and to have the assistance of counsel for his defence.

#### ARTICLE THE SEVENTH.

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved; and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Trials in civil

#### ARTICLE THE EIGHTH.

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

#### ARTICLE THE NINTH.

The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall Reserved rights, not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

#### ARTICLE THE TENTH.

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Con-Reserved powstitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the ers to States. States respectively, or to the people.

#### ARTICLE THE ELEVENTH.

The judicial power of the United States shall not be construed Limitation of juto extend to any suit in law or equity commenced or prosecuted dicial power. against one of the United States by citizens of another State, or by citizens or subjects of any foreign State.

#### ARTICLE THE TWELFTH.

The electors shall meet in their respective States, and vote Election of Presby ballot for President and Vice President, one of whom, at President and Vice least, shall not be an inhabitant of the same State with themselves; they shall name in their ballots the person voted for as President, and in distinct ballots the person voted for as Vice President; and they shall make distinct lists of all persons voted for as President, and of all persons voted for as Vice President, and of the number of votes for each, which lists they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the seat of the Government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate;

the President of the Senate shall, in presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates, and the votes shall then be counted; the person having the greatest number of votes for President shall be the President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of electors appointed; and if no person have such majority, then, from the persons having the highest numbers, not exceeding three, on the list of those voted for as President, the House of Representatives shall choose, immediately, by ballot, the President. But. in choosing the President, the votes shall be taken by States, the representation from each State having one vote; a quorum for this purpose shall consist of a member or members from twothirds of the States, and a majority of all the States shall be necessary to a choice. And if the House of Representatives shall not choose a President whenever the right of choice shall devolve upon them, before the fourth day of March next following, then the Vice President shall act as President, as in the case of the death or other constitutional disability of the President.

The person having the greatest number of votes as Vice President shall be the Vice President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of electors appointed; and if no person have a majority, then, from the two highest numbers on the list, the Senate shall choose the Vice President: a quorum for the purpose shall consist of two-thirds of the whole number of Senators, and a majority of the whole number shall be necessary to a choice.

But no person constitutionally ineligible to the office of President shall be eligible to that of Vice President of the United

States.

### LAWS.

AN ACT to establish an executive department to be denominated the department of the navy."

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, &r., That there shall be an executive department under the denomination of the Department Navy; his duty. of the Navy, the chief officer of which shall be called the Secretary of the Navy, whose duty it shall be to execute such orders as he shall receive from the President of the United States, relative to the procurement of naval stores and materials, and the construction, armaine a equipment, and employment of vessels of war, as well as all other matters connected with the naval establishment of the United States.

Secretary of the

Approved April 30, 1798. (Statutes at Large, vol. 1, p. 553.)

AN ACT for the establishing and organizing a Marine Corps, t

Sec. 2. \* \* \* And if the marine corps, or any part If ordered to do of it, shall be ordered by the President to do duty on shore, officers how to be and it shall become necessary to appoint an adjutant, pay-appointed. master, quartermaster, sergeant-major, quartermaster-sergeant, and drum and fife major, or any of them, the major or commandant of the corps is hereby authorized to appoint such staff-officer or officers, from the line of subalterns, sergeants and music, respectively, who shall be entitled, during the time they shall do such duty, to the same extra pay and emoluments, which are allowed by law to officers acting in the same capacities in the infantry.

SEC. 3. \* \* \* And the President of the United States Officers of many detach and appoint such of the officers of this marine detached for duty corps, to act on beard the frigates, and any of the armed ves-on any of sels of the United States, respectively, as he shall, from time to time, judge necessary; anything in the act "providing a naval armament" to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That the marine corps, What other duty established by this act, shall, at any time, be liable to do duty they shall be subin the forts and garrisons of the United States, on the seacoast, or any other duty on shore as the President, at his discretion, shall direct.

Approved July 11, 1798. (Statutes at Large, vol. 1, p. 594.)

\*The direction of naval affairs had, by act of August 7, 1789, been under the Secretary of War. See act of July 5, 1862, reorganizing the Navy Department.

†The act of July 25, 1861, for the better organization of the marine corps, establishes

the number of officers, non-commissioned officers and privates.

AN ACT to alter and amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments.

SEC. 6. That all contracts to be made by virtue of this act, All contracts to be deposited in the Comptroller's of or of any law of the United States, and requiring the advance fice within ninety of money, or to be in any manner connected with the settledays after date. ment of public accounts, shall be deposited in the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury of the United States within ninety days after their dates, respectively.

Approved July 16, 1798. (Statutes at Large, vol. 1, p. 610.)

AN ACT in addition to "An act for the relief of sick and disabled

Twenty cents a SEC. 2. \* \* \* The Secretary of the Navy shall be, month to be de-month to be de-ducted from pay and he hereby is, authorized and directed to deduct, after the The Secretary of the Navy shall be, first day of September next, from the pay thereafter to become of the navy. due, of the officers, seamen, and marines of the navy of the United States, at the rate of twenty cents per month, for every such officer, seamen, and marine, and to pay the same quarter annually to the Secretary of the Treasury,\* to be applied to the same purposes as the money collected by virtue of the above-mentioned act is appropriated.

Sec. 3. The officers, seamen, and marines of the navy of Officers, seamen, and marines entitled to same relief the United States shall be entitled to receive the same benefits as merchant sea- and advantages as, by the act above mentioned, are provided for the relief of the sick and disabled scamen of the merchant

vessels of the United States.

Approved March 2, 1799. (Statutes at Large, vol. 1, p. 729.)

#### AN ACT concerning public contracts.†

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives one or have any of the United States in Congress assembled, That, from interest in con and after the passage of this act, no member of Congress tracts with the day in the last the la shall, directly or indirectly, himself, or by any other person government. whatsoever, in trust for him, or for his use or benefit, or on his account, undertake, execute, hold or enjoy, in the whole or in part, any contract or agreement hereafter to be made or

\*By the act of February 26, 1811, 2d Stat., p. 650, the money so deducted was to be paid to the Secretaries of the Navy, War, and Treasury, who were appointed a board of commissioners to be styled commissioners of the navy hospital fund; and by the act of July 10, 1832, 5th Stat., p. 572, the Secretary of the Navy was constituted trustee of both the navy pension and navy hospital funds, and the powers and duties conferred and imposed on the board of commissioners were transferred to him.—(See notes act of July 10, 1832.)

t See act of July 16, 1862, preventing members of Congress and other public officers

from taking considerations for procuring contracts, &c.

entered into with any officer of the United States, in their behalf, or with any person authorized to make contracts on the part of the United States; and if any member of Con-Every member gress shall, directly or indirectly, himself, or by any other to a fine of 3,000. person whatsoever, in trust for him, or for his use or benefit. or on his account, enter into, accept of, agree for, undertake, or execute, any such contract or agreement, in the whole or in part, every member so offending shall, for every such offence, upon conviction thereof, before any court of the United States, or of the territories thereof, having cognizance of such offence, be adjudged guilty of a high misdemeanor, and shall be fined three thousand dollars; and every such contract or Contract void. agreement as aforesaid shall, moreover be absolutely void and of no effect : Provided, nevertheless, That in all cases where any sum or sums of money shall have been advanced on the Money advanced part of the United States, in consideration of any such con-to be repaid. tract or agreement, the same shall be forthwith repaid; and in case of refusal or delay to repay the same, when demanded by the proper officer of the department under whose authority such contract or agreement shall have been made or entered into, every person so refusing or delaying, together with his Prosecution on surety or sureties, shall be forthwith prosecuted at law for the refusing recovery of any such sum or sums of money advanced as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein Not to extend to contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any contracts of incorporate or agreement, made or entered into, or accepted, by any rated companies. incorporated company, where such contract or agreement shall be made for the general benefit of such incorporation or company; nor to the purchase or sale of bills of exchange or Nor to purchase other property by any member of Congress, where the same or sale of bills of exchange by memshall be ready for delivery, and for which payment shall bers of Congress, be made at the time of making or entering into the contract &c. or agreement.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That in every such contract tract or agreement to be made, or entered into, or accepted as to express that no congressman is to aforesaid, there shall be inserted an express condition that no share. member of Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of such contract or agreement, or to any benefit to arise there-

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That if any officer of Penalty in case the United States, on behalf of the United States, shall directly United States enor indirectly make or enter into any contract, bargain, or tering into contracts with memagreement, in writing or otherwise, other than such as are bers of Congress. herein excepted, with any member of Congress, such officer so offending, on conviction thereof before any court having jurisdiction thereof, shall be deemed and taken to be guilty of a high misdemeanor, and be fined in a sum of three thousand dollars.

<sup>\*</sup> This section is directory only, and all omissions to insert such provision does not render the contract void. Crown vs. U. S., Dev. C. C. 44-5

Statement of conannually.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That, from and after before congress the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy, and the Postmaster General, annually to lay before Congress a statement of all the contracts which have been made in their respective departments during the year preceding such report, exhibiting in such statement the name of the contractor, the article or thing contracted for, the place where the article was to be delivered, or the thing performed, the sum to be paid for its performance or delivery, the date and duration of the contract.\*

Approved April 21, 1808. (Vol. 2, p. 484.)

AN ACT further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments.t

Warrants to be they are founded.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted, &c., That all warrants drawn by the warrants to be charged to the dis-charged to the dis-tinct appropria. Secretary of the Treasury, or of War, or of the Navy, upon tions on which the Treasurer of the United States, shall specify the particular appropriation or appropriations to which the same should be charged; the moneys paid by virtue of such warrants shall, in conformity therewith, be charged to such appropriation or appropriations, in the books kept in the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, in the case of warrants drawn by the Secretary of the Treasury, and in the books of the accountlaccountants abolished by act of ants of the War or Navy Departments, respectively, in the case March 3, 1817, and of warrants drawn by the Secretary of War or by the Secretary of War tary of the Navy; and the officers, agents, or other persons

[Accountants aauditors lished.]

rendered.

Accounts to be who may be receivers of public moneys, shall render distinct accounts of the application of such moneys, according to the appropriation or appropriations under which the same shall have been drawn. SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty

Comptroller of certain accounts.

the Treasury authorized to cause of the Comptroller of the Treasury, in every case where, in his the settlement of opinion, further delays would be injurious to the United States, and he is hereby authorized, to direct the Auditor of the Treasury, and the accountants of the War and Navy Departments, at any time, forthwith to audit and settle any particular account which the said officers may be respectively authorized to audit and settle, and to report such settlement for his revision and Tomakeannual final decision. And the said Comptroller shall also lay an statement of unsupported annual statement; before Congress, during the first week of settled accounts to annual statement; their session, of the accounts in the Treasury, War, or Navy

Departments which may have remained more than three years

Congress.

See acts of May 4, 1858, and July 17, 1862, in reference to reporting to Congress contracts made by the departments.

† It is under this act that navy agents are appointed. United States rs. Cutter, 2 Curt. C. C., 617; Browne rs. United States, 1 Ibid, 18.

‡ Section 14, act of March 3, 1817, page 28, requires the Comptroller to distinguish those accounts, the balances appearing on which, in his opinion, should be removed by Congress.

unsettled, or on which balances appear to have been due more than three years prior to the thirtieth of September then last past, together with a statement of the causes which have prevented the settlement of the accounts or the recovery of the balances due to the United States.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That, exclusively of the What permanent purveyor of public supplies, paymasters of the army, pursers agents authorized. of the navy, military agents,\* and other officers already authorized by law, no other permanent agents shall be appointed, either for the purpose of making contracts, or for the purchase of supplies, or for the disbursement in any other manner of moneys for the use of the military establishment, or of the navy of the United States, but such as shall be appointed by Tobe submitted the President of the United States, with the advice and con- to the Senate. sent of the Senate: Provided, That the President may, and he is hereby authorized, in the recess of the Senate, to appoint President may all or any of such agents, which appointments shall be sub-of the senate. mitted to the Senate, at their next session, for their advice and consent; and the President of the United States is hereby authorized, until otherwise provided by law, to fix the number and compensations of such agents.† \*

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That every such agent Agents to give as may be appointed by virtue of the next preceding section, bonds. and every purser of the navy, shall give bond, with one or more sufficient sureties, in such sums; as the President of the United States may direct, for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him; and the paymaster of the army, the military agents, the purveyor of public supplies, the pursers of the navy, the agents appointed by virtue of the preceding section, \* \* \* \* \* \* shall make Make monthly monthly returns, in such form as may be prescribed by the und expenditures, Treasury Department, of the moneys received and expended during the preceding month, and of the unexpended balance

in their hands. SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That an annual statement of \* \* \* the expenditure ment of expendi-tures of contingent of the moneys appropriated for the contingent expenses of the fund of the navy military establishment, for the contingent expenses of the navy to be made to Conof the United States, and for the discharge of miscellaneous claims not otherwise provided for and paid at the treasury, shall be laid before Congress, at the beginning of each year, by the Secretary of the proper department.

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Approved March 3, 1809. (Vol. 2, p. 535.)

<sup>\*</sup> Offices of purveyor of public supplies and military agents abolished by act of March

<sup>28, 1812.

†</sup> The act of March 3, 1855, fixes the compensation of navy agents.

\*\*The act of March 3, 1855, fixes the compensation of navy agents.

#### AN ACT establishing navy hospituls.

To whom hospital money shall be paid.

SEC. 1. That the money hereafter collected by virtue of the act entitled "An act in addition to 'An act for the relief of sick and disabled scamen," shall be paid to the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of War, for the time being, who are hereby appointed a board of commissioners,\* by the name and style of commissioners of navy hospitals, which, together with the sum of fifty thousand dollars, hereby appropriated out of the unexpended balance of the marine hospital fund, to be paid to the commissioners aforesaid, shall constitute a fund for navy hos-

Hospital constituted.

Fines imposed

Sec. 2. That all fines imposed on navy officers, seamen, and to go to navy hosmarines, shall be paid to the commissioners of navy hospitals.

Sites for hos-

pitals.

Sec. 3 That the commissioners of navy hospitals be, and pitals to be pro they are hereby, authorized and required to procure, at a cured, &c. suitable place or places, proper sites for navy hospitals, and if the necessary buildings are not procured with the site, to cause such to be erected, having due regard to economy, and giving preference to such plans as, with most convenience and least cost, will admit of subsequent additions, as the funds will permit and circumstances require; and the commissioners Naval asylum are required, at one of the establishments, to provide a per-

to be established. manent asylumt for disabled and decrepit navy officers, sea-

men, and marines. SEC. 4. That the Secretary of the Navy be authorized and Rules and regulations for, to be required to prepare the necessary rules and regulations for the

government of the institution, and report the same to the next session of Congress.

† Naval asylum, at Philadelphia.

Disposition hospitals.

prepared.

SEC. 5. That, when any nav officer, seaman, or marine rations and pen shall be admitted into a navy hospital, the institution shall be mitted into the allowed one ration per day during his continuance therein, to be deducted from the account of the United States with such officer, seaman, or marine; and in like manner, when any officer, seaman, or marine entitled to a pension shall be admitted into a navy hospital, such pension, during his continuance therein, shall be paid to the commissioners of the navy hospitals, and deducted from the account of such pensioner. Approved February 26, 1811. (Vol. 2, p. 650.)

AN ACT concerning the naval establishment.

Appointment of SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That the pursers in the navy of the United States shall be appointed by the Presi-

<sup>\*</sup> By the act of July 10, 1832, 4 Stat., 572, the Secretary of the Navy is constituted trustee of the navy pension and mavy hospital funds, and the powers and duties conferred and imposed on the board of commissioners are transferred to him.

dent\* of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Approved March 30, 1812. (Vol. 2. p. 699.)

AN ACT for the regulation of seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States, t

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Employment of time when this act shall take effect, it shall not be lawful to empersons on board ploy, as aforesaid, [on board public or private vessels of the vessels of the United States,] any naturalized citizen of the United States, un-ted States. less such citizen shall produce to the commander of the public vessel, if to be employed on board such vessel, or to a collector of the customs, a certified copy of the act by which he shall have been naturalized, setting forth such naturalization, and the time thereof.

[Sec. 3 relates to private vessels.] [Sec. 4 to proofs of citizenship.]

SEC. 5. And he it further enacted, That, from and after Reception of sonthe time when this act shall take effect, no seaman, or other men or seafaring seafaring man, not being a citizen of the United States, shall in a foreign port. be admitted or received as a passenger on board of any public or private vessel of the United States, in a foreign port, without permission in writting from the proper officers of the country of which such seaman or seafaring man may be subject or citizen.

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Rights of con-cial agents, of any nation at peace with the United States, respect to the ampliquent of seascribed by the President of the United States) to state their objections to the proper commander or collector as aforesaid, against the employment of any seaman, or seafaring man, on board of any public or private vessel of the United States, on account of his being a native subject or citizen of such nation, and not embraced within the description of persons who may be lawfully employed, according to the provisions of this act; and the said consuls, or commercial agents, shall also be admitted, under the said regulations, to be present at the time when the proofs of citizenship, of the persons against whom such objections may have been made, shall be investigated by such commander or collector.

† The first section of this act was repealed by act of June 28, 1831.

<sup>\*</sup> The commander of a squadron on a foreign station has power to appoint an acting purser, in the absence of any purser of the navy duly appointed by the President—6 Opin., 357; and the act of July 17, 1861, gives the senior officer present at sea or on a foreign station power to make an acting appointment to fill vacancy caused by death or otherwise. Title changed to paymasters by act of June 22, 1869.

Penalty for unpublic vessels.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That if any commander lawfully employ-ing or receiving of a public vessel of the United States shall knowingly em-persons on board play, or permit to be employed, or shall admit or receive, or ploy, or permit to be employed, or shall admit or receive, or permit to be admitted or received, on board his vessel, any person whose employment or admission is prohibited by the provisions of this act, he shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay the sum of one thousand dollars for each person thus unlawfully employed or admitted on board such vessel.

[Sec. 8 relates to private vessels.]

Circumst'ne's unin a foreign port.

SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this der which American seamen or sub. act contained shall be construed to prohibit any commander, jects of a foreign or master, of a public or private vessel of the United States, received on board whilst in a foreign port or place, from receiving an American seaman in conformity to law, or supplying any deficiency of seamen on board such vessel, by employing American seamen, or subjects of such foreign country, the employment of whom shall not be prohibited by the laws thereof.

What for 'gn seamen may be employed.

Sec. 10. And be it further enacted. That the provisions of this act shall have no effect or operation with respect to the employment, as seamen, of the subjects or citizens of any foreign nation which shall not, by treaty or special convention with the government of the United States, have prohibited, on board of her public and private vessels, the employment of native citizens of the United States, who have not become a citizen or subject of such nation.

Sec. 11. And be i' further enacted, That nothing in this Nothing in this act to prevent any act contained shall be so construed as to prevent any arrangetween the United ment between the United States and any foreign nation, States and any which may take place, under any treaty or convention, made and ratified in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of

the United States.

[Sections 12 and 13 relate to qualifications of citizen-

ship, &c.]

Commencement of suit for forfeit-11142

SEC. 14. And be it further enacted, That no suit shall be brought for any forfeiture or penalty incurred under the provisions of this act, unless the suit be commenced within three years from the time of the forfeiture.

Approved March 3, 1813. (Vol. 2, p. 809.)

AN ACT granting pensions to the officers and seamen serving on board the revenue cutters in certain cases.

Officers and sea-

Be it enacted, &c., That the officers and seamen of the men of revenue cutters of the United States who have been, or may entire wounded or revenue cutters of the United States who have been, or may disabled while co- be, wounded or disabled in the discharge of their duty whilst operating with the navy to be placed co-operating with the navy, by order of the President of the on navy pension United States, shall be entitled to be placed on the navy pension list, at the same rate of pension, and under the same regulations and restrictions, as are now provided by law for the officers and seamen of the navy.

Approved April 18, 1814. (Vol. 3, p. 127.)

AN ACT to provide for the collection and preservation of such flags, standards, and colors, as shall have been, or may hereafter be, taken by the land and naval forces of the United States from their enemies.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted, &., That the Secretaries of the War Secretaries of and Navy Departments be, and they are hereby, directed to War and Navy to collect all flags, &c. cause to be collected and transmitted to them, at the seat of the government of the United States, all such flags, standards, and colors, as shall have been, or may hereafter be, taken, by the army and navy of the United States, from their enemies.

ards, and colors, of the description aforesaid, which are now displayed in some public place, as the in the possession of the departments aforesaid, and such as President shall dimay be hereafter transmitted to them be with all despatch, delivered to the President of the United States, for the purpose of being, under his direction, preserved and displayed, in such public place as he shall deem proper.

Approved April 18, 1814. (Vol. 3, p. 133.)

Approved April 18, 1814. (Vol. 3, p. 136.)

AN ACT concerning the pay of officers, seamen, and marines in the navy of the United States.

\* \* \* and the pay and bounty upon enlistment of Pay and bounty the seamen, ordinary seamen, and marines.\* shall be fixed by to seamen. The whole sum the President of the United States: Provided, That the whole not to exceed am't appropriated in sum to be given, for the whole pay aforesaid, and for the pay any year. of officers, and that the amount of bounties upon enlistment of seamen and marines, shall not exceed, for any year, the amount which may, in such year, be appropriated for those purposes respectively.

AN ACT directing the staff officers of the army to comply with the requisitions of naval and marine officers, in certain cases.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted, &c., That it shall be the duty of the Officers, seamen, several officers of 'he staff of the army of the United States erating with the to provide the officers, seamen, and marines, of the navy of land forces to be provided with rathe United States, when acting, or proceeding to act, on shore, tions, camp equiping one operation with the land troops, upon the requisition of age, &c. the commanding naval or marine officer of any such detachment of seamen or marines, under orders to act as aforesaid, with rations, also the officers and seamen with camp equipage, according to the relative rank and station of each, and the military regulations in like cases, together with the necessary transportation, as well for the men as for their baggage, pro-

\* By law, marines are paid as infantry in the army.

Contract price of visions, and cannon: Provided, nevertheless. That the contract the rations to be price of the rations which may be furnished shall be reimbursed out of the appropriations for the support of the navy.

Quartermasters SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the respective of the army to fire risk commanding quartermasters of the army shall, upon the requisition of the mixed officers, &c. commanding naval officer of any such detachment of seamen with horses, forage &c.

or marines, furnish the said officer, and his necessary aids, with horses, accountements, and forage, during the time they may be employed in co-operating with the land troops as aforesaid.

Approved December 15, 1814. (Vol. 3, p. 151.)

AN ACT making reservation of certain public lands to supply timber for naval purposes,

Lands producing live oak and red Sec. 1. Be it enacted, &r., That the Secretary of the Navy cedartimbers to be authorized, and it shall be his duty, under the direction of explored and traces the President of the United States, to cause such vacant and reserved.

unappropriated lands of the United States as produce the live oak and red cedar timbers to be explored, and selection to be made of such tracts or portions thereof, where the principal growth is of either of the said timbers, as, in his judgment, may be necessary to furnish for the navy a sufficient supply of the said timbers. The said Secretary shall have power to employ such agent, or agents, and surveyor,\* as he may deem necessary for the aforesaid purpose, who shall report to him the tracts by them selected, with the boundaries ascertained, and accurately designated, by actual survey or water-courses, which report shall be laid before the President, which he may approve or reject, in whole or in part; and the tracts of lands thus relected, with the approbation of the President, shall be reserved, unless otherwise directed by law, from any future sale of the public lands, and be appropriated to the sole purpose of supplying timber for Proviso. Rights the navy of the United States: Provided, That nothing in this

of persons claims to the pre-section contained shall be construed to prejudice the rights judiced.

of any person or persons claiming lands which may be

of any person or persons claiming lands which may be reserved as aforesaid.

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Approved March 1, 1817. (Vol. 3, p. 347.)

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AN ACT supplementary to an act entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment,"

Pursers to enter and Sec. 1. Be it enacted, &c., That every purser now in serinto bond in the spentity of \$25,000, vice, or who may hereafter be appointed, shall, instead of with two or more the bond required by the ret to which this is a supplement, sureties.

\* An act of May 15, 1820, vol. 3, 607, repeals the power given here to the Secretary of the Navy to appoint an agent, or agents, and surveyor, and directs that the duties end services required by this section be performed by such surveyors of public lands as may be designated by the President. See acts of March 2, 1831, and March 3, 1859, as o punishment of persons entring and destroying timber on reserved lands.

enter into bond, with two or more sufficient sureties, in the penalty of twenty-five thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of all his duties as purser in the navy of the United States,\* which said sureties shall be approved by the judge, or attorney, of the United States for the district in which such purser shall reside.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the No person to act first day of May next, no person shall act in the character of as purser without purser who shall not enter into bond as aforesaid, excepting those on distant pursers on distant service who shall not remain in service stations, &c. longer than two months after their return to the United States, unless they shall comply with the previsions of the first section of this act.

Approved March 1, 1817. (Vol. 3, p. 350.)

AN ACT to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That, from and after All claims and the said third day of March next, all claims and demands accounts in which whatever by the United States, or against them, and all are concerned to accounts whatever, in which the United States are concerned be settled in the accounts whatever, in which the United States are concerned by the Treasury Department. either as debtors or as creditors, shall be settled and adjusted ment. in the Treasury Department.

SEC. 4. \* \* and it shall be the duty of Duty of the Authe Fourth Auditor to receive all accounts accruing in the Navy altors. Department, or relative thereto; and the Second, Third, and Fourth Auditors, aforesaid, shall examine the accounts respectively, and certify the balance, and transmit the accounts, with the vouchers and certificate, to the Second Comptroller, for his decision thereon.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the Duties of the Auditors charged with the examination of the the examination of the the examination of accounts of the War and Navy Departments, to keep all action accounts of the counts of the receipts and expenditures of the public money Departments. in regard to those departments, and of all debts due to the United States on moneys advanced relative to those departments; to receive from the Second Comptroller the accounts which shall have been finally adjusted, and to preserve such accounts, with their vouchers and certificates, and to record all warrants drawn by the Secretaries of those departments, the examination of the accounts of which has been assigned to them by the preceding section. And it shall be the duty of the said Auditors to make such reports on the business assigned to them as the Secretaries of the War and Navy De-

\* An act of July 14, 1862, vol. 12, 575, repeals the words in italies, and says that such bonds shall be deemed and taken to be satisfactory and sufficient whenever the Secretary of the Navy shall be satisfied, on such evidence as he shall consider proper, that the bonds ought to be approved and accepted. The present practice is to require a certificate, as to the ability of the sureties, from some United States judge or attorney. partments may deem necessary and require for the services of those departments.

Duty of the Sec-

SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the and Comptroller. duty of the Second Comptroller to examine all accounts settled by the Second, Third, and Fourth Auditors, and certify the balances arising thereon to the Secretary of the department in which the expenditure has been incurred; to countersign all warrants drawn by the Secretaries of the War and Navy Departments which shall be warranted by law; to report to the said Secretaries the official forms to be issued in the different offices for disbursing the public money in those departments, and the manner and form of keeping and stating the accounts of the persons employed therein; and it shall also be his duty to superintend the preservation of the public accounts, subject to his revision.

Certific'tes of the

Sec. 11. And be it further enacted, That the provision Auditors charged Sec. 11. And be it further enacted, That the provision with the accounts contained in the second section of the act passed the third of the War and March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, enfitto be legal evi-tled "An act to provide more effectually for the settlement dence in suits.

Of accounts between the United States and receivers of publications. of accounts between the United States and receivers of public money," which directs that, in every case where suit has been, or shall be instituted, a transcript from the books and proceedings of the treasury, certified by the Register, shall be admitted as evidence, be extended, in regard to the accounts of the War and Navy Departments, to the Auditors respectively charged with the examination of those accounts, and that certificates, signed by them, shall be of the same effect as that directed to be signed by the Register.

Auditors empowered to administer onths, &c.

Sec. 12. And be it further enacted, That the Auditors of the public accounts shall be empowered to administer oaths, or affirmations, to witnesses, in any case in which they may deem it necessary for the due examination of the accounts with which they shall be charged.

Duty of Conne troller in regard to balances,

SEC. 14. And be it further enacted, That, in the annual statement of all accounts, on which balances appear to have been due more than three years, which the Comptroller is now required by law to make, \* he shall hereafter distinguish those accounts, the balances appearing on which shall, in his opinion, be owing to difficulties of form, which he may think it equitable shall be removed by an act of Congress; and where the debtors, by whom such balances shall have been due more than three years, shall be insolvent, and have been reported to Congress for three successive years as insolvent, the Comptroller shall not be required, in such case, to continue to include such balances in the statement above mentioned.

Approved March 3, 1817. (Vol. 3, p. 366.)

<sup>\*</sup> Required by sec. 2, act of March 3, 1809, page 20.

AN ACT to establish the flag of the United States.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted, &c., That, from and after the fourth Establishment of day of July next, the flag of the United States be thirteen United States. horizontal stripes, alternate red and white: that the Union be twenty stars, white, in a blue field.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That, on the admission of every new State into the Union, one star be added to the union of the flag; and that such addition shall take effect on the 4th day of July then next succeeding such admission.

Aproved April 4, 1818. (Vol. 3, p. 415.)

AN ACT in addition to the "Act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States," and to repeal the acts therein mentioned.

Be it enacted, &c., That if any citizen of the United States Panishment for shall, within the territory or jurisdiction thereof, accept and accepting commisexercise a commission to serve a foreign prince, state, colony, beligerent. district or people, in war, by land or by sea, against any prince, state, colony, district or people, with whom the United States are at peace, the person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars, and shall be imprisoned not exceeding three years.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That if any person For enlisting or shall, within the territory or jurisdiction of the United States, procuring another to enlist in the serenlist or enter himself, or hire or retain another person to en-vice of a foreign list or enter himself, or to go beyond the limits or jurisdiction power. of the United States with intent to be enlisted or entered in the service of any foreign prince, state, colony, district or people, as a soldier, or as a marine or seaman, on board of any vessel-of-war, letter of marque, or privateer, every person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and shall be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars, and be imprisoned not exceeding three years: Provided, That this act shall not be construed to extend to any subject or citizen of any foreign prince, state, colony, district or people, who shall transiently be within the United States, and shall, on board of any vessel-of-war, letter of marque, or privateer, which, at the time of its arrival within the United States, was fitted and equipped as such, enlist or enter himself, or hire or retain another subject or citizen of the same foreign prince, state, colony, district or people, who is transiently within the United States, to enlist or enter himself to serve such foreign prince, state, colony, district or people, on board such vessel-of-war, letter of marque, or privateer, if the United States shall then be at peace with such foreign prince, state, colony, district or people.

Exceptions.

For fitting out vessels for a foreign belligerent.

SEC. 3. And he it further enacted, That if any person shall, within the limits of the United States, fit out and arm, or attempt to fit out and arm, or procure to be fitted out and armed, or shall knowingly be concerned in the furnishing, fitting out, or arming of any ship or vessel with intent that such ship or vessel shall be employed in the service of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district or people, to cruise or commit hostilities against the subjects, citizens or property of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district or people, with whom the United States are at peace, or shall issue or deliver a commission within the territory or jurisdiction of the United States for any ship or vessel, to the intent that she may be employed as aforesaid, every person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, and imprisoned not more than three years; and every such ship or vessel, with her tackle, apparel and furniture, together with all materials, arms, ammunition and stores, which may have been procured for the building and equipment thereof, shall be forfeited; one-half to the use of the informer, and the other half to the use of the United States.

For fitting out

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That if any citizen or priviteers to craise citizens of the United States shall, without the limits thereof, merce of the Uni fit out and arm, or attempt to fit out and arm, or procure to be fitted out and armed, or shall knowingly aid or be concerned in the furnishing, fitting out, or arming, any private ship or vessel of war, or privateer, with intent that such ship or vessel shall be employed to cruise, or commit hostilities, upon the citizens of the United States, or their property,\* or shall take the command of, or enter on board of any such ship or vessel, for the intent aforesaid, or shall purchase any interest in any such ship or vessel, with a view to share in the profits thereof, such person, so offending, shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and fined not more than ten thousand dollars, and imprisoned not more than ten years: and the trial for such offence, if committed without the limits of the United States, shall be in the district in which the offender shall be apprehended or first brought.

For increasing the force of a foreign vessel.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That if any person belligerent shall, within the territory or jurisdiction of the United States, increase or augment, or procure to be increased or augmented, or shall knowingly be concerned in increasing or augmenting, the force of any ship of war, cruiser, or other armed vessel, which, at the time of her arrival within the United States, was a ship of war, or cruiser, or armed vessel, in the service of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district or people, or belonging to the subjects or citizens of any such prince or state, colony, district, or people, the same being at

<sup>\*</sup> See act of August 6, 1861, in reference to recruiting soldiers or sailors in any State or Territory of the United States to engage in armed hostility against the United States, or opening recruiting stations for the enlistment of such persons.

war with any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district, or people, with whom the United States are at peace, by adding to the number of the guns of such vessel, or by changing those on board of her for guns of a larger calibre, or by the addition thereto of any equipment solely applicable to war, every person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, shall be fined not more than one thousand

dollars, and be imprisoned not more than one year.

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That if any person For setting on foot an expedition shall, within the territory or jurisdiction of the United States, against a foreign begin or set on foot, or rovide or prepare the means for, any friendly power. military expedition or enterprise, to be carried on from thence against the territory or dominions of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district or people, with whom the United States are [at] peace, every person, so offending, shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and shall be fined not exceeding three thousand dollars, and imprisoned not more than three years.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That the district courts to take cognizance shall take cognizance of complaints, by whomsoever instituted, of complaints, in cases of captures made within the waters of the United

States, or within a marine league of the coast or shores thereof. SEC. S. And be it further enacted, That in every case in Land and naval which a vessel shall be fitted out and armed, or attempted to ployed to suppress be fitted out and armed, or in which the force of any vessel such expeditions. of war, cruiser, or other armed vessel, shall be increased or augmented, or in which any military expedition or enterprise shall be begun or set on foot, contrary to the provisions and prohibitions of this act; and in every case of the capture of a ship or vessel within the jurisdiction or protection of the United States as before defined, and in every case in which any process issuing out of any court of the United States shall be disobeyed or resisted by any person or persons having the custody of any vessel of war, cruiser, or other armed vessel of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district or people, or of any subjects or citizens of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district or people, in every such case it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, or such other person as he shall have empowered for that purpose, to employ such part of the land or naval forces of the United States, or of the militia thereof, for the purpose of taking possession of and detaining any such ship or vessel, with her prize or prizes, if any, in order to the execution of the prohibitions and penalties of this act, and to the restoring the prize or prizes in the cases in which restoration shall have been adjudged, and also for the purpose of preventing the carrying on of any such expedition or enterprise from the territories or jurisdiction of the United States against the territories or dominions of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district or people, with whom the United States are at peace.

Land or naval SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful forces may be used for the President of the United States, or such person as he parture of a forces shall empower for that purpose, to employ such part of the from the United land or naval forces of the United States, or of the militia. States. there f, as shall be necessary to compel any foreign ship or vessel to depart the United States in all cases in which, by the laws of nations or the treaties of the United States, they ought not to remain within the United States.

Owners, &c., of Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, That the owners or private armed vesprivate armed vessels may be re-consignees of every armed ship or vessel sailing out of the quired to give 80- ports of the United States, belonging wholly or in part to mit hostile acts citizens thereof, shall enter into bond to the United States, friendly with sufficient sureties, prior to clearing out the same, in against subjects, &c. double the amount of the value of the vessel and cargo on board, including her armament, that the said ship or vessel shall not be employed by such owners to cruise or commit hostilities against the subjects, citizens, or property of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district or people,

with whom the United States are at peace.

When collectors may detain vessels manifestly noses.

SEC. 11. And be it further enacted, That the collectors of built the customs be, and they are hereby, respectively, authorized for warlike pur and required to detain any vessel manifestly built for warlike purposes, and about to depart the United States, of which the cargo shall principally consist of arms and munitions of war, when the number of men shipped on board, or other circumstances, shall render it probable that such vessel is intended to be employed by the owner or owners to cruise or commit hostilities upon the subjects, citizens, or property, of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district or people, with whom the United States are at peace, until the decision of the President be had thereon, or until the owner or owners shall give such bond and security as is required of the owners of armed ships by the preceding section of this act.

Punishment for SEC. 13. And be it further enacted, That nothing in the not to be affected foregoing act shall be construed to prevent the prosecution or punishment of treason, or any piracy defined by the laws of the United States.

Approved April 20, 1818. (Vol. 3, p. 447.)

AN ACT to protect the commerce of the United States and punish the erime of piracy."

Be it enacted, &c., That the President of the United States Armed vessels of the United States be, and hereby is, authorized and requested to employ so protecting merch't many of the public armed vessels as, in his judgment, the vessels from pirational service may require, with suitable instructions to the comical aggressions.

\*See act of May 15, 1820, continuing in force this act and making further provision for punishing the crime of piracy; also act of March 3, 1847, to provide for the punishment of piracy in certain cases; also supplementary act of August 5, 1861. This act of March 3, 1819, which was limited, was made perpetual by act of January 30, 1823. (3 Stat., 721.)

manders thereof, in protecting the merchant vessels of the United States, and their crews, from piratical aggressions

and depredations.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President of Commanders of the United States be, and hereby is, authorized to instruct to be instructed to the commanders of the public armed vessels of the United seize and send into States to subdue, seize, take, and send into any port of the gaged in piracy. United States, any armed vessel or boat, or any vessel or boat, the crew whereof shall be armed and which shall have attempted or committed any piratical aggression, search restraint, depredation, or seizure, upon any vessel of the United States, or of the citizens thereof, or upon any other vessel; and also to retake any vessel of the United States, or its citizens, which may have been unlawfully captured upon the high seas.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the commander Merchant vessel of the United States, owned States may oppose wholly, or in part, by a citizen thereof, may oppose and de- and defendagainst aggression, &c., of fend against any aggression, search, restraint, depredation, or armed vessels of seizure, which shall be attempted upon such vessel, or upon ty with the United any other vessel owned as aforesaid, by the commander or states. crew of any armed vessel whatsoever, not being a public armed vessel of some nation in amity with the United States; and may subdue and capture the same; and may also retake any vessel, owned as aforesaid, which may have been captured by the commander or crew of any such armed vessel, and

send the same into any port of the United States.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Proceedings ag'st vessel or boat, from which any piratical aggression, search, vessel or boat, from which any piratical aggression, search, vessel or boat, from which any piratical aggression, search, vessel or boat, from which any piratical aggression, search, vessel or boat, from which any piratical aggression, search, vessel or boat, from which any piratical aggression, search, vessel or boat, from which any piratical aggression, search, vessel or boat, from which any piratical aggression, search, vessel or boat, from which any piratical aggression, search, vessel or boat, from which any piratical aggression, search, vessel or boat, from which any piratical aggression, search, vessel or boat, from which any piratical aggression, search, vessel or boat, from which any piratical aggression, search, vessel or boat, from the boat of the bo

restraint, depredation, or seizure, shall have been first attempt-in. ed or made, shall be captured and brought into any port of the United States, the same shall and may be adjudged and condemned to their use, and that of the captors, after due process and trial, in any court having admiralty jurisdiction, and which shall be holden for the district into which such captured vessel shall be brought; and the same court shall

thereupon order a sale and distribution thereof accordingly, and at their discretion.

Approved March 3, 1819. (Vol. 3, p. 510.)

AN ACT in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade.

Be it enacted, &c., That the President of the United States President authorbe, and he is hereby, authorized, whenever he shall deem it ized to cause any expedient, to cause any of the armed vessels of the United sels of the United States to cruise States to be employed to cruise on any of the coasts of the where attempts I Inited States on township with the coasts of the where attempts in the coasts of the states of the states to cruise on any of the coasts of the where attempts in the coasts of the states United States, or territories thereof, or of the coast of Africa, may be made to or elsewhere, where he may judge attempts, may be made to carry on the slave or elsewhere, where he may judge attempts may be made to trade. carry on the slave trade by citizens or residents of the United

commiders to seize this trade.

States, in contravention of the acts of Congress prohibiting To instruct the the same, and to instruct and direct the commanders of all commerces to seize armed vessels of the United States, to seize, take, and bring vessels engaged in into any port of the United States all ships or vessels of the United States, wheresoever found which may have taken on board, or which may be intended for the purpose of taking on board, or of transporting, or may have transported, any negro, mulatto, or person of color, in violation of any of the

cording to law.

Ships to be pro- provisions of the act, entitled "An act in addition to an act ceeded against act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight, and to repeal certain parts of the same," or of any other act or acts prohibiting the traffic in Division of pro. slaves, to be proceeded against according to law; and the

ceeds from con proceeds of all ships and vessels, their tackle, apparel, and demned vessels. furniture, and the goods and effects on board of them, which shall be so seized, prosecuted, and condemned, shall be divided equally between the United States and the officers and men who shall seize, take, or bring the same into port for condemnation,\* whether such seizure be made by an armed vessel of the United States, or revenue cutter thereof; and the same shall be distributed in like manner as is provided by law for the distribution of prizes taken from an enemy: To be distribu. Provided, That the officers and men, to be entitled to one-half

as prize money.

ted in like manner of the proceeds as aforesaid, shall safe keep every negro, mulatto, or person of color, found on board of any ship or vessel so seized, taken, or brought into port, for condemnation, and shall deliver every such negro, mulatto, or person Megroes, mulat of color, to the marshal of the district into which they are

toes, or persons of brought, if into a port of the United States, or, if elsewhere, kept and delivered to such person or persons as shall be lawfully appointed by to the marshal or the President of the United States, in the manner hereinafter

thorized to receive directed, transmitting to the President of the United States, Descriptive list as soon as may be after such delivery, a descriptive list of to be furnished. such negroes, mulattoes, or persons of color, that he may

give directions for the disposal of them: And provided, Officers and crew further, That the commanders of such commissioned vessels of the vessels seized to be taken into do cause to be apprehended, and taken into custody, every custody and deliv person found on board of such vessel, so seized and taken, eved to the civil being of the officers or crew thereof, and him or them convey, authorities. as soon as conveniently may be, to the civil authority of the United States, to be proceeded against, in due course of law. in some of the districts thereof.†

\* The captors' moiety of the proceeds of a vessel condemned for being engaged in the slave trade, under the act of March 3, 1819, is not to be paid into the treasury under the act of March 3, 1849, but is to be distributed by the court. (The Glamorgan, Sprague, 273.)

The act of June 16, 1860, authorizes the issuing of instructions to commanders of armed vessels, to proceed directly to the coast of Africa, and deliver to the agents of the United States, negroes found on board vessels seized in the prosecution of the slave trade, afterwards bringing captured vessel, officers and crew to the United States, for trial and adjudication.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President of Regulations and the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to make safe keeping, and such regulations and arrangements as he may deem expe- for the removal of dient, for the safe-keeping, support, and removal beyond the beyond the limits limits of the United States\* of all such negroes, multiple of the U. States to or nersons of color as may be so delivered and beautht with or persons of color, as may be so delivered and brought within their juridiction; and to appoint a proper person or persons, residing upon the coast of Africa, as agent or agents for receiving the negroes, mulattoes, or persons of color, de-appointed on the livered from on board vessels seized in the prosecution of the receive them.

Agents to be

slave trade, by commanders of the United States armed vessels. SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That a bounty of twen-Bounty to the ty-five dollars be paid to the officers and crews of the com-of capturing vesmissioned vessels of the United States, or revenue cutters, sel. for each and every negro, mulatto, or person of color, who shall have been, as hereinbefore provided, delivered to the

marshal or agent duly appointed to receive them; and the the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and required the Treasury. to pay, or cause to be paid, to such officers and crews, or their agent, the aforesaid bounty, for each person delivered aforesaid.

[Sec. 4 relates to proceedings in cases where negroes have been imported into the United States.]

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the commander of any armed vessel of the United States, Port into which whenever he shall make any capture under the provisions of the vessel and this act, to bring the vessel and her cargo, for adjudication, brought for adjudication, of the ports of the State or territory to which such vessel, so captured, shall belong, if he can ascertain the same; if not, then to be sent into any convenient port of the United States.

Approved March 3, 1819. (Vol. 3, p. 532.)

Resolution declaring the manner in which the vessels composing the navy of the United States shall be named.

Resolved, &c., That all the ships of the navy of the United Howships of the States, now building, or hereafter to be built, shall be named by navy are to be the Secretary of the Navy, under the direction of the President of the United States, according to the following rule, to wit: those of the first class shall be called after the States of this Union; those of the second class after the rivers; and those of the third class after the principal cities and towns; taking care that no two vessels in the navy shall bear the same name. Approved March 3, 1819. (Vol. 3, p. 538.)

\* By the act of June 16, 1860, past, the President is authorized to contract for the reception in Africa of negroes delivered from on board vessels engaged in the slave trade, and to provide them with clothing, shelter, &c.

† The 5th section of the naval appropriation act, approved June 12, 1858, declares

the manner in which steam ships of the navy shall be named.

AN ACT in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments.

Annual statem't before Congress.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the of appropriations, duty of the Secretaries of the War and Navy Departments balances to be laid to lay before Congress, on the first day of February of each year, a statement of the appropriations of the preceding year for their departments, respectively, showing the amount appropriated under each specific head of appropriation; the amount expended under each, and the balance remaining unexpended, either in the treasury or in the Treasurer's hands, as agent of the War or Navy Departments, on the thirtyfirst December preceding;\* and it shall be further the duty of the Secretaries aforesaid to estimate the probable demands which may remain on each appropriation, and the balance shall be deducted from the estimates of their departments, respectively, for the service of the current year; and accounts shall also be annually rendered in manner and form as aforesaid, exhibiting the sums expended out of the estimates aforesaid, and the balance, if any, which may remain on hand, together with such information, connected with the same, as shall be deemed proper.

Contracts forbidexcept, &c.

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That no contract shall den where there is no law or appro. hereafter be made by the Secretary of State, or of the Treaspriation for them, ury, or of the Department of War, or of the Navy, except under a law authorizing the same, or under an appropriation adequate to its fulfilment; and excepting also contracts for the subsistence and clothing of the army or navy, and contracts by the Quartermaster's department, which may be made by the Secretaries of those departments. †

No land to be purchased for the law.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That no land shall be Unit'd States with purchased on account of the United States, except under a out authority of law authorizing such purchase.

Statement estimates, &c.

SEC. S. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the appropriations to duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to annex to the annual estimates ‡ of the appropriations required for the public service, a statement of the appropriations for the service of the year which may have been made by former acts; and, also, a statement of the sums remaining in the treasury, or in the hands of the Treasurer, as agent of the War and Navy

\* By act of August 26, 1842, (5 Stat., 536.) the fiscal year, in all matters of accounts, &c., is to commence on the 1st day of July in each year; therefore the statements required by this act to be made to Congress early in the session show the expenditures, balances, &c., to and on the 30th June next preceding.

† The act of May 4, 1858, requires the head of a department making a contract under this section, if Congress be in session at the time, promptly to report to both houses thereof the reasons for making such contract, &c., &c.; and if Congress be not in session, to so report at its commencement; and forbids such contracts being made here-

after, except in cases of pressing exigency.

‡ As to the manner in which estimates shall be submitted, see acts of August 26, 1842, sec. 14; June 17, 1844, sec. 2; March 3, 1855, sec. 8, and June 2, 1858, sec. 2. Departments, from the appropriations of former years, estimating the amount of those sums which will not be required to defray expenses incurred in a previous year, and showing the whole amount which will be subject to the disposition of the Executive Government in the year to which the estimates apply.

Approved May 1, 1820. (Vol. 3, p. 567.)

AN ACT providing for the better organization of the Treasury Department.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted, &c., That it shall be the duty of Designation of such officer of the Treasury Department as the President of the and superintend United States shall from time to time designate for that pur-suits. pose, as the agent of the treasury, to direct and superintend all orders, suits, or proceedings, in law or equity, for the recovery of money, chattels, lands, tenements, hereditaments, in the name and for the use of the United States. \*

[Sec. 2 relates to collectors and other officers who receive

"the public money before it is paid into the treasury."]

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That, from and after Proceed's ag'nst the thirtieth day of September next, if any officer employed, bursing officers. or who has heretofore been employed, in the civil, military, or naval departments of the government, to disburse the public money appropriated for the service of those departments, respectively, shall fail to render his accounts, or to pay over, in the manner, and in the times, required by law, or the regulations of the department to which he is accountable, any sum of money remaining in the hands of such officer, it shall be the duty of the First or Second Comptroller of the Treasury, as the case may be, who shall be charged with the revision of the accounts of such officer, to cause to be stated and certified the account of such delinquent officer to the agent of the treasury, who is hereby authorized and required immediately to proceed against such delinquent officer in the manner directed in the preceding section, all the provisions of which are hereby declared to be applicable to every officer of the government charged with the disbursement of the public money, and to their sureties, in the same manner, and to the same extent, as if they had been described and enumerated in the said section: Provided, nevertheless, That the said agent of the treasury, with the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury, in cases Secretary of the arising under this or the preceding section, may postpone, proceedfor a reasonable time, the institution of the proceedings re-ings, &c. quired by this act, where, in his opinion, the public interest

will sustain no injury by such postponement.

<sup>\*</sup> Act of May 29, 1830, vests this duty in the Solicitor of the Treasury.

Persons age Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That if any person a bill of complaint should consider himself aggrieved by any warrant issued to a district judge, under this act, he may prefer a bill of complaint to any district judge of the United States, setting forth therein the nature and extent of the injury of which he complains; and

The judge may thereupon the judge aforesaid may, if, in his opinion, the case grant an injunction to stay proceedings on such the warrant altogether, or for so much thereof as the nature of the

No injunction case requires; but no injunction shall issue till the party antil bond and see applying for the same shall give bond, and sufficent security, conditioned for the performance of such judgment as shall be awarded against the complaint, in such amount as the judge

Injunction not to granting the injunction shall prescribe; nor shall the issuing impule the lief of such injunction in any manner impair the lien produced by the issuing of such warrant. And the same proceedings shall be had on such injunction as in other cases, except that no answer shall be necessary on the part of the United States;

Damages, if ap and if, upon dissolving the injunction, it shall appear to the plication for the injunction was satisfaction of the judge who shall decide upon the same, merely for delay. In addition to the lawful interest which shall be assessed on all sums which may be found due against the complainant, the said judge is hereby authorized to add such damages as that, with the lawful interest, it shall not exceed the rate of ten per centum per annum on the principal sum.

Injunction, eith'r Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That such injunctions in or out of court, may be granted or dissolved by such judge, either in or out of court.

Persons aggreed by the dissipation of such judge, apply to a judge of either in refusing to issue the injunction, or, if granted, on its the SupremoCourt who may grant dissolution, it shall be competent for such person to lay a copy of the proceedings had before the district judge before a judge of the Supreme Court, to whom authority is hereby given, either to grant the injunction, or permit an appeal, as the case may be, if, in the opinion of such judge of the Supreme Court, the equity of the case requires it; and thereupon the same proceedings shall be had upon such injunction in the circuit court as are prescribed in the district court, and subject to the same conditions in all respects whatsoever.

Approved May 15, 1820. (Vol. 3, p. 592.)

AN ACT to limit the term of office of certain officers therein named, and for other purposes.

Appointment of Sec. 1. He it enacted, &c., That, from and after the passing of this act, all district attorneys, collectors of the customs, naval officers, and surveyors of the customs, navy agents, receivers of public moneys for lands, registers of the land

offices, paymasters in the army, be appointed under the laws of the United States, shall be appointed for the term of four years, but shall be removable from office at pleasure.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful Sums for which are given for the President of the United States, and he is hereby au- may be increased. thorized, from time to time, as in his opinion the interest of the United States may require, to regulate and increase the sums for which the bonds required, or which may be required, by the laws of the United States, to be given by the said officers, and by all other officers employed in the disbursement of the public moneys, under the direction of the war or navy departments, shall be given; and all bonds given in conformity with such regulations shall be as valid and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as if given for the sums respectively mentioned in the laws requiring the same.\*

Approved May 15, 1820. (Vol. 3, p. 582.)

AN ACT further to amend the several acts relative to the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That all moneys approprinted for the use of the War and Navy Departments shall, the treasury for from and after the day and year last aforesaid, be drawn from the use of the the treasury by warrants of the Secretary of the Treasury, Departments. upon the requisitions of the Secretaries of those departments, respectively, countersigned by the Second Comptroller of the Treasury, and registered by the proper Auditor.

Approved May 7, 1822. (Vol. 3, p. 688.)

AN ACT to continue in force "An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy," and also to make further provisions for punishing the crime of piracy.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That if any person Crime of robshall, upon the high seas, or in any open roadstead, or in any racy in certain haven, basin, or bay, or in any river where the sea ebbs and cases, and persons convicted thereof flows, commit the crime of robbery, in or upon any ship or to suffer death. vessel, or upon any of the ship's company of any ship or vessel, or the lading thereof, such person shall be adjudged to be a pirate; and being thereof convicted before the circuit

\* The bond given by a navy agent under his first commission, which was issued during the recess of the Senate, ceases to have effect after the confirmation by the Senate.—(2 Opin., 333.)
Pursers are liable upon their bonds for public stores committed to their charge, even

though such stores are destroyed by inevitable accident.—(4 Opin., 355.)

court of the United States for the district into which he shall be brought, or in which he shall be found, shall suffer death. And if any person engaged in any piratical cruise or enterprise, or being of the crew or ship's company of any piratical ship or vessel, shall land from such ship or vessel, and, on shore, shall commit robbery, such person shall be adjudged a pirate; and on conviction thereof before the circuit court of the United States for the district into which he shall be brought, der certain eir or in which he shall be found, shall suffer death: Provided, That nothing in this section contained shall be construed to deprive any particular State of its jurisdiction over such offences, when committed within the body of a county, or authorize the courts of the United States to try any such offenders, after conviction or acquittance, for the same offence

Jurisdiction uncumstances.

Approved May 15, 1820. (Vol. 3, p. 600.)

in a State court.

AN ACT concerning the disbursement of public money.

When and to

SEC. 1. Be it enacted, &c., That, from and after the passwhom advances of ing of this act, no advance of public money shall be made in any case whatever; but in all cases of contracts for the performance of any service, or the delivery of articles of any description, for the use of the United States, payment shall not exced [exceed] the value of the service rendered, or of the articles delivered previously to such payment: Provided, That it shall be lawful, under the especial direction of the President of the United States, to make such advances to the disbursing officers of the government as may be necessary to the faithful and prompt discharge of their respective duties, and to the fulfilment of the public engagements: And provided, also, That the President of the United States may direct such advances, as he may deem necessary and proper, to such persons in the military and naval service as may be employed on distant stations, where the discharge of the pay and emoluments to which they may be entitled cannot be regularly effected.

[Sec. 2 prescribes the manner in which disbursing officers and agents shall render their accounts, and has been super-

seded by act of July 17, 1862.]

Proceed's ag'nst of this act.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That every officer or persons offending agent of the United States who shall offend against the provisions of the preceding sections shall, by the officer charged with the direction of the department to which such offending officer is responsible, be promptly reported to the President of the United States, and dismissed from the public service: Provided, That in all cases where any officer, in default as aforesaid, shall account to the satisfaction of the President for

such default, he may be continued in office, anything in the

foregoing provision to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That no security given Security or oblito, or obligation entered into with, the government, shall be sations not to be in any wise impaired by the dismissing any officer, or from missal of any offi failrre of the President to dismiss any officer, coming under cer, &c. the provisions of this act.

Approved January 31, 1823. (Vol. 3, p. 723.)

AN ACT respecting the punishment of piracy.

Be it enacted, &c., That, from and after the passage of this District courts to act, the district courts of the United States, in districts where have cognizance in cure to circuit courts are holder shall have cognizance of all where no circuit cases arising under an act of Congress, approved May fifteenth, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, entitled "An act to continue in force an act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy, and also to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy," and shall have the same power and jurisdiction therein as the circuit courts of the United States, under the same act.

Approved March 3, 1823. (Vol. 3, p. 789.)

\* AN ACT to prevent defalcations on the part of the disbursing agents of the government, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted, &c., That no money hereafter appropriated No money apshall be paid to any person, for his compensation, who is in proplated to arrears to the United States, until such person shall have arrears to the accounted for, and paid into the treasury, all sums for which United States. he may be liable: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to balances arising solely from Exceptions. the depreciation of treasury notes received by such person, to be expended in the public service; but in all cases where the pay or salary of any person is withheld, in pursuance of this act, it shall be the duty of the accounting officers, if demanded by the party, his agent or attorney, to report, forth-Balance of with, to the agent of the Treasury Department, the balance be reported. Balance due to due; and it shall be the duty of the said agent, within sixty suit to be comdays thereafter, to order suit to be commenced against such menced. delinquent and his sureties.

Approved January 25, 1828. (Vol. 4, p. 246.)

<sup>\*</sup> An explanatory act of May 20, 1836, vol. 5, p. 31, provides that this act shall not be construed to authorize the pension of any pensioner of the United States to be with-

AN ACT for the better organization of the medical department of the navy of the United States."

Appointment of and surgeous.

Be it enacted, &c., That, from and after the passing of this assistant surgeons act, no person shall receive the appointment of assistant surgeons geon in the navy of the United States, unless he shall have been examined and approved by a board of naval surgeons, who shall be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of the Navy Department; and no person shall receive the appointment of surgeon in the navy of the United States until he shall have served as an assistant surgeon at least two years, on board a public vessel of the United States, at sea, and unless, also, he shall have been examined and approved by a board of surgeons constituted as aforesaid.

Appointment of fleet surgeons.

Se . 2. And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States may designate and appoint, to every fleet or squadron, an experienced and intelligent surgeon, then in the naval service of the United States, to be denominated "surgeon of the fleet." who shall be surgeon of the flag-ship, and who, in addition to his duties as such, shall examine and approve all requisitions for medical and hospital stores for the fleet, and inspect their quality; and who shall, in difficult cases, consult with the surgeons of the several ships, and make records of the character and treatment of diseases, to be transmitted to the Navy Department.

Their duties.

AN ACT to provide for the punishment of offences committed in cutting, destroying, or removing live oak, and other timber or trees, reserved for naval purposes.†

Approved May 24, 1828. (Stat. at Large, Vol. 4, p. 313.)

Persons cutting States.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted, &c., That if any person or persons or destroying live shall cut, or cause or procure to be cut, or aid, assist, or be oak, cedar, or other shall cut, out, cean, or other timber, on lands employed in cutting, or shall wantonly destroy, or cause or reserved for naval purposes, or cut. procure to be wantonly destroyed, or aid, assist, or be employed or removing ployed in wantonly destroying, any live oak or red cedar timber from other trees, or other timber, standing, growing, or being, on any lands of the United States, which, in pursuance of any law passed, or hereafter to be passed, shall have been reserved or purchased for the use of the United States for supplying or furnishing therefrom timber for the navy of the United States; or if any person or persons shall remove, or cause or procure to be removed, or aid, or assist, or be employed in removing, from any such lands which shall have been reserved or purchased as aforesaid, any live oak or red cedar tree or trees, or other timber, unless duly authorized so to do by order, in writing, of a competent officer, and for

<sup>\*</sup>This does not forbid the temporary employment of medical assistants, 3 Opin., 289. † See acts of March 1, 1817, and March 3, 1859.

the use of the navy of the United States; or if any person or persons shall cut, or cause or procure to be cut, or aid, or assist, or be employed in cutting, any live oak or red cedar tree or trees, or other timber on, or shall remove, or cause or procure to be removed, or aid, or assist, or be employed in removing, any live oak or red cedar trees, or other timber, from any other lands of the United States acquired, or hereafter to be acquired, with intent to export, dispose of, use, or employ, the same in any manner whatsoever, other than for the use of the navy of the United States; every such person or rersons so offending, on conviction thereof before any court triple the value. having competent jurisdiction, shall, for every such offence, pay a fine not less than triple the value of the tree or trees, or timber so cut, destroyed, or removed, and shall be im-

prisoned not exceeding twelve months.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That if the master, Vessels employ's owner, or consignee, of any ship or vessel shall, knowingly, timber to be fortake on board any timber cut on lands which shall have been feited. reserved or purchased as aforesaid, without proper authority, and for the use of the navy of the United States; or shall take on board any live oak or red cedar timber cut on any other lands of the United States, with intent to transport the same to any port or place within the United States, or to export the same to any foreign country, the ship or vessel on board of which the same shall be taken, transported, or seized, shall, with her tackle, apparel, and furniture, be wholly forfeited to the United States; and the captain or master of such ship or vessel, wherein the same shall have fined. been exported to any foreign country against the provisions of this act, shall forfeit and pay to the United States a sum

not exceeding one thousand dollars. SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That all penalties and Penalties, how forfeitures incurred under the provisions of this act shall be to be sued for. sued for, recovered, and distributed, and accounted for, under the directions of the Secretary of the Navy, and shall be paid over, one-haif to the informer or informers, if any, or captors, where seized, and the other half to the commissioners of the navy pension fund, for the use of the said fund; and the commissioners of the said fund are hereby authorized to mitigate, in whole, or in part, and on such terms and conditions as penalty. they shall deem proper, and order, in writing, any fine, penalty, or forfeiture, incurred under this act.

Approved March 2, 1831. (Vol. 4, p. 472.)

AN ACT to provide for paying certain arrearages for surveys made by naval officers, and for other purposes.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That, from and after commander of the city of Washington shall cease to act as navy agent; cease to act and that portion of the act of the twenty-seventh of March, navy agent.

to be appointed for

one thousand eight hundred and four, which made it his duty so to do, shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and a Perman'ntag'nt separate and permanent agent shall be appointed as in other to be appointed for cases, in the same manner, entitled to the same compensa-tive navy yard and to be governed. Navy Dep'tment. tion, and under the same responsibilities, and to be governed by the same laws and regulations which now are, or may hereafter be, adopted for other navy agents; and it shall be his duty to act as agent not only for the navy yard in this city, but for the Navy Department, under the direction of the Secretary thereof, in the payment of such accounts and claims as the said Secretary may direct.

Approved July 10, 1832. (Vol. 4, p. 569.)

AN ACT for the regulation of the navy and privateer pension and navy hospital funds.

Secretary of the pital funds.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the commissioners of the Navy constituted trustee of the mayy navy pension and navy hospital funds be, and they are hereby, and privateer pendirected to close all their accounts as trustees of said funds, soon and navy hos and to pay over the balance of cash in their hands, and to assign over and transfer all the certificates of stock, and other property, belonging to said funds, and to the privateer pension fund, to the Treasurer of the United States, for the use of the Secretary of the Navy, for the payment of navy and privateer pensions, and for expenditures on account of navy hospitals, et cetera; and as soon as said assignment and transfer shall be made, the said commissioners shall be, and they are hereby released and discharged from all further trusts connected with said funds, and the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, constituted the trustee of said funds\*; and as such, it shall be his duty to receive applications for pensions, and to grant the same according to the terms of the acts of Congress in such case made and provided, and to direct and control the expenditures out of the navy hospital fund.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of Books opined and act the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to condition of cause books to be opened, and regular accounts to be kept, such funds. showing the condition of the navy and privateer pension

\* By the 11th section of the act for the better government of the navy, approved July 17, 1862, all money accruing or already accrued to the United States from the sale of prizes is to remain forever a fund for the payment of pensions to the officers, seamen, and marines who may be entitled to receive the same; and by resolution of July 1, 1864, the Secretary of the Navy, as trustee of the naval pension fund, is authorized and directed to invest it in registered securities of the United States, &c.

† By the act of March 4, 1840, (5 Stat., 369,) the pension business, transacted to that date in the Navy Department, was transferred to the Commissioner of Pensions, who executed, under direction of the Secretaries of the War and Navy Departments, such duties in relation to the various pension laws as the President should direct; and by the act of March 3, 1849, (9 Stat., 395,) the Secretary of the Interior was authorized to exercise the supervising and appellate powers then exercised by the Secretaries of the War and Navy Departments in relation to all acts of the Commissioner of Pensions. iThe Sceretary of the Navy is therefore relieved from the requirements of this act stated n the clauses italicized, and they fall on the Secretary of the Interior.

funds, the receipts and expenditures thereof, the names of the pensioners, and the dates and amount of their respective pensions, with a statement of the act or acts of Congress under which the same muy be granted; and that he shall annually Abstract to be report to Congress an abstract showing the condition of these reported to Confunds in all these particulars, and the receipts and expenditures during the year; and cause a similar account of the receipts and expenditures of the navy hospital fund to be kept and reported to Congress, annually, in like manner, and at the

same time, with the reports upon the pension funds.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That all the powers Powers and duce conferred and duties imposed by laws now in force on the ers relative to cercommissioners of the navy and privateer pension and navy tain funds transhospital funds be, and they are hereby, transferred to the of the Navy. Secretary of the Navy; and all acts and parts of acts contrary to the provisions of this act be, and they are hereby, repealed.

Approved July 10, 1832. (Vol. 4, p. 572.)

AN ACT for the better organization of the United States marine corps.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the said corps subject to the shall, at all times, be subject to and under the laws and laws of the may, except, &c. regulations which are or may hereafter be established for the better government of the navy, except when detached for service with the army by order of the President of the United States.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the officers, non-perloments. commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, shall take the oath prescribed by law, and that all enlistments shall be for the term of four years, during which period marines, so en- Exempt listed, shall be, and are hereby, exempt from all personal personal arrest for debt, arrest for debt or contract.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the officers of the officers of similar marine corps shall be, in relation to rank, on the same footing grad sin the army. as officers of similar grades in the army: Provided, That no officer of the marine corps shall exercise command over any navy yard or vessel of the United States.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That the officers of the Pay and emolumarine corps shall be atted to, and receive, the same pay, emoluments, and allowances, as are now, or may hereafter be, allowed to officers of similar grades in the infantry of the army, except the adjutant and inspector, who shall be entitled to the same pay, emoluments, and allowances, as are received by the paymaster of said corps; and the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, shall be entitled to the same pay, rations, clothing, and allowances, as they now receive.\*

\* The officers of the corps are allowed the same pay and allowances as officers of the infantry of the army under the act for the better organization of the marine corps, approved June 30, 1834; and the enlisted men the same pay and bounty for re-enlisting Staff.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the staff of said corps shall be taken from the captains or subalterns of the corps.

President to prescribe regulations.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to prescribe such military regulations for the discipline of the marine corps as he may, in his judgment, deem expedient.

Parts of former acts repealed.

Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, That so much of the fourth section of an act passed the sixth day of July, in the

as allowed to the enlisted men of the infantry, under an act approved August 5, 1864. (10 Stat., 586.)

The acts under which the officers and men are now paid are as follows:

Officers.—The act fixing the military peace establishment approved March 16, 1802, (Stat. 2, 132,) establishes the monthly pay and the number of rations allowed to officers.

An act approved March 30, 1814, (Stat. 3, 114,) authorizes servants to officers, and an act approved April 24, 1816, (3 Stat., 299, sec. 12,) fixes the allowance at the amount of pay, rations and clothing of a private soldier. An act approved March 3, 1865, confirms this allowance at the present rate of pay of a private.

An act approved March 30, 1814, (Stat. 3, 114, sec. 6,) and April 24, 1816, (3 Stat., 200 sec. 13) and April 24, 1816, (3 Stat., 200 sec. 13) and April 24, 1816, (3 Stat., 200 sec. 13) and April 24, 1816, (3 Stat., 200 sec. 13) and April 24, 1816, (3 Stat., 200 sec. 13) and April 24, 1816, (3 Stat., 200 sec. 13) and April 24, 1816, (3 Stat., 200 sec. 13) and April 24, 1816, (3 Stat., 200 sec. 14) and April 24, 1816, (3 Stat., 2

299, sec. 12,) each grant an additional ration to subalterns,

An act approved July 5, 1838, (Stat. 5, 258, sec. 15,) grants to all officers below the

grade of general officer an additional ration for every five years' service.

An act to increase the pay of the officers of the army, approved 21st February, 1857, increases the monthly pay of all officers twenty dollars per month, and fixes the price of the ration at thirty cents per ration. The foregoing acts, viz: March 16, 1802, March 30, 1814, April 24, 1816, July 5, 1838, and February 21, 1857, establish the monthly pay, the number of rations, and the servant allowance as now paid to officers. An act approved March 3, 1865, increases the price of rations to fifty cents per ration to officers who do not receive commutation for quarters or fuel, to continue during the present rebellion, after which the price will be thirty cents per ration under the act of February 21, 1857.

An act approved July 17, 1862, (sec. 2, Stat. 12, page 594,) establishes the allowance

of forage.

When quarters and fuel are not furnished by the government, a commutation is allowed, which commutation is governed by regulations of the War Department. Offi-

cers of the marine corps on board ships do not receive these allowances.

All officers of the marine corps below the grade of major are (by regulations of the Navy Department) entitled to ten dollars per month for the responsibility of arms, accoutrements, and clothing, when commanding or on duty as the senior line officer at naval stations on shore, or when commanding the guard of a vessel in commission, the complement of which guard is forty men or upwards.

Officers absent from duty over six menths, either with or without leave, do not receive the allowance for servants, forage, fuel, or quarters, either in kind or commutation, (act August 3, 1861, Stat. 12, 290, sec. 20.) An officer absent from duty with leave, except for sickness or wounds, shall receive but half-pay and allowance, and any officer absent without leave shall forfeit all pay and allowances during such absence,

(act 3d March, 1863, Stat. 12, 736, sec. 31.)

An act approved June 20, 1864, sec. 11, permits a leave of absence for thirty days in

a year without deduction of pay.)

Enlisted men .- An act to increase the pay of soldiers of the army, &c , approved June 20, 1864, establishes the rate of pay under which enlisted men are now paid. This act continues in force during the present rebellion; after which the non-commissioned officers and musicians will be paid under the act of 5th July, 1838, (Stat. 5, 258,) as amended by the act to increase the pay of the rank and file of the army approved August 4, 1854, (Stat. 10, 575,) and the privates under act approved August 6, 1861, (Stat. 12, 326.)

The marine band are paid under an act approved July 29, 1861, (Stat. 12, 280, sec. 4.) and are allowed four dollars per month additional under an act approved 18th August, 1856, (Stat. 11, 118, sec. 5.) The leader of the band is paid under the act of June 20,

year one thousand eight hundred and twelve, entitled "An act making further provision for the army of the United States, and for other purposes," or of any other act, as authorizes the President to confer brevet rank on such officers of the army, or of the marine corps, as shall have served ten years in any one grade, shall be, and the same hereby is repealed; and so much of the second section of an act passed the sixteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, entitled "An act regulating the pay and emoluments of brevet officers," as may be applicable to the clause herein above repealed, shall be, and the same hereby is, also repealed: Prorided, nothing herein shall affect any right already acquired Proviso. by ten years' expired service to brevet rank.

Brevet rank.

Approved June 30, 1834. (Vol. 4, p. 712.)

The following are the acts herein referred to in the ninth section:

AN ACT making further provision for the army of the United States, and for other purposes.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the President is hereby authorized to confer brevet rank on such officers of the army as shall distinguish themselves by gallant actions or meritorious conduct, or who shall have served ten years in any one grade: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to entitle officers so brevetted to any additional pay or emoluments, except when commanding separate posts, districts, or detachments, when they shall be entitled to, and receive, the same pay and emoluments to which officers of the same grades are now, or hereafter may be, allowed by law.

Brevet rank.

Approved July 6, 1812.

AN ACT regulating the pay and emoluments of brevet officers.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, &c.. That the officers of the army, Pay and emolu-who have brevet commissions, shall be entitled to, and receive, missions. the pay and emoluments of their brevet rank when on duty, and having a command according to their brevet rank, and at no other time.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That no brevet com- Howbrytcom-mission shall hereafter be conferred but by and with the ad-missions shall be conferred. vice and consent of the Senate.

Approved April 16, 1818.

AN ACT to regulate the pay of the navy of the United States.

Be it enacted, &c., That from and after the passage of this

act, the annual pay of the officers of the navy of the United States shall be as follows:

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To commanders of squadrons, captains of fleets, and commanders of vessels, five hundred dollars.

\*No officer shall be put on furlough but at his own request, Officers on faclough. and all officers so furloughed shall receive one-half only of the pay to which they would have been entitled if on leave

of absence. Rank of assist-If any assistant surgeon shall have been absent from the ant surgeons und'r circum United States, on duty, at the time others of his date were certain examined, he shall, if not rejected at a subsequent examinastances. tion, be entitled to the same rank with them; and if, from any cause, his relative rank cannot be assigned to him, he will retain his original position on the register.

> SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That no allowance shall hereafter be made to any officer in the naval service of the United States for drawing bills, for receiving or disbursing money, or transacting any business for the government of the United States, nor shall he be allowed servants, or pay for servants, or clothing or rations for them, or pay for the same, nor shall any allowance be made to him for rent of quarters, or to pay rent for furniture, or for lights or fuel, or transporting baggage. It is hereby expressly declared that the yearly allowance provided in this act is all the pay, compensation, and allowance that shall be received under any circumstances whatever by any such officer or person, except for travelling expenses when under orders, for which ten cents per mile . shall be allowed.

Approved March 3, 1835. (Vol. 4, p. 755.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.

SEC. 2. And be it further enucted, That it shall be the ment of expendidaties of the Secretaries of State, of the Treasury, of the find to be made War and Navy Departments \* \* \* to lay before Congress, in lieu of the statement now required by law, during the first week in each annual session of Congress, a statement of the expenditures made by them respectively from the contingent funds of their respective departments, statements to be abstracts of the accounts with the names of all persons to whom payments have been made, and the amount paid to each.

Approved May 9, 1836. (Vol. 5, p. 25.)

allowance for drawing bills. &c.

Annual state. to Congress.

<sup>\*</sup> Words in italies repealed by act of March 3, 1845.

AN ACT to provide for the calistment of boys for the naval service, and to extend the term of the enlistment of seamen.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, &c., That it shall be lawful to enlist Boysmaybeenboys for the navy, with the consent of their parents or guar-Bottom. dians, not being under thirteen nor over eighteen years of age, to serve until they shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years: and it shall be lawful to enlist other persons\* for the navy, Other persons to serve for a period not exceeding five years, unless sooner for five years. discharged by direction of the President of the United States.

Approved March 2, 1837. (Vol. 5, p. 153.)

AN ACT to authorize the President of the United States to cause the public vessels to cruise upon the coast in the winter season, and to relieve distressed navigators.

Be it enacted, &c., That the President of the United States Public vessels to be, and hereby is, authorized to cause any suitable number of cruise upon the public vessels, adapted to the purpose, to cruise upon the coast in the winter for the relief of coast, in the severe portion of the season, when the public distressed nuvigaservice will allow of it, and to afford such aid to distressed tors. navigators as their circumstances and necessities may require; and such public vessels shall go to sea prepared fully to render such assistance.

Approved December 22, 1837. (Vol. 5, p. 208.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine. thirty-nine.

SEC. 3. And be it further excisted, That no officer in any typeers with branch of the public service, or any other person whose sale, it alaries not ries or whose pay or emoluments is or are fixed by law and compensation, recould the sale of the regulations, shall receive any extra allowance or compensation, in any form whatever, for the disbursement of public money, or the performance of any other service, unless the said extra allowance or compensation be authorized by law; t nor shall

\*The term "persons" shall be construed to include marines. Act of March 3, 1845. † This destroys all claims for extra compensation on the ground of extra services; is general in its terms, applying to all who have a fixed compensation.—10 Howard, 141; 1 Curt., cc. 15, and others. This question is discussed in 6 Opin., 583. The Attorney General, referring to the prohibitory acts of March 3, 1839, May 18, 1842, August 23 and 26, 1842, and citing several cases disposed of by the Supreme Court, says: "All concur in establishing the principle that, to enable a salaried officer to receive extra compensation for services rendered to the government, it must be made to appear that the services for which extra compensation is claimed were not such as were ordinarily attached to the duties of the office held, but were performed under a special authority not connected with his regular official duties; or under such circumstances as rendered the extra labor and responsibility assumed by the officer performing it necessary."

Purchase newspapers periodicals.

of any executive officer, other than the heads of departments, apply more than thirty dollars annually, out of the contingent fund under his control, to pay for newspapers, pamphlets, periodicals, or other books or prints not necessary for the business of his office.\*

Approved March 3, 1639. (Vol. 5, p. 349.)

AN ACT making provisions for the payment of pensions to the executors or administrators of deceased pensioners in certain cases.

Payment of penmale pensioners.

Be it enacted, &c., That in case any male pensioner shall sion due deceased die, leaving children, but no widow, the amount of pension due to such pensioner at the time of his death shall be paid to the executor or administrator on the estate of such pensioner, for the sole and exclusive benefit of the children, to be by him distributed among them in equal shares, and the same shall not be considered as a part of the assets of said estate, nor liable to be applied to the payment of the debts of said estate in any case whatever.

Payment of penfemale pensioners.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That in case any pension due deceased sioner who is a widow shall die, leaving children, the amount of pension due at the time of her death shall be paid to the executor or administrator for the benefit of her children, as

directed in the foregoing section.

Payment of pen-

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That in case of the Payment of pen-sion due any de-death of any pensioner, whether male or female, leaving chil-ceased pensioner. dren, the amount of pension may be paid to any one or each of them, as they may prefer, without the intervention of an

administrator. Approved June 19, 1840. (Vol. 5, p. 385.)

AN ACT making appropriate is for the navel service for the year one thousand each hundred and forty.

state-&c.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty Annual state ment of amount of amount of the Secretary of the Navy to cause to be laid before Conference and gress, annually, as soon after the beginning of each year as laborers employed practicable, a statement of the amounts expended during the in repairing build. in repaining and equipping preceding fiscal year for wages of mechanics and laborers vessels to be laid preceding fiscal year for wages of mechanics and laborers vessels to be laid preceding fiscal year for wages of mechanics and laborers vessels to be laid preceding fiscal year for wages of mechanics and laborers vessels to be laid preceding fiscal year for wages of mechanics and laborers vessels to be laid preceding fiscal year for wages of mechanics and laborers vessels to be laid preceding fiscal year for wages of mechanics and laborers vessels to be laid preceding fiscal year for wages of mechanics and laborers vessels to be laid preceding fiscal year for wages of mechanics and laborers vessels to be laid preceding fiscal year for wages of mechanics and laborers vessels to be laid preceding fiscal year for wages of mechanics and laborers vessels to be laid preceding fiscal year for wages of mechanics and laborers vessels to be laid preceding fiscal year for wages of mechanics and laborers vessels to be laid to be navy, or in receiving and securing stores and materials for those purposes; and for the purchase of materials and stores for the same purposes; a statement of the cost or estimated value of the stores on hand, under this appropriation, in the navy yards at the commencement of the next preceding fiscal year; the cost or estimated value of articles received and expended

<sup>\*</sup>See act of August 26, 1842, sections 16 and 19, relative to the purchase of newspapers, periodicals, &c.

during the year; and the cost or estimated value of the articles\* belonging to this appropriation which may be on hand in the navy yards at the close of the next preceding fiscal year. Approved July 20, 1840. (Vol.  $\overline{5}$ , p. 401.)

AN ACT to provide for the payment of navy pensions.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That no officer, sea- Amount to be man, or marine, entitled to a pension from the navy pension from pensioners from pensioners. fund, who receives pay from the public treasury, shall receive sion fund restrict more from the said fund than is sufficient to make the whole amount received from both the above-named sources equal to the pay fixed by law for the grade to which the officer, seaman, or marine may belong, as an officer in the services in which he may be engaged during the year, so that no officer shall receive pay at the same time both as a pensioner and an officer in vice.\*

Approved \_ gust 16, 1841. (Vol. 5, p. 440.)

JOINT RESOLUTION making it the duty of the Attorney General to examine into the titles of the lands or sites for the purpose of erecting thereon armories, and other public works and buildings, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of Attorney Genthe United States of America in Congress assembled, That examination and it shall be the duty of the Attorney General of the United report to the Pres-States to examine into the titles of all the lands or sites which have been purchased by the United States for the purpose of erecting thereon armories, arsenals, forts, fortifications, navy yards, custom-houses, light-houses, or other public buildings of any kind whatever, and report his opinion as to the validity of the title in each case to the President of the United States.

2. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of all the officers of Title papers to the United States, having any of the title papers to the prop-Attorn y General. erty aforesaid in their possession, to furnish them forthwith to the Attorney General, to aid him in the investigation aforesaid.

3. Resolved, That no public money shall be expended upon any site or land hereafter to be purchased by the United Public money States for the purposes aforesaid until the written opinion of notto be expended the Attorney General shall be had in favor of the validity of the clared valid, &c. title, and also the consent of the legislature of the State in which the land or site may be, shall be given to said purchaser.

By the act of March 3, 1865, sec. 1, no invalid pensioner in the service of the United States shall be entitled to draw a pension for any period of time during which he is or shall be entitled to the full pay or salary which an able-bodied person discharg ing like duties to the government is allowed by law.

uttor District neys to furnish assistance.

4. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the district attorneys of the United States, upon the application of the Attorney General, to furnish any assistance or information in their power in relation to the titles of the public property aforesaid lying within their respective districts.

Secretaries euro evidence required.

5. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Secretaries partments to per of the executive departments, upon the application of the additional Attorney General, to procure any additional evidence of title which he may deem necessary, and which may not be in the possession of the officers of government; the expense of procuring which to be paid out of the appropriations made for the contingencies of the departments respectively. 6. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Secretaries

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and executive departments, respectively, under whose dito the State legis rection any lands for the purposes aforesaid may have been latures for jurisdiction and and and any public the United States do not respect said purchased, and over which the United States do not possess jurisdiction, to apply to the legislatures of the States in which the lands are situated for a cession of jurisdiction; and, in case of refusal, to report the same to Congress at the commencement of the next session thereafter.

Approved September 11, 1841. (Vol. 5, p. 468.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the support of the army and of the Military Academy for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-two.

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nacted, That no officer in any SEC. 2. And be it furth ance, additional pay, &c., in cer- branch of the public servitain cases forbid salary, pay, or emoluments, or any other person whose salary, pay, or emoluments, .. or are fixed by law or regulations, shall receive any additional pay, extra allowance, or compensation, in any form whatever, for the disbursement of public money, or for any other service or duty whatsoever, unless the same shall be authorized by law, and the appropriation therefor explicitly set forth that it is for such additional pay, extra allowance, or compensation.

Approved August 23, 1842. (Vol. 5, p. 510.)

AN ACT to regulate the pay of pursers and other officers of the navv.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives All supplies for the navy to be of the United States of America in Congress assembled, the public money. That all purchases of clothing, groceries, stores, and supplies of every description for the use of the navy, as well for vessels in commission as for yards and stations, shall be made with, and out of, the public moneys appropriated for the support of the navy, under such directions and regulations as may be made by the Executive for that purpose; and it shall not be lawful for pursers, or other officers or persons holding commission or employment in the naval service, to pro- to officers or crew cure stores or any other articles or supplies for, and dispose on their own acthereof to the officers or to the crew, during the period of their enlistment, on or for their own account or benefit; nor shall any profit or percentage upon stores or supplies be to be charged on charged to, or received from, persons in the naval service, stores, other than hereinafter preother than those which are hereinafter prescribed.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the Executive duty of the Executive to provide such rules and regulations provide regulations for the purfor the purchase, preservation, and disposition of all articles, class of stores, stores, and supplies for persons in the navy, as may be neces- &c. sary for the safe and economical administration of that branch

of the public service,

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Bondsh'retofore act contained shall be construed to affect the bonds which have by this act. heretofore been given by pursers in the navy, but the same shall remain in full force and effect as if this law had not been passed; and the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized Secretary of the and required to demand and receive from them, or any of new bonds. them, new bonds, with sufficient sureties, in all cases in which he may consider the same necessary and expedient; and in case any purser shall neglect or refuse to give such new bond, ing or refusing to it shall be the duty of the Executive to dismiss him forthwith give the same to be dismissed. from the service.

SEC. 6. And be it further exacted, That it shall not be Advances or money, lawful for a purser in the navy to advance or loan any sum &c., unlawful. or sums of money, public or private, or any article or commodity whatever, or any credit, to any officer in the naval service, under any pretence whatever. \*

SEC. 10. And be it further enacted, That all acts or parts ent with this act of acts which may be contrary to, or inconsistent with, the repeated. provisions of this act, shall be, and are hereby, repealed.

Approved August 26, 1842. (Vol. 5, p. 535.)

\* This section is not repealed by the joint resolution of March 3, 1840, for the relief of pursers, &c., which allows disbursing officers credit for disbursements of public

or pursers, etc., which allows assuring officers creat for assurements of public stores made by order of a communding officer, although abjection may be raised by the accounting officers.

To allow a paymaster to advance or loan to a communding officer on his simple order the funds provided for the expenses of the ship and wages of the erew, would be dangerous to the service and unsafe for the treasury, leaving an open door for collusion and fraud. No credits will be allowed to paymasters for advances or loans hereafter made by orders of commanding officers, no matter how frequent or peremptory such orders may be,-(Circular of Navy Department, March 20, 1855.)

AN ACT legalizing and making appropriations for such necessary objects as have been usually included in the general appropriation bills, without authority of law, and to fix and provide for certain incidental expenses of the departments and officers of the government, and for other purposes.

names or cierks 200.11. And we at further enacted, That it shall be the and other persons duties of the Secretaries of State, of the Treasury, War, and employed in the Navy, \* \* \* to report to Congress at the basing a reported of Congress at the basing and the congress at the congress reported to Con each year, the names of the clerks and other persons that have gress at the combeen employed, respectively, during the preceding year, or any part thereof, in their respective departments and offices, together with the time that each clerk or other person was actually employed, and the sums paid to each; and also whether they have been usefully employed; whether the services of any of them can be dispensed with without detriment to the public service; and whether the removal of any individuals and the appointment of others in their stead is No greater al. required for the better despatch of business; and no greater

lowance to be made than the

be allowance shall be made to any such clerk or other person law allows, except than is or may be authorized by law, except to watchmen and messengers for any labor or services required of them beyoud the particular duties of their respective stations, rendered at such times as does not interfere with the performance of their regular duties.

No allowance or vices.

SEC. 12. And beit further enacted, That no allowance or comcompensation for pensation shall be made to any clerk or other officer, by reason extra work or ser pensation shall be made to any clerk or other officer, by reason of the discharge of duties which belong to any other clerk or officer in the same or any other department; and no allowance or compensation shall be made for any extra services whatever which any clerk or other officer may be required to perform.\*

Duty of chief clerks.

SEC. 13. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of each chief or principal clerk in the respective departments, bureaus, and other offices to supervise, under the direction of his immediately superior officer, the duties of the other clerks therein, and to see that their duties are faithfully executed, and that such duties are distributed with equality and uniformity, according to the nature of the case. such distribution shall be revised from time to time by the said chief or principal clerk for the purpose of correcting any tendency to undue accumulation or reduction of duties, whether arising from individual negligence or incapacity, or from increase or diminution of particular kinds; of business;

\*The separate duties of the several clerks in the department, except where they are specifically designated in particular cases by statute, are assigned to such clerks by the head of the department; and no posterior claim to extra compensation can be founded on the official acts done by a clerk, provided those acts constituted any part of the lawful general duties of the department.—(Opin. 6, 583.) See note to act of March 3, 1839, ante, and act of March 3, 1853, forbidding salary for extra services.

The 4th section of the act approved March 3, 1849, prohibits a clerk or other officer from receiving the salary of a Secretary or head of hurcau for having acted in his stead

while such Secretary or head received such salary.

and such chief or principal clerk shall report monthly to his superior officer any existing defect that he may be aware of in the arrangement or despatch of business; and such defect shall be amended by new arrangements of duties, dismissal of negli-

gent or incompetent officers or otherwise.

SEC. 14. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the several heads of departments in communicating estimates mitting estimates. of expenditures and appropriations to Congress, and to any of the committees thereof, to specify, as nearly as may be convenient, the sources from which such estimates are derived, and the calculations upon which they are founded; and, in so doing, to discriminate between such estimates as are conjectural in their character, and such as are framed upon actual information and application from disbursing officers; and in communicating the several estimates, reference shall be given to the laws and treatics by which they are authorized, the dates thereof, and the volume, page, and section in which the necessary provisions are contained.

SEC. 15. And be it further enacted, That no extra clerk When extra shall be employed in any department, bureau, or office, at the ployed. seat of government, except during the session of Congress, or when indispensably necessary to enable such department, bureau, or office to answer some call made by either house of Congress at one session, to be answered at another; and not then except by order of the head of the department in which, or in some bureau or office of which, such extra clerk shall be employed; and no such extra clerk, for copying, shall receive more than three dollars per day, or for any other ser-allowed. vice more than four dollars per day for the time actually and necessarily employed.

SEC. 16. And be it further enacted, That no messenger, Messengers and assistant messenger, laborer, or other person shall be em-to be employed unployed in any department, bureau, or office at the seat of gov-less under authority or paid out of the contingent find appropriated to ernment, or paid out of the contingent fund appropriated to such department, bureau, or office, unless such employment shall be authorized by law, or shall become necessary to carry into effect some object for which appropriations may be specifically made; and not exceeding one hundred dollars per annum shall be applied by each department (except the De-one hundred dolpartment of State) for the purchase of newspapers for such lars per annum to department, and all the bureaus and offices connected there-purchase of newspapers. with; and such papers shall be preserved as files for said dê-papers. partment.

Sec. 17. And be it further enacted, That all stationery for the depart\* \* of every name and nature for the use of the several ments is to be prodepartments of government, and for the bureaus and offices cured. \* \* \* shall herein those departments at Washington by contract by the lowest after be furnished 米 bidder, as follows: the head of each department shall respectively advertise once a week, for at least four weeks, in one or more of the principal papers published in the places where such articles are to be furnished,

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for sealed proposals for furnishing such articles, or the whole of any particular class of articles, specifying in such advertisement the amount, quantity, and description of such kind of articles to be furnished, and all such proposals shall be kept scaled until the day specified in such advertisement for opening the same, when they shall be opened by, or under the direction of the officer making such advertisement, in the presence of at least two Award of con persons; and the person offering to furnish any class of such articles \* and giving satisfactory security for the performance thereof, under a forfeiture not exceeding twice the contract price in case of failure, shall receive a contract for doing the same;\* and in case the lowest bidder shall fail to enter into such contract and give such security within a reasonable time to be fixed in such advertisement, then the contract shall be given to the next lowest bidder who shall enter into such contract and give such security. And in case of a failure to supply the articles \* \* \* by the person entering into such contract, he and his sureties shall be liable for the forfeiture specified in such contract, as liquidated damages, to be sued for in the name of the United States, in any court

having jurisdiction thereof. The portions of sec 17 omitted relate to the public print-

Bids to be preserved, &c.

ing, which is executed in accordance with other enactments.] Sec. 18. And be it further enacted, That all such bids or proposals shall be returned by the person authorized as aforesaid to receive the same, to the executive department from which such authority is derived, and shall be preserved in said department, subject to such examination as Congress may at any time order and direct.

Application contingent for books, &c.

Sec. 19. And be it further enacted, That no part of the fund contingent fund appropriated to any department, bureau, or office shall be applied to the purchase of books, periodicals, pictures or engravings, or other thing, except such books, periodicals and maps, or other thing, as the head of such department shall deem necessary and proper to carry on the business of such department, and shall by written order direct to be procured for that purpose.

Accounting or

SEC. 25. And be it further enacted, That it shall not at disbursing officers any time hereafter be lawful for any accounting or disbursing certain accounts officer of the government to allow or pay any account or pecial appropria charge whatever, growing out of, or in any way connected with any commission or inquiry, except courts-martial or courts of inquiry in the military or naval service of the United States, until special appropriation shall have been made by law to pay such accounts and charges.

> Approved August 26, 1842. (Vol. 5, p. 523.)

\*A head of a department, advertising according to law for proposals for stationery, is the competent and only judge of the matters of fact involved in the acceptance or rejection of any of the proposals. -(6 Opin., 226.)

AN ACT to regulate the appointment and pay of engineers in the navy of the United States.\*

Be it enacted, &c., \* \* \* \* neither the chief nor the assistant engineers shall hold any other rank than as engineers.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of Enlistment of the Navy shall be authorized to enlist and employ the requi-firemen.

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SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of Uniform for enthe Navy shall be authorized to prescribe a uniform for the for their governsaid chief engineers and assistant engineers, and to make all ment to be prenecessary rules and regulations for the proper arrangement scribed. and government of the corps of engineers and assistant engineers, not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States. The said engineers and assistant engineers Engineers subshall be, in all respects, subject to the laws, rules, and regulations of the lations of the naval service, in like manner with other officers navy.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That \* \* \* assist- Assistant enact engineers shall be appointed by warrant from the Secre- gineers, how appointed.

tary of the Navy, in such form as he may prescribe.

[Sec. 7.] And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of Depots of coal the Navy be and he is hereby, authorized to establish, at authorized such places as he may deem necessary, suitable depots of coal, or other fuel, for the supply of steam ships-of-war.

Approved August 31, 1842. (Vol 5, p. 577.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

Provided, That all provisions and clothing, hemp, and How provisions other materials of every name and nature, for the use of the alsforthenavy are navy, and the transportation thereof, when time will permit, to be procured. shall hereafter be furnished by contract; by the lowest bidder, as follows: the Secretary of the Navy shall advertise once a

\* See act of July 4, 1864, establishing the number of engineers and their pay.
† Not to apply to ordnance, gunpowder, medicines, or the supplies which it may be necessary to purchase out of the United States for vessels on foreign stations, act of March 3, 1845; nor to butter and cheese destined for the use of the navy, or things contraband of war, act of March 3, 1847; nor to tobacco for the navy, act of August 3, 1848; nor to bunting for the navy, act of March 2, 1865. Flour may be procured as Secretary of Navy may deem best, act of March 3, 1863; hemp, in open market, act of March 3, 1851. By the act of September 28, 1850, preference is to be given, in making contracts and purchasing articles for naval purposes, to articles of American growth, production, and manufacture, all other things being equal, including price and quality.—(See act of March 2, 1861, regulating purchases and contracts for supplies in the departments.)

‡ Purchases in open market cannot be resorted to except in cases of and in reference to such articles as are wanted for use so immediate as not to permit of contracts by ad-

vertisement. (4 Opin., 475.)

for and reception of proposals.

Advertisement week for at least four weeks,\* in one or moret of the principal papers published in the place where such articles are to be furnished, for sealed proposals! for furnishing such articles, or the whole of any particular class of articles, specifying in such advertisement the amount, quantity, and description of each kind of articles to be furnished; || and all such proposals shall be kept sealed until the day specified in such advertisement for opening the same, when they shall be opened by or under the direction of the officer making such advertisement, in the presence of at least two persons; § and the Award of con person offering to furnish any class of such articles, and giv-

tract.

ing satisfactory security for the performance thereof, under a forfeiture not exceeding twice the contract price in case of failure, shall receive a contract for furnishing the same; ¶ and in case the lowest bidder shall fail to enter into such contract and give such security within a reasonable time, to be fixed in such advertisement, then the contract shall be given to the next lowest bidder, who shall enter into such contract and

Bids to be pre-give such security; \*\*\* and that all such bids or proposals shall served, &c., and to Con. be preserved and recorded, and reported to Congress at the commencement of every regular session; and the same shall contain a true and faithful abstract of all offers made, embracing as well those which are rejected as those which are accepted. The said abstract shall embrace the names of the party or parties offering, the terms proposed, the sums demanded, and the length of time the agreement is to continue. And in case of a failure to supply the articles, or to perform the work, by the person entering into such contract, he and his sureties shall be liable for the forfeiture specified in such contract, as liquidated damages, to be sued for in the name of the United States, in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

Approved March 3, 1843. (Vol. 5, p. 617.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-four.

Be it enacted, &c., \* \* \* for survey of the coast of the Survey of the const—how to be United States: \* \* \* Provided, That this and all other ap-

\*This is repealed by act of September 28, 1850, so far as relates to proposals for transportation for supplies for the use of the navy which advertisements may be made for a period of not less than five days.

† See act of March 3, 1845, section 12, as to advertisements in papers in Washington.

t All proposals to be accompanied by a written guarantee, &c.; act of August 10, 1846. By act of August 5, 1854, the classes only of materials are to be stated in the ad-

vertisements. All persons offering bids have the right to be present when the bids are opened and

of Au persons offering mas have the right to be present when the bids are opened and to inspect the same; act of March 3, 4863.

The See joint resolution of March 3, 1863, and act of July 4, 1864, amending it, as to what bids may be rejected and who are not to be received as sureties; also act of July 17, 1862, prohibiting the transfer of interest in contracts.

\*\*The clause in italics has been modified by act of August 10, 1846, which provides that if the accepted bidders fail to enter into an obligation within the time prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, he "shall proceed to contract with some other person or persons for furnishing the said supplies."

propriations hereafter to be made for this work shall, until otherwise provided by law, be expended in accordance with a plan\* of reorganizing the mode of executing the survey, to be submitted to the President of the United States, by a board of officers, which shall be organized by him, to consist of the present superintendent, his two principal assistants, and the two naval officers now in charge of the hydrographical parties, and four from among the principal officers of the corps of topographical engineers; none of whom shall receive any additional compensation whatever for this service, and who shall sit as soon as organized. And the President of the United States shall adopt and carry into effect the plan of said board, as agreed upon by a majority of its members; and the plan Employment of said board shall cause to be employed as many officers of ficers. the army and navy of the United States as will be compatible with the successful prosecution of the work; the officers of the navy to be employed on the hydrographical parts, and

- \* Plan for the reorganization of the survey of the coast, as adopted by a board convened on the 20th March, 1843, by direction of the President of the United States, in compliance with a provise in the bill making an appropriation for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government, passed March 3, 1843.
- 8. The chiefs of the hydrographical parties shall be appointed by the Navy Department, upon the personal nomination of the department having charge of the work, from among such officers as can be assigned to the service; and they will, as often as may be necessary, report to the department having charge of the work the number and grades of such way to find the first service. and grades of such naval officers, petty officers, and men, as may be required to fill the subordinate stations of the work, who shall, upon the application of the department having charge of the work, be supplied by the Navy Department.
- 16. Officers of the army and navy detailed in charge of parties on the coast survey shall not be relieved therefrom, unless under a pressing exigency for their services nor without notice to the department having charge of the work.
- 20. All vacancies which may occur hereafter in the scientific department of the coast survey shall be supplied from the army, if having reference to the operations upon land; and from the navy, if in reference to the operations upon the water; and applications shall be immediately addressed to that effect to the department having charge of the work; which department shall thereupon address an application for the necessary detail to fill the vacancy to the Secretary of War, or to the Secretary of the Navy, as the case may be.

21. That such proportion of sail and steam vessels be employed upon the hydrographical parts of the work as may, in the opinion of the department having charge of the work, be best calculated to advance the progress and economy of the survey.

The President approves the foregoing plan of reorganizing the mode of executing the coastsurvey, with this expression of his construction of so much of the 8th article as relates to the appointment of the chiefs of the hydrographical parties, and the same is to be understood and executed accordingly, viz: That the Secretary of the Navy shall assign such officers of the navy as he shall see fit, to be the chiefs of the hydrographical parties of the parties of the same than the same than the same transfer of the same is to be understood and executed accordingly. such officers of the navy as he shall see fit, to be the chiefs of the hydrographical parties, when so requested by the Treasury Department; which officers are not by such appointment to be considered as permanently attached to that service, but liable at any time to be substituted by others, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy.

The charge of the survey of the coast is continued in the Treasury Department, and is to be under its control; and the Secretary of the Treasury will be the medium of communication with the persons employed in the survey, to whom all reports will be made, and from whom all directions on the subject will be received.

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the officers of the army on the topographical parts of the work; and no officer of the army or navy shall hereafter receive any extra pay out of this or any future appropriations for surveys.

Approved March 3, 1843. (Vol. 5, p. 640.)

AN ACT to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue.

No exchange of

SEC. 20. And be it further enacted, That no exchange of finds except for funds shall be made by any disbursing officers or agents of the government, of any grade or denomination whatsoever, or connected with any branch of the public service, other than

cordingly.

Disbursing om an exchange for gold and silver; and every such disbursing cers when furnish-officer, when the means for his disbursements are furnished ed with gold and silver shall make his payments in the money so furnished; or when those means are furnished to When furnished him in drafts, shall cause those drafts to be presented at their

in drafts, course to place of payment, and properly paid according to the law, be pursued. and shall make his payments in the money so received for the drafts furnished, unless in either case he can exchange the Persons violating means in his hands for gold and silver at par. And it shall

this section to be be, and is hereby, made the duty of the head of the proper reported to the department immediately to suspend from duty any disbursing officer who shall violate the provisions of this section, and forthwith to report the name of the officer or agent to the President, with the fact of the violation and all the circumstances accompanying the same and within the knowledge of the said Secretary, to the end that such officer or agent may be promptly removed from office, or restored to his trust and the performance of his duties, as to the President may seem just and proper.

> Approved August 6, 1846. (Vol. 9, p. 64.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensioners of the United States for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

No pension to a Be it enacted, &c., Provided, That no pension widow for a time shall be hereafter granted to a widow for the same time that ceived one, her husband received one: And provided, also, That no per-

Pension and pay son in the army, navy, or marine corps shall be allowed to not to be drawn at draw both a pension as an invalid and the pay of his rank or same time, except, draw both a pension as an invalid and the pay of his rank or station in the service, unless the alleged disability for which the pension was granted be such as to have occasioned his

employment in a lower grade, or in some civil branch of the

Approved April 30, 1844. (Vol. 5, p. 656.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-five.

Be it enacted, &c., \* \* \* and it is hereby directed competent com-that the Secretary of the Navy shall order a competent com-missioned or warrant officer of the navy to take charge of the take charge of na-val stores for fornaval stores for foreign squadrons, in the placet of naval val stores for forestores on the control of the first squadrons. storekeepers, at each of the foreign ports where said stores may be deposited, and where a storekeeper is necessary: Provided, That said officers shall be required to give a bond, in May be required such amount as may be fixed by the Secretary of the Navy, to give bond. for the faithful performance of his duty: And provided also, That the annual compensation for all his services, except Compensation. travelling, shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, &c., \* \* \* that no Persons perform person shall be employed or continued abroad to receive and ing the duties of pay money for the use of the naval service on foreign sta-&c., to be continued, whether under contract or otherwise, or to perform the ate. SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, &c., duties usually performed by navy agents, who has not been or shall not be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Approved June 17, 1844. (Vol. 5, p. 699.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-five, and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. For survey of the coast: Provided, That officers Employment of of the army and navy shall, as far as practicable, be employed officers in survey. in the work whenever and in the manner required by the ing the coast.

department having charge thereof.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That whenever, here-Estimates to be after, in submitting to Congress the annual estimates from the explanatins, plans, several executive departments of the government, it shall be &c. found that the usual items of such estimates vary materially in amount from the appropriation ordinarily asked for the object named, and especially from the appropriation granted for the same objects for the year next preceding, and whenever

<sup>\*</sup> Not to be construed as to exclude officers, seamen, or marines from their pensions when disabled for sea service: Provided, That the whole amount received by the persioner, including pay for his service and pensions, shall not exceed his lowest duty pay.—(Act of August 11, 1848.)
† Citizens may be appointed to take charge of stores on foreign stations.—(Act of

accompanied with plans, &c.

Estimates to be new items not theretofore usual shall be introduced into such estimates for any year, the estimates shall be accompanied by minute and full explanations from the head of the appropriate department, of all such variations and new items, setting forth the reasons and grounds upon which the amounts are required, and the different items added; and whenever any such estimate, whether annual or special, shall ask an appropriation for any new specific expenditure, such as the construction of a fort, the erection of a custom-house, or other public building, or the construction of any other public work requiring a plan before the building or work can be properly completed, every such estimate shall be accompanied by a full plan and detailed estimates of the cost of the whole work; and all subsequent estimates for every such work shall give the original estimated cost, the aggregate amount theretofore appropriated for the same, and the amount actually expended thereupon, as well as the amount asked for the current year for which such estimates shall be made; and whenever any such subsequent estimate shall ask for an appropriation for any such work beyond the original estimate of the cost, the full reasons for the excess, and the extent of the anticipated excess, shall be also stated.

Approved June 17, 1844. (Vol. 5, p. 681.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-six.

Naval construct ors; duty and trav elling expenses.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That naval constructors may be required to perform duty at any navy yard or other station; and, when so ordered, shall be entitled to the same allowance for travel which is made to officers of the navy.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted. That so much of the proviso to the act of third March, eighteen hundred and fortythree, entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the half-calendar year beginning the first of January and ending the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-three, and for the fiscal year beginning the first of July, eighteen hundred and forty-three, and ending the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-four," as requires that provisions, and all other materials of every name and nature, for the use of the navy, to be furnished by contract, with the lowest bidder, after advertisement, shall be,

Precurement of and the same is hereby, so far modified that it shall not apply ordn'nee, guspow-to ordnance, guspowder, medicines, or the supplies which it supplies for ves may be necessary to purchase out of the United States for sels on foreign sta-sels on foreign stations.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, That \* \* chief en Appointment gineers of the navy shall be appointed by the President, by Appointment of and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, That the term "persons," The term "permentioned in the second and third sections of an act passed in a certain act to March second, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, include marines. entitled "An act to provide for the enlistment of boys for the naval service, and to extend the term of enlistment of seamen," shall be construed to include marines.

SEC. 12. Be it further enacted, That in all cases where Advertisements proposals for any contract, or contracts, to be made by any to be published. of the executive departments or bureaus, and in all cases where notices of any description, issuing from the same, are now required by law to be advertised, the same shall be advertised by publication in the two newspapers, in the city of Washington, having the largest permanent subscription, and, at the discretion of the Executive, in any third paper that may be published in said city: Provided, That the charges for such publications shall not be higher than such as are paid by individuals for advertising in said papers: And provided also, That the same publications shall be made in each of said papers equally as to frequency.

Approved March 3, 1845. (Vol. 5, p. 790.)

AN ACT to amend the act entitled "An act to, ment of boys for the naval service, and to m of enlistment of seamen."

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ners of the United States. (Vol. 5, p. 725.)

in relation to the payment of claims.

That whenever a claim on the United States Payment of hall hereafter have been allowed by a resolution or claims on the United States. ongress and thereby directed to be paid, the money shall not, nor shall any part thereof, be paid to any person or persons other than the claimant or claimants, his or their executor or executors, administrator or administrators, unless such person or persons shall produce to the proper disbursing



Warrant of at-officer a warrant of attorney, executed by such claimant or duced by other claimants, executor or executors, administrator or administrapersons than tors, after the enactment of the resolution or act allowing the claimants. claim: and every such warrant of at they shall refer to such resolution or act, and expressly recite the amount allowed thereby, and shall be attested by two competent witnesses and be acknowledged by the person or persons executing it, before an officer having authority to take the acknowledgment of deeds, who shall certify such acknowledgment; and it shall appear by such certificate that such officer, at the time of the making of such acknowledgment, read and fully explained such warrant of attorney to the person or persons

> acknowledging the same.\* Approved July 29, 1846. (Vol. 9, p. 41.)

AN ACT reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes.

Person in the navel of the Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, That no officer, or to imply the other person connected with the navy of the United States, sels of senited shall, under any pretence, import in any ship or vessel of the States in loss subject to duty. United States any goods, wares, or merchandise liable to the payment of any duty.

Arroved July 30, 1846. (Vol. 9, p. 44.)

AN ACT m iations for the naval service for the year endusand eight hundred and forty-seven. ing June

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m Th}.$ the public interest tinue certain civil hereby, authorized, will permit it, to disc ars t and employments herein prov charge the keepers of ma to be performed by gunner

No payments by Marine Corps.—Provided, T wirtine of a commission of briga- after be made to the colonel, or any dier general by by virtue of a commission of brigadie

Proposals for na-Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That, val supplies to be accompanied by a passage of this act, every proposal for naval written guaran by the Secretary of the Navy, under the proviso tee, &c.

\* The provisions of this act apply and extend to all claims against the United States, whether allowed by special acts of Congress or arising under general laws or treaties, or in any other manner whatever.—(Act of February 26, 1253, 10 Stat., 170.) † Naval constructors, inspectors, storekeepers, &c.

eral appropriation bill for the navy, approved March third, eighteen hundred and forty-three, shall be accompanied by a written guaranty, signed by one or more responsible persons, to the effect that he or they undertake that the bidder or bidders will, if his or their bid be accepted, enter into an obligation in such time as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, with good and sufficient sureties, to turnish the supplies proposed. No proposal shall be considered unless accompanied by such guaranty. If, after the acceptance of Proceedings in a proposal, and a notification thereof to the bidder or bidders, bidders to enter he or they shall fail to enter into an obligation within the into obligation to time proceeding by the Secretary of the Marry with good and fuffil contract. time prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, with good and sufficient sureties for furnishing the supplies, then the Secretary of the Navy shall proceed to contract with some other person or persons for furnishing the said supplies; and shall forthwith cause the difference between the amount contained in the proposal so guaranteed and the amount for which he may have contracted for furnishing the said supplies, for the whole period of the proposal, to be charged up against said bidder or bidders, and his or their guarantor or guarantors; and the same may be immediately recovered by the United States, for the use of the Navy Department, in an action of debt against either or all of said persons.

Approved August 10, 1846. (Vol. 9, p. 97.)

AN ACT for the increase of the marine corps of the United States.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the provisions of an act passed the thirtie'h of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, entitled "An act for the better organization of the United States marine corps," be, and the same are hereby, made applicable, in all respects, to the provisions of this act: Provided, however, That, notwithstanding anything in said act Staff of the mato the contrary, the staff of the marine corps be, and the rine corps separated from the line of wild corps, the rated from the same is hereby, separated from the line of said corps, the line. officers of the former to receive the same pay and emoluments they now receive by law, and to hold the same assimilated of staff officers. rank, to wit: quartermasters, paymisters, and adjutants, and inspectors, the rank of major, and assistant quartermasters the rank of captain.

Approved March 2, 1847. (Vol. 9, p. 154.)

A \* ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

Be it enacted, &c., That, from and after the passage of the Moneys from sale act, all moneys derived from the sale of all stores and other of articles belong-

revert to the ap articles belonging to the navy shall revert to that appropriapropriation from articles belonging to the navy shall revert to that appropriation such articles were originally when such articles were originally and it shall not be lawful eles were pur purchased,

Transfers from hereafter to make transfers from the clothing fund, or the the appropriation head of the appropriation for "clothing for the navy," to any the navy "unlaw-other head of appropriation, except in the adjustment of the ful, except in ad accounts of disbursing officers, at the office of the Fourth justing accounts. Auditor of the Treasury.

Act limit'g numcarpenters, snilmukers.

That the first section\* of the act of fourth of August, ber of officers not eighteen hundred and forty-two, entitled "An act making to apply to boat eighteen hundred and forty-two, entitled "An act making swalls, gumers appropriations for the naval service for the year one thousand and eight hundred and forty-two," shall not be construed as applying to the appointment of boatswains, gunners, carpenters,

and sailmakers. SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That so much of the proviso of the act of third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-three, entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the first of January and ending the thirtieth day of June, (ighteen hundred and forty-four," as requires that provisions and all other materials of every name and nature, for the use of the Contracts for but navy, be furnished by contract with the lowest bidder, after

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SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the act of June seventeen, eighteen hundred and forty-four, entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and forty five," which directs "that the Secretary of the Navy shall order a competent commissioned or warrant officer of the navy to take charge of the naval stores for foreign squadrons, in place of naval storckeepers, at each of the foreign ports where said stores may be deposited, and where a storckeeper is necessary," be, and the same is hereby, so far modified as to authorize the selection and appointment of Caizens may be citizens other than naval officers to be storek epers on foreign charge of stores on stations, when suitable naval officers cannot be ordered on such service, or when, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Navy, the public interest will be promoted thereby. Persons so selected and appointed to receive the same compensation as now allowed, and to enter into bond, with security, as is

required by law of officers of the navy performing said

foreign stations.

Compensation. Bonds.

service.

\*This section limited the number of officers in the navy, until Congress should otherwise order, to the number in the respective grades that were in service on the 1st day of January, 1842.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the pay of firemen pay of firemen and coal-heavers employed in the naval service shall here-and coal-heavers after be fixed by the President of the United States, in the same manner as is now provided by law for the pay of other petty officers, and of scamen, ordinary scamen, and marines.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That in every case of SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That in every case of Settlement of the loss or capture of a vessel belonging to the navy of the pursors of lost or United States, the accounting officers of the treasury, under captured vessels. the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, shall be, and they are hereby, authorized, in the settlement of the accounts of the purser of such vessel, to credit him with such portion of the amount of the provisions, clothing, small stores, and money, with which he stands charged on the books of the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury, as they shall be satisfied was inevitably lost by such capture, or loss of a public vessel; and such purser shall be fully exonerated by such credit from all liability on account of the provisions, clothing, small stores, and money, so proved to have been captured or lost.

Approved March 3,1847. (Vol. 9, p. 169.)

AN ACT to provide for the punishment of piracy in certain cases.

Be it enacted, &c., That any subject or citizen of any When subjects foreign state, who shall be found and taken on the sea, making eign states may be war upon the United States, or cruising against the vessels declared pirates and property thereof, or of the citizens of the same, contrary to the provisions of any treaty existing between the United States and the state of which such person is a citizen or subject, when by such treaty such acts of such persons are declared to be piracy, may be arraigned, tried, convicted, and punished before any circuit court of the United States for the district into which such person may be brought, or shall be found, in the same manner as other persons charged with piracy may be arraigned, tried, convicted, and punished in said courts.

Approved March 3, 1847. (Vol. 9, p. 175.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year end-ing the thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

Sec. 6. That when any master in the navy, or passed Masters or passed midshipmen, permidshipmen,\* holding an acting appointment as master from forming the duty the Secretary of the Navy, has performed, or shall hereafter be allowed the pay perform, the duty of a lieutenant, under an order of the compact of a master, &c. mander of the vessel to which he was or shall be at the time attached, to supply a deficiency in the established comple-

<sup>\*</sup> Grade of passed midshipman since abolished.

ment of lieutenants of said vessels, whether belonging to a squadron or on separate service, which order shall have been subsequently approved by the Secretary of the Navy, [he] shall be allowed the pay of a master for the period or periods during which he shall have performed such duty.

Professors

SEC. 12. That the number of professors of mathematics in math matter, the navy shall not exceed twelve; \* that they shall be appointment, the navy shall not exceed twelve; \* that they shall be appointment, and duties.

pointed and commissioned by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by order of the Secretary of the Navy, at the Naval School, the Observatory, and on board ships-of-war, in instructing the midshipmen of the navy, or otherwise.

Provision for persons in the naval become insane.

SEC. 13. That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is sons in the naval hereby, authorized to cause persons in the naval service or corps who shall marine corps, who shall become insane while in the service, to be placed in such lunatic hospitalt as in his opinion will be most convenient and best calculated to promise a restoration of reason; and that in addition to the pay which may from time to time be due to such person, he may, from the annual appropriation for the naval service, under the head of contingent enumerated, pay any deficiency of a reasonable expense; provided, that in each case it does not exceed one hundred dollars per annum.

Approved August 3, 1848. (Vol. 9, p. 266.)

JOINT RESOLUTION concerning certain portions of the marine and ordnance corps.

Bounty land to 1. That the officers, non-commissioned officers, privates, officers, privates, and musicians of the marine corps, who have served with marine corps, &c. the army in the war with Mexico, and also the artificers and laborers of the ordnance corps serving in said war, be placed, in all respects, as to bounty land and other remuneration, in addition to ordinary pay, on a footing with the officers, non-commissioned officers, privates, and musicians of the army: Provided, That this remuneration shall be in lieu of

prize money and all other extra allowances.

Bounty to noncommissioned offiing.

2 That the non-commissioned officers of the marine corps commissioned om-cers on re-enlist shall be entitled to the same bounty for re-enlistment as is now or may hereafter be received by the non-commissioned officers of the army.

Approved August 10, 1848. (Vol. 9, p. 340.)

\* Three additional professors authorized, viz: a professor of ethics and English studies, a professor of Spanish, and a professor of drawing, at the Naval Academy. Act of May 21, 1864.

t See acts establishing Government Hospital for the Insane, the admission of insane persons of the navy thereto, and providing for their comfort.—March 3, 1855; June 1, 1860; and July 2, 1864. AN ACT renewing certain naval pensions, and extending the benefits of existing laws respecting naval pensions, to engineers, firemen, and coal-heavers in the navy, and to their widows.\*

Be it enacted, &c., That all those widows and such child or children as are now receiving a pension under any of the and children. laws of Congress passed prior to the first of August, eighteen hundred and forty-one, (excepting the law passed the third of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven,) and those widows and children who have received pensions at any time within five years prior to the passage of this act, may and shall continue to receive the same amount as they have received under any special act, from the time such special act expired: Provided, Such act ceased on or after the first day of September, eighteen hundred and forty-five, or may hereafter terminate. And all such pensions as are now in force, and such as are renewed by this act, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, so long as the said widows shall live as widows; and in case of the death, before or after the passage of this act, of the widows, to the orphan child or children of the deceased parties, until they respectively arrive at the age of sixteen years; and to the child or children of said widows in case of marriage by said widows, until said child or children shall respectively arrive at the age of sixteen years; and that the act approved thirtieth April, eighteen hundred and forty-four, shall act of April 30, not be so construct as to construct and forty-four shall act of April 30, not be so construed as to exclude officers, seamen, or marines from their pensions when disabled for sea service: Provided, That the whole amount received by the pensioner, including pay for his service and pension, shall not exceed his lowest duty pay. That the orphan child or children of the deceased parties shall have a pension in case the widow has died after drawing a five years' pension, to commence at the time when the widow dies, and to continue until the child or children shall respectively reach the age of sixteen years; and that any casualty by which an officer, seaman, or marine has lost or may lose his life while in the line of his duty, shall be considered sufficient to entitle the widow, child or children to all the benefits of this act.

Renewal of pensions to widows

Rate of pension

[Sec. 2 fixes the pensions of engineers, firemen, and coalheavers, and is supplied by the act of July 14, 1862.1

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the amount of pension in every case arising under this law is not to exceed not to exceed half the half-pay of the deceased officer, seaman, or marine as it existed in January, 1835, or such rate of pension as is allowed by this act.

Approved August 11, 1848. (Vol. 9, p. 282.)

\*See act of July 14, 1862, and supplementary acts of July 4, 1864, and March 3, 1865, in reference to pensions to persons disabled and dying in the service, from wounds received or disease contracted therein, subsequent to March 4, 1861. † Ante, page 60.

AN ACT for authenticating certain records.

Certified copies in law.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That all books, papers, from records of documents, and records, in the War, Navy, Treasury, and to have full force Post Office Departments, and the Attorney General's office, may be copied and certified under seal in the same manner as those in the State Department may now by law be,\* and with the same force and effect, and the said Attorney General shall cause a seal to be made and provided for his office, with such device as the President of the United States shall approve.

Approved February 22, 1849. (Vol. 9, p. 346.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Secretary of the to be sold, &c.

that the Secretary Provided, Navy may cause of the Navy may, when in his opinion the interest of naviany nauticliworks of the Navy may, when in his opinion the interest of naviany nauticliworks gation would be promoted thereby, cause any nautical works that may, from time to time, be published by the hydrographical office, to be sold at cost, and the proceeds arising therefrom to be placed in the treasury of the United States.

MARINE CORPS .- Provided, That the President of the be substituted for United States may substitute marines for landsmen in the navy, as far as he may deem it expedient to promote the navy. efficiency of the service.

Retention of pay corps.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That the retention of or musicians and priprivates of marine one dollar per month from the pay of the musicians and privates of the marine corps, directed by the act of second of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, † be extended, as in the case of the musicians and privates of the army, to the whole term of their enlistment.

Approved March 3, 1849. (Vol. 9, p. 374.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and for other purposes.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That no clerk or other No person to receive salary for officer shall receive the salary of any Secretary or head of performing duties of any Secretary, bureau for acting or having acted in his place or office while said Secretary or head of bureau receives such salary.

Approved March 3, 1849. (Vol. 9, p. 370.)

\* The 5th section of the act of September 15, 1789, (1 Stat., 68,) directs a seal of office to be made for the State Department, and all copies of records and papers in the said office, authenticated under the said seal, shall be evidence equally as the original record or paper.

f This act provided that one dollar of the monthly pay of every musician and private soldier be retained until the expiration of the first two years of their enlistment, when each should receive the retained pay which had so accrued, provided he shall have served honestly and faithfully that portion of the term of his first enlistment.—(4 Stat., 647.)

JOINT RESOLUTION for the relief of pursers in the navy as to expenditures made in pursuance of orders during the war with Mexico, and for other purposes.

SEC. 2. And be it further resolved, That every disbursements ment of public moneys, or disposal of public stores, made by by order of com-SEC. 2. And be it further resolved, That every disburseorder of any commanding officer of the navy, which shall be manding officer. objected to by the accounting officers of the treasury in the settlement of the accounts of any disbursing officer, shall nevertheless be allowed to such disbursing officer; and the commanding officer by whose order such disbursement or disposal was made shall be held accountable for the same: Provided, That satisfactory evidence of such order, and of the payment of public moneys or disposal of public stores under the same, shall be produced.\*

Approved March 3, 1849. (Vol. 9, p. 419.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

And that hereafter such advertisements†

shall be made for a period of not less than five days:

Transportation advertisements.

Provided, That flogging in the navy, and on board vessels of commerce, be, and the same is hereby, abolished from and ished in the mayy. after the passage of this act.

Flogging abol-

Provided, That hereafter the meridian of the observatory at Washington shall be adopted and used as the American astronomical and naudical purposes. meridian for all astronomical purposes, and that the meridian of Greenwich shall be adopted for all nautical purposes.

Meridians

And the Secretary of the Navy is hereby directed, in In contracts and making contracts and purchases of articles for naval purchases preferences, to give the preference, all other things (including price to articles of American growth and quality) being equal, to articles of the growth, produc- ican growth. tion, and manufacture of the United States; and that in the article of fuel for the navy, or naval stations and yards, the Secretary of the Navy shall have power to discriminate for the navy. and purchase, in such manner as he may deem proper, that kind of fuel which is best adapted to the purpose for which it is to be used.

Purchase of fuel

\*This resolution does not repeal or modify the laws of January 31, 1823, and August 26, 1842, respecting advances and loans, and does not authorize an advance of public moneys by the paymaster to the commanding officer, or to any other person on his order. The disbursement presupposes an indebtedness, and whether the objects for which the indebtedness accrued were sanctioned or not by law or regulation, the paymaster would be entitled to a credit for payment therefor, when made by order of the commanding officer. But the disbursement must be for some service rendered or article furnished.—(Navy Department circular of March 20, 1855.)

t For proposals for transportation for supplies for the use of the navy, under act of

March 3, 1843.

Pay of the superintendent of naval school.

And the pay of the superintendent of the naval school at Annapolis shall be at the rate allowed to an officer of his rank when in service at sea.

Approved September 28, 1850. (Vol. 9, p. 513.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending June thirty, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and for other purposes.

One individual

Be it enacted, &c., Provided, however, That not to receive salt hereafter the proper accounting officers of the treasury, or aries of two differ. hereafter the proper accounting officers of the treasury, or other pay officers of the United States, shall in no case allow any pay to one individual the salaries of two different offices on account of having performed the duties thereof at the same time. But this prohibition shall not extend to the superintendents of the executive buildings.

Approved September 30, 1850. (Vol. 9, p. 542.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

To whom rations Be it further enacted, That shall not be at person not actually attached to, and doing duty on board a sea-going or receiving vessel, and the petty officers, seamen, and ordinary seamen attached to the ordinary of the navy yards, shall be allowed a ration. And provided, further,

for the sick.

Rations stopped That no rations stopped for the sick on board vessels shall be credited to the hospital fund, but shall remain and be accounted for by the purser as a part of the provisions of the vessels, and that the rations of officers and others of the navy, sent to hospitals on shore, shall be credited to the hospital fund at the cost only thereof; and the chief of the Bureau Regulations in of Provisions and Clothing, with the approbation of the Sec-

scribed.

relation to stopped retary of the Navy, shall prescribe all such regulations in relation to stopping such rations as will insure a faithful accountability for the rations stopped for the sick on board vessels, and to insure due credit to the hospital fund for the rations at cost of those sent to the hospitals on shore.

Purchase American hemp in open market.

of Provided, That the Secretary of the Navy shall hereafter purchase for the use of the navy, in open market, if to be procured, American hemp of a quality equal to the best foreign article.\*

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That if any assistant Examination of engineers. engineer shall have been absent from the United States on duty

\*The act of June 12, 1858, forbids the purchase of any larger quantity of foreign hemp than is required to meet the supply of the American article, provided that hemp of American growth of like quality can be purchased at the same price as hemp of foreign growth.

at the time others of his date were examined, he shall, if not rejected at a subsequent examination, be entitled to the same rank with them; \* and if, from any cause, his relative rank cannot be assigned to him, he shall retain his original position on the register.

Approved March 3, 1851. (Vol. 9, p. 621.)

AN ACT to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

Provided, That no officer of the United States, who is in Public officers attendance upon any court of the United States, in the dis-witnesses on becharge of the duties of said office, shall receive any pay or half of the gov-compensation for his attendance as a witness on behalf of the ernment. government at the same time that he receives compensation as such officer.

Approved July 21, 1852. (Vol. 10, p. 22.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and for other purposes.

SEC. 10. And be it further enacted, That where any moneys Unexpended balshall have remained unexpended upon any appropriations by appropriations to law, other than for the payment of interest on the funded be carried to the debt or the payment of interest and resimbly secured according debt, or the payment of interest and reimbursement according to contract of any loan or loans made on account of the United States, as likewise moneys appropriated for a purpose in respect to which a larger duration is specially assigned by law, for more than two years after the expiration of the fiscal year in which the act shall have been passed, all and any such appropriations shall be deemed to have ceased and been determined, and the moneys so unexpended shall be immediately thereafter carried, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, to the account on the books of the treasury denominated the "surplus fund," to remain like other unappropriated not to be apted moneys in the treasury, and it shall not be lawful, for any piled to other pure the content of the content cause or pretence whatsoever, to transfer, withdraw, apply, poses without and specior use for any purpose whatever, any moneys carried as its appropriations aforesaid to the surplus fund without further and specific ap- by law. propriations by law.

SEC. 18. And be it further enacted, That no person here-officers with an after who holds, or shall hold, any office under the government \$2,500 not to reof the United States, whose salary or annual compensation ceive compensa-

"The 16th section of the act of July 16, 1862, gives them the increased rate of pay from time they were entitled to examination.

other office.

tion for discharg shall amount to the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, ing duties of any shall receive compensation for discharging the duties of any other office.

Approved August 31, 1852. (Vol. 10, p. 76.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and for other purposes.

Chiefs of bureaus not to publish their expense.

SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawreports at public ful for the officer or person in charge of any bureau or office in any of the departments of the government to print, or cause to be printed, at the public expense, any report he may make to the President of the United States, or to the head of any of the departments.

Approved August 31, 1852. (Vol. 10, p. 98.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That all acts or parts of acts authorizing the President of the United States, or the Secretary of the proper department under his direction, to transfer any portion of the moneys appropriated for a particular branch of expenditure in that department, to be applied to another branch of expenditure in the same department, be, and are hereby, so far as relates to the Navy Department, repealed.

Approved August 31, 1852. (Vol. 10, p. 104.)

AN ACT to prevent frauds upon the treasury of the United States.

Transfer of

Be it enacted, &c., That all transfers and assignments hereclaims on the Unit. De it enacted, 90., That are the United States, or any part ted States how after made of any claim upon the United States, or any part or share thereof, or interest therein, whether absolute or conditional, and whatever may be the consideration therefor, and all powers of attorney, orders, or other authorities for receiving payment of any such claim, or any part or share thereof, shall be absolutely null and void, unless the same shall be freely made and executed in the presence of at least two attesting witnesses, after the allowance of such claim, the ascertainment of the amount due, and the issuing of a warrant for the payment thereof.

> Approved February 26, 1853. (Vol. 10, p. 170.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Clerks classified. thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, the clerks in the departments of the Treasury, War, Navy, the Interior, and the Post Office, shall be arranged into four classes.\*

No clerk shall be appointed in either of the four classes until after he has been examined and found qualified by a clerks, board, to consist of three examiners, one of them to be the chief of the bureau or office into which he is to be appointed, and the two others to be selected by the head of the department to which the said clerk will be assigned. Nor shall any clerk in the departments herein named receive any other salary to be paid. or money for extra services than the sum or sums specified in this section, at any time after this section has been executed

Appointment of

No extra salaries

Disbura'g cl'rks.

by a classification of the clerks as it prescribes. \_\_here shall be a disbursing clerk for each of the departments of War, Navy, and the Post Office; not more than three for the Treasury Department, at the discretion of the Secretary thereof; and not more than three for the Department of the Inte-

rior, at the discretion of the Secretary thereof. The said clerks to be appointed out of class four by the heads of the respective departments, and to receive such sum, in addition to their regular salaries, as may amount in all to two thousand dollars

per annum. But it shall be their further duty, when designated by the head of the department for that service, to superintend the buildings, and they shall give bonds as required by the independent treasury act.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That hereafter the an-compination of mual compensation of the Vice President, Secretaries of State, heads of departments. Treasury, War, Navy, and Interior, and the Postmaster and Attorney General, shall be eight thousand dollars each.

Approved March 3, 1853. (Vol. 10, p. 189.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four,

Be it enacted, &c., That the first and Pay of clerks a second clerks to the commandants of the principal navy yards, the may yards. viz., Boston, New York, Washington, Norfolk, and Pensa-

\* Act of April 22, 1854, vol. 10, p. 276, fixed the salaries of these classes: 1st class \$1,200, 2d class \$1,400, 3d class \$1,600, 4th class \$1,800.

cola, shall receive the same pay that the two lowest classes of clerks in the bureaus of the Navy Department now received, respectively; \* and each "clerk of the yard" in said navy yards shall receive the same compensation as is herein provided for the first clerks to commandants.

Approved March 3, 1853. (Vol. 10, p. 220.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and for other purposes.

Sec. 14. And be it further enacted, That whenever it shall become necessary for the head of any department or office to special ogens employ special agents other than officers of the army or navy, disbursement who may be charged with the disbursement of public moneys, of public moneys they shall, prior to entering upon duty as such, give bond in such form and with such security as the head of the department or office employing said agent may approve.

Approved August 4, 1854. (Vol. 10, p. 573.)

AN ACT to provide a more efficient discipline for the navy.

Honorable dis-

to give bond.

Be it enucted, &r., That, from and after the passage of this charges to seamen act, it shall be the duty of every commanding officer of any idelity and obedi- of the vessels of the navy, on returning from a cruise, to forward, immediately on his arrival in port, to the Secretary of the Navy, a list of the names of such of the crewt who enlisted for three years as, in his opinion, on being discharged, are entitled to an "honorable discharge," as a testimonial of fidelity and obedience; and that he shall grant the same to such, according to the form to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy.

Re-culistments

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That if any seaman, under an honorae ordinary seaman, landsman, or boy, shall re-enlist for three years, within three months after his discharge, he shall, on presenting his honorable discharge, or on accounting in a satisfactory manner for its loss, be entitled to pay during the said three months, equal to that to which he would have been entitled if he had been employed in actual service.

\* The two lowest classes of clerks in the bureaus were then receiving \$1,000 and \$800, respectively. A subsequent act gave 20 per eent, additional, thereby making the salary of the first clerk to commandants and the clerk of the yard \$1,200, and the salary of the second clerk \$960 at the principal yards named. The eighth section of the act of February 21, 1851, fixed the pay of the first clerk to commandants at all the yards, at \$1,200 per annum except in California, which was fixed at 1,560.

† By act of June 7, 1864, firemen and coal-heavers, who had been excluded from

the benefits of this act, are to be entitled to honorable discharges.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the Temporary duty of commanders of any vessel in the navy, in granting oriberty on shore. temporary leave of absence and liberty on shore, to exercise

carefully a discrimination in favor of the faithful and obedient.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That summery courts- when and by martial may be ordered upon petty officers and persons of whom summary inferior ratings, by the commander of any vessel in the navy be ordered, to which such persons belong, for the trial of offences which he may deem deserving of greater punishment than the commander of a vessel himself is by law authorized to inflict of his own authority, but not sufficient to require trial by general court-martial.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That summary courts- of whom they martial shall consist of three officers not below the rank of shall consist. passed midshipmen, and of some competent person to act as recorder. Before proceeding to trial, the members shall take the following oath or affirmation, which the recorder is hereby authorized to administer: "You, A. B., do solemnly swear bers. (or affirm) that you will well and truly try, without projudice or partiality, the case now depending, according to the evidence which shall be adduced, the laws for the government of the

Oath for mem-

navy, and your own conscience. So help you God."

After which, the recorder of the court shall take the following oath or affirmation, which the senior member of the court shall administer: "You, A. B., do solemnly swear (or corder, affirm) that you will keep a true record of the evidence which may be given before this court, and of the proceedings thereof. So help you God."

Oath for the re-

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That the commander of Who may be ordered to act us rea ship shall have authority to order any officer under his com-corder. mand to act as the recorder of a summary court-martial.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That all testimony Testimony—given before such court shall be given orally, on oath or affirmation, which the senior member of the court shall administer.

That summary courts-martial may sentence petty officers Punishment auand persons of inferior ratings to any one of the following thorized punishments, viz:

First. Discharge from the service with bad conduct dis- Bad conductcharge, but the sentence not to be carried into effect in a foreign country.

Second. Solitary confinement in irons, single or double, on bread and water, or diminished rations, provided no such confinement shall exceed thirty days.

Third. Solitary confinement in irons, single or double, not exceeding thirty days.

Fourth. Solitary confinement not exceeding thirty days.

Fifth. Confinement not exceeding two months. Sixth. Reduction to next inferior rating.

Seventh. Deprivation of liberty on shore on foreign station. Deprivation of liberty.

Reduction of rating.

Deprivation of

Extraduties and loss of pay.

Eighth. Extra police duties, and loss of pay, not to exceed three months, may be added to any of the above-mentioned punishments.

Sentence to reordering the court.

sentence.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That no sentence of a quire approval of summary court-martial shall be carried into effect without the approval of the officer ordering the court; who shall have power to remit, in part or altogether, but not to commute any such sentence. And it shall be the duty of any such com-Remittance of manding officer to remit any part or the whole of any sentence by a summary court-martial, the execution of which would, in the opinion of the surgeon or senior medical officer on board, given in writing, produce serious lajury to the health of the person sentenced; or, in case he shall refuse to do so, it shall be his duty, without delay, to submit the case again to the same or to another summary court-martial, which shall have power, upon the testimony already taken, to remit the former punishment, and to assign some other of the authorized pun-

How proceed-

ishments in the place thereof. SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That the proceedings now proceedings ings of summary courts-martial shall be conducted with as much to be conducted conciseness and precision as may be consistent with the ends of justice, and under such forms and rules as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, with the approval of the President of the United States; and all such proceedings shall be transmitted, in the usual mode, to the Navy Depart-

Punishments court-martial.

Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, That any punishments herein authorized authorized by this act to be inflicted by a summary court-margeneral tial may likewise be inflicted by any general court-martial.

> Approved March 2, 1855. (Vol. 10, p. 627.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

Compensation of navy agents.

Be it enacted, &c., That in lieu of two thousand dollars per annum, the maximum of compensation now allowed by law to navy agents, there shall be allowed two per centum commission on the first hundred thousand dollars, or under, disbursed by them; and one per centum on every succeeding one hundred thousand dollars, or under, d sbursed by them, until the compensation reaches the sum of three thousand dollars per annum, which amount shall be the maximum of compensation for said agents: Provided, That the compensation named herein shall be in lieu of all extra compensation for services of every nature and description, rendered by navy agents, by order of the Navy Department, from and after the passage of this act: And provided, further, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to reduce the salary to which any navy agent is entitled under existing laws. Approved March 3, 1855. (Vol. 10, p. 675.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, and for other purposes.

SEC. S. And be it further enacted, That the provisions contained in the second section of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government," approved the seventeenth day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-four, be required to be carried into effect in all particulars, any act in conflict therewith being hereby repealed; and all estimates for the compensation of compensation of officers of the government, authorized by law to be employed, officers to be based shall be based upon the expressed provisions of law, and not provisions of inw. upon the authority of executive distribution thereof; and the act and section authorizing the same, with the volume and page where such authority may be found, shall be cited in each and all estimates respectively.

Approved March 3, 1855. (Vol. 10, p. 670.)

AN ACT in addition to certain acts granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States.

Be it enacted, &c., That \* \* \* every officer, Bounty land to commissioned and non-commissioned, seaman, ordinary sea been in any of the man, flotilla-man, marine, clerk, and landsman in the navy, in wars in which the United States have any of the wars in which this country has been engaged since been engaged seventeen hundred and ninety, \* \* \* shall be entitled to since 1790. receive a certificate or warrant from the Department of the Interior for one hundred and sixty acres of land; and where any of those who have so been mustered into service and paid shall have received a certificate or warrant, he shall be entitled to a certificate or warrant for such quantity of land as will make, in the whole, with what he may have heretofore received, one hundred and sixty acres to each such person having served as aforesaid: Provided, The person so having been in service shall not receive said land warrant if it shall persons dishonoraappear by the muster-rolls of his regiment or corps that he expled. deserted, or was dishonorably ischarged from service. \* \*

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That in case of the Incase of death death of any person who, if living, would be entitled to a children to be encertificate or warrant as aforesaid under this act, leaving a titled to certificate or warrant. widow, or, if no widow, a minor child or children, such widow, or, if no widow, such minor child or children, shall be entitled to receive a certificate or warrant for the same quantity of land that such deceased person would be entitled to receive under the provisions of this act, if now living: Provided, That a subsequent marriage shall not impair the right of any

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such widow to such warrant if she be a widow at the time of making her application: And provided, further, That those shall be considered minors who are so at the time this act shall take effect.

Cases in which not issue.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That in no case shall certificate shall any such certificate or warrant be issued for any service less than fourteen days, except where the person shall actually have been engaged in battle, and unless the party claiming such certificate or warrant shall establish his or her right thereto by record evidence of said service.\*

Assignment tion of warrants.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That said certificates or transfer, and local warrants may be assigned, transferred, and located by the warrantees, their assignees, or their heirs-at-law, according to the provisions of existing laws regulating the assignment, transfer, and location of bounty land warrants.

Public lands on ted.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That no warrant issued which the war under the provisions of this act shall be located on any pubrants may be local. lic lands, except such as shall at the time be subject to sale at either the minimum or lower graduated prices. Approved March 3, 1855. (Vol. 10, p. 701.)

> AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.

## [Extract from section 1.]

Charts to be sold. to be of American manufacture.

For printing and publishing sailing directions, hydrographical surveys, and astronomical observations, \$15,000: Pro-Instruments used vided, That the charts shall be sold when completed, and the instruments used be of American manufacture.

Approved August 16, 1856. (Vol. 11, p. 47.)

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to promote the efficiency of the navy."

Transfer of offi-SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That cers from the fur. President shall be, and he is hereby, authorized, with the adserved pay list, vice and consent of the Senate, to transfer any officer from the furlough to the reserved pay list.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That reserved officers Promotion of offleers on the remay be promoted on the reserved list, by and with the advice served list. and consent of the Senate, but no such promotion shall entitle Pay and rank. them to any pay beyond that to which they were entitled

\*Parol evidence, where no record evidence exists, may be admitted to prove the service performed, under such rules and regulations as the Commissioner of Pensions may prescribe.—Act of May 11, 1856, 3d section.—(11 Stut., 8.)

f Referring to officers who were placed on the reserved list, on furlough pay, under the act of February 28, 1855, to promote the efficiency of the navy.

when so reserved, nor shall they, by such promotion, take any higher rank than they would have taken had they been retained in the active service of the navy; and nothing in this act, or in the act to which this is an amendment, shall be Reserved offiso construed as to preclude officers on the reserved list from cers to wear uniwearing the uniform of their grades, respectively.

grade.

Approved January 16, 1857. (Vol. 11, p. 153.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending he 30th of June, 1858,

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That hereafter it shall To whom the supervision of the be lawful for the Secretary of the Navy to place the super-Nautical Almanac vision of the compilation and publication of the Nautical may be assigned. Almanae in charge of any officer or professor of mathematics of the navy of competent qualifications: Provided, That such officer or professor, when so employed, shall receive no employed higher pay than the duty pay to which his grade shall entitle

Pay when so

Approved March 3, 1857. (Vol. 11, p. 246.)

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue."

Be it enacted, δyc., That the act to provide for the better Disbursing offiorganization of the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keep of post public moing, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue, approved ressurer, assist-August sixth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, be, and the ant treasurers, or same is hereby, so amended that each and every disbursing of the U. States. officer or agent of the United States, having any money of the United States intrusted to him for disbursement, shall be, and he is hereby, required to deposit the same with the Treasurer of the United States, or with some one of the assistant treasurers or public deposituries, and draw for the same Manuerofdrawonly in favor of the persons to whom payment is to be made, in pursuance of law and instructions, except when payments are to be made in sums under twenty dollars, in which cases such disbursing agent may check in his own name, stating that it is to pay small claims.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer of Treasurer, the United States, assistant treasurers, and public depositaries and public deposishall safely keep all moneys deposited by any disbursing taries to keep safeofficer or disbursing agent of the United States, as well as sits, &c. any moneys deposited by any receiver, collector, or other person which shall be the moneys of or due or owing to the United States; and for a failure so to do shall be held guilty Penalty for fail of the crime of embezzlement of said moneys, and subject to ing to do so.

the punishment provided for embezzlement in the act to which this is an amendment.

Persons having

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty states in their of each and every person who shall have moneys of the States in their of teach and every person who shart have moneys of the hands to pay the United States in his hands or possession to pay the same to same to the Treasurer, assistant the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, or public depositary treasurer, or public depositary, the depositary, decomposition, and take his receipt for the same, in the depositary, decomposition, and deposition, and deposition and deposition of the United States, and take his receipt for the same, in

duplicate, and forward one of them forthwith to the Secretary of the Treasury, and for a failure to make such deposit, when required by the Secretary of the Treasury or any other depart-

ing to do so.

Penalty for fall, ment, or the accounting officers of the treasury, the person so failing shall be held guilty of the crime of embezzlement, and subject to the punishment for that offence provided in the act to which this is an amendment.

Approved March 3, 1857. (Vol. 11, p. 249.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That if any officer who is

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Punishment.

Approved March 3, 1853. (Vol. 10, p. 239.)

AN ACT to organize an institution for the insane of the army and navy, and of the District of Columbia, in the said District.\*

Be it enacted. That the title of the institution shall be the Objects of the Hospital for the Government Hospital for the Insane, and its objects shall be the most humane care and enlightened curative treatment of

\*The remaining sections of this act in force relate to the officers and management of the institution and the admission of residents of the District and private patients. Sec. 4, governing the admission of the insane of the army and navy, has been amended by section 4 of the amendatory act of June 1, 1869. A supplementary act of February 7, 1857, (vol. 11, page 157,) regulates the admission of certain classes of patients, but does not refer to the insane of the navy. The first section of the act of July 2, 1864, makes provision for the treatment and comfort of the insane of the navy and marine corps at this institution.

the insane of the army and navy of the United States, and of the District of Columbia.

Approved March 3, 1855. (Vol. 10, p. 682.)

AN ACT for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines of the United States sloop-of-war Albany, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted, dec., That for the purpose of fixing the time Fixing date of at which shall commence the pensions, under the existing follows and Porlaws, of the widows and orphan children of the officers, seamen, poise. marines, and others, in service, who were lost in the United States sloop-of-war Albany, as well as the time to which the pay of said officers, seamen, marines, and others in service shall be allowed, the eighteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, shall be deemed and taken to be the day on which the said sloop-of-war Albany foundered at sea; and that, for the like purposes, the twenty-ninth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, shall be deemed and taken to be the day on which the United States brig Porpoise was lost in like manner.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the widow, or child, A sum equal to months' or children, and in case there be no widow, or child, or child-pay appropriated ren, (as aforesaid,) then the parent or parents, and if there are for relatives of those lost. no parents, the brothers and sisters, of the officers, seamen, marines, and others in service, who were lost in said sloop-ofwar Albany and brig Porpoise, including captain's clerk and assistant draughtsman, shall be entitled to and receive, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to twelve months' pay of their respective deceased relations aforesaid, in addition to the pay due to the said deceased at the date of the loss of said vessels respectively.

Approved August 1, 1856. (Vol. 11, p. 29.)

AN ACT to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That whenever, here-Reasons for ma-after, contracts shall be made by the Secretary of War or the tracts to be report-Secretary of the Navy by virtue of the sixth section of the edito Congress. act approved the first of May, eighteen hundred and twenty, entitled "An act in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," he shall, if Congress be in session at the time, promptly report to both houses thereof the reasons for making

such contract, stating fully all the facts and circumstances which, in his judgment, rendered such contract necessary;\* if Congress be not in session at the time of making such contract, he shall, at the commencement of their next session, make such report to both houses, and no such contracts shall be made hereafter, except in cases of pressing exigency.

Approved May 4, 1858. (Vol. 11, p. 269.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of government for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and tifty-nine.

In the estimates nated.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That hereafter the estiamount of out-standing appropri mates for the various executive departments shall designate ations to be design not only the amount required to be appropriated for the next fiscal year, but also the amount of the outstanding appropriation, if there be any, which will, probably be required to be used for each particular item of expenditure.

Approved June 2, 1858. (Vol. 11, p. 295.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.

When foreign chased.

Provided. That there shall not be purchased any larger hemp may be pur quantity of hemp of foreign growth for the use of the navy than shall be required to meet the deficiency in the supply of the American article, as reported to the Navy Department, from quarter to quarter, by the agents appointed to procure the article of American growth: Provided further, That hemp of American growth of like quality can be purchased at the same price as hemp of foreign growth.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful

Enlistment of boys for the ma-

to enlist boys for service in the United States marine corps, with the consent of their parents or guardians, not being under eleven nor over seventeen years of age, to serve until they shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years; the boys so enlisted to receive the same pay, rations, clothing, and so forth, now received by boys enl sted in said corps, under the authority of the Secretary of the Navy.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That all the steamships How the steam. ships of the navy off the navy of the United States now building, or hereafter shall be named. to be built, shall be named by the Secretary of the Navy,

<sup>\*</sup> See tenth section of the act of March 2, 1861, in reference to contracts for supplies for the departments, and the thirteenth section of the act of July 17, 1832, requiring that contracts be reported promptly to Congress. † An act of March 3, 1819, provided for the naming of ships of the navy.

under the direction of the President of the United States, according to the following rule, namely: All those of forty guns or more shall be considered of the first class,\* and shall be called after the States of the Union; those of twenty guns and under forty shall be considered as of the second class, and be called after the rivers and principal towns or cities; and all those of less than twenty guns shall be the third class, and named by the Secretary of the Navy as the President may direct, care being taken that no two vessels in the navy shall bear the same name.

Approved June 12, 1858. (Vol. 11, p. 314.)

AN ACT to protect the timber growing upon lands of the United States reserved for military and other purposes.†

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That and destroying if any person or persons shall unlawfully cut, or aid, assist, or timber on public be employed in unlawfully cutting, or shall wantonly destroy, or procure to be wantonly destroyed, any timber standing, growing, or being upon any lands of the United States, which in pursuance of any law passed, or hereafter to be passed, have been, or shall be, reserved or purchased by the United States for military or other purposes, every such person or persons so offending, on conviction thereof before a court having competent jurisdiction, shall, for every such offence, pay a 'ine not exceeding five hundred dollars, and shall be imprisoned not exceeding twelve months.

Approved March 3, 1859. (Vol. 11, p. 408.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year enting the thirtieth of June, eighteen huzdred and sixty.

such shall be certified by the magistrate before whom the

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That is all cases of ap-Affidavits of plication for the payment of pensions to invalids under the physicians requires several laws of Congress granting pensions to invalids, the applications for affidavit of two surgeons or physicians‡ whose credibility as payment of pensions to the contract of two surgeons or physicians‡ whose credibility as payment of pensions.

\*By the third section of the act of July 16, 1862, the vessels are divided into four classes or rates, with reference to them as commands, and by regulation of the department the rates are established generally according to the tonnage of the vessel.

† See acts of March 1, 1817, and March 2, 1831. † The biennial examinations may be made by one surgeon only, provided he is a surgeon of the army or navy, or an examining surgeon duly appointed by the Commissioner of Pensions,—(1st sec. act July 4, 1864.)

affidavit is made, stating the continuance of the disability for which the pension was originally granted (describing it) and the rate of such disability at the time of making the affidavit, shall accompany the application of the first payment, which shall fall due upon a day in the fiscal year for which provision is made herein, to be declared by the Secretary of the Interior, and at the end of every two years thereafter; and if in a case of continued disability it shall be stated at a rate below that for which the pension was originally granted, the applicant shall only be paid at the rate stated in the affidavit: Provided, That where the pension shall have been originally granted for a total disability, in consequence of the loss of a limb, or other cause which cannot, either in whole or in part, be removed, the above affidavit shall not be necessary to entitle the applicant to payment.

Approved March 3, 1859. (Vol. 11, p. 439.)

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to organize an institution for the insane of the army and navy, and of the District of Columbia, in the said District."

Admission of inasyluin.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the order of the same of navy, &c., Secreta y of War, and that of the Secretary of the Navy, into government and that of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall authorize the superin endent to receive insanc persons belonging to the army and navy and revenue cutter service, respectively, and keep them in custody until they are cured or removed by the same authority which ordered their reception.\*

Approved June 1, 1860. (Vol. 12, p. 23.)

AN ACT to increase and regulate the pay of the navy of the United

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act the annual pay of the officers of the navy, on the active list, hereinafter named, shall be as follows:

Chaplains.—Chaplains shall be paid as lieutenants.†

Chaplains.

Every chaplain shall be permitted to conduct public worship according to the manner and forms of the church of which he may be a member.

Every chapla'n retained in the service shall be required to

<sup>\*</sup> See act of July 2, 1864, making provision for the treatment and comfort of the insane of the navy and ma ine corps at this institution. tThe act of July 16, 1852, establishes the pay of lieutenants.

report annually, to the Secretary of the Navy, the official services performed by him.

Surgeons.—Every surgeon on duty at sea, for the first five Surgeons. years after the date of his commission as surgeon, two thousand two hundred dollars.

For the second five years after the date of his commission as surgeon, two thousand four hundred dollars.

For the third five years after the date of his commission as surgeon, two thousand six hundred dollars.

For the fourth five years after the date of his commission

as surgeon, two thousand eight hundred dollars.

For twenty years and upwards after the date of his commission as surgeon, three thousand dollars.

Fleet surgeons, three thousand three hundred dollars.

Every surgeon on other duty, for the first five years after the date of his commission as surgeon, two thousand dollars,

For the second five years after the date of his commission as surgeon, two thousand two hundred dollars.

For the third five years after the date of his commission as surgeon, two thousand four hundred dollars.

For the fourth five years after the date of his commission as surgeon, two thousand six hundred dollars.

For twenty years after the date of his commission as surgeon, two thousand eight hundred dollars.

Every surgeon on leave or waiting orders, for the first five years after the date of his commission as surgeon, one thousand six hundred dollars.

For the second five years after the date of his commission as surgeon, one thousand eight hundred dollars.

For the third five years after the date of his commission as surgeon, one thousand nine hundred dellars.

For the fourth five years after the date of his commission

as surgeon, two thousand one hundred dollars.

For twenty years and upwards after the date of his commission as surgeon, two thousand three hundred dollars.

Passed Assistant Surgeons .- Every passed assistant sur- Passed assistant geon on duty at sea, one thousand five hundred dollars.

When on other duty, one thousand four hundred dollars. When on leave or waiting orders, eleven hundred dollars.

Assistant Surgeons. Every assistant surgeon on duty at Assistant geons. sea, one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

When on other duty, one thousand and fifty dollars. When on leave or waiting orders, eight hundred dollars.

Pursers.—Every purser on duty at sea, for the first five Pursers. years after the date of his commission, two thousand dollars.

For the second five years after the date of his commission, two thousand four hundred dollars.

For the third five years after the date of his commission. two thousand six hundred dollars.

For the fourth five years after the date of his commission, two thousand nine hundred dollars.

For twenty years and upwards after the date of his commission, three thousand one hundred dollars.

Every purser on other duty, for the first five years after the date of his commission, one thousand eight hundred dollars.

For the second five years after the date of his commission, two thousand one hundred dollars.

For the third five years after the date of his commission, two thousand four hundred dollars.

For the fourth five years after the date of his commission,

two thousand six hundred dollars.

For twenty years and upwards after the date of his com-

mission, two thousand eight hundred dollars.

Every purser on leave or waiting orders, for the first five years after the date of his commission, one thousand four hundred dollars.

For the second five years after the date of his commission, one thousand six hundred dollars.

For the third five years after the date of his commission, one thousand eight hundred dollars.

For the fourth five years after the date of his commission, two thousand dollers.

For twenty years and upwards after the date of his commission, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

Professors Mathematics. Professors of Mathematics.—Every professor of mathematics on duty, one thousand eight hundred dollars.

When on leave or waiting orders, nine hundred and sixty dollars.

Warranted offi-

Warranted Officers.\*—Every boatswain, gunner, carpenter, and sailmaker on duty at sea, for the first three years' sea-service after the date of his warrant, one thousand dollars.

For the second three years' sea-service after the date of his warrant, one thousand one hundred and fifty dollars.

For the third three years' sca-service after the date of his warrant, one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

For the fourth three years' sea-service after the date of his warrant, one thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

For twelve years' sea-service and upwards, one thousand four hundred and fifty dollars.

When on other duty.—For the first three years of sea-service after the date of warrant, eight hundred dollars.

For the second three years' sea-service after the date of his warrant, nine hundred dollars.

For the third three years' sea-service after the date of his warrant, one thousand dollars.

For the fourth three years' sea-service after the date of his warrant, one thousand one hundred dollars.

\*In calculating the graduated pay of boatswains, gunners, carpenters, and sail-makers in the navy, as established by this law, the sea-service is to be computed from the dates of their appointment or entry into the service in their respective grades, in lieu of the dates of their warrants (Act of July 16, 1862, sec. 17.)

For twelve years' sea-service and upwards, one thousand two hundred dollars.

When on leave or waiting orders.—For the first three years' sea-service after the date of his warrant, six hundred dollars.

For the second three years' sea-service after the date of his warrant, seven hundred dollars.

For the third three years' sea-service after the date of his warrant, eight hundred dollars.

For the fourth three years' sea-service after the date of his warrant, nine hundred dollars.

For twelve years' sea-service and upwards, one thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That hereafter no ser- What constitutes vice shall be regarded as sea-service but such as shall be per- sea service. formed at sea under the orders of a department, and in vessels employed by authority of law.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Right to furlough act contained shall be held to modify or affect the existing officers. power of the Secretary of the Navy to furlough officers or to

affect the furlough pay.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That officers on the reserved list, when called into active ser-active service. vice, shall receive the pay of their respective grades as herein provided during the term of such service: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to change or modify the present pay of officers on the reserved list, either on leave or furlough.

Approved June 1, 1860. (Vol. 12, p. 23.)

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade."\*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That President may it shall and may be lawful for the President of the United contract for the reception in Africa States to enter into contract with any person or persons, so- of negroes delivereity or societies, or body corporate, for a term not exceeding ed from vessels eity or societies, or body corporate, for a term not exceeding seized in the slave five years, to receive from the United States through their trade, &c. duly constituted agent or agents, upon the coast of Africa, all negroes, mulattoes, or persons of color, delivered from on board vessels seized in the prosecution of the slave trade, by commanders of the United States armed vessels, and to provide the said negroes, mulattoes, and persons of color with comfortable clothing, shelter, and provisions for a period not exceeding one year from the date of their being landed on the coast of Africa, at a price in no case to exceed one hundred dollars for each person so clothed, sheltcred, and provided

\* See amendatory act of July 17, 1862, previding for the landing and employment of negroes, delivered from on board of vessels engaged in the slave trade, in the West Indies or other tropical regions.

Pay of reserved officers called into

renewed from time to time.

Contract may be with food: Provided, That any contract so made as aforesaid may be renewed by the President from time to time as found necessary for periods not to exceed five years on each renewal.

groes, &c.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue instructions to the commanders of the armed vessels of the States United States, directing them whenever it shall be practicavessels to proceed ble, and under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, Africa, and there to proceed directly to the coast of Africa, and there deliver deliver such net to the agent or agents of the United States all negroes, mulattoes, and persons of color delivered from on board vessels seized in the prosecution of the slave trade, afterwards bringing the captured vessels and persons engaged in prosecuting the slave trade to the United States for trial and adjudication.

> Approved June 16, 1860. (Vol. 12, p. 40.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

Pursers to be called paymasters.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That pursers in the navy of the United States shall hereafter be styled paymasters, and that all laws and regulations applying to them as pursers, and all responsibilities and obligations attaching to them as such, shall remain in full force, and continue to apply to them, under the title of paymasters.

Approved June 22, 1860. (Vol. 12, p. 83.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

Restriction repairs of hull and spars of vessels.

Provided, That not more than three thousand dollars shall hereafter be expended at any navy yard in repairing the hull and spars of any vessel until the necessity and expediency of such repair, and the probable cost thereof, be ascertained and reported to the Navy Department by an examining board, to be composed of one captain or commander in the navy, to be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, the naval constructor of the yard where any vessel may be ordered for repairs, and two master-workmen of such yard, or one master-workman and an engineer of the navy, according to the nature of the repairs to be made; said master-workman or engineer to be designated by the head of the Bureau repair of sails and of Construction and Repairs; and not more than one thoursigning. sand dollars shall be expended in repairs on the sails and rigging of any vessel until the expediency and necessity of such repairs and the estimated cost thereof have been ascertained and reported to the Navy Department by an examining board, to be composed of one naval officer, appointed

by the Secretary of the Navy, and the master rigger and the master sailmaker of the yard where such vessel may be ordered.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the President of Retired list for the United States is hereby authorized to place on a retired medical officers. list any medical officer of the navy who is now or may hereafter be proved to be permanently incapable, from physical or mental infirmity, of further service at sea.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That all vacancies in Vacancies causthereby-how the medical corps of the navy caused by the foregoing sec-filled. tion shall be filled in accordance with established usage: Provided, The number of medical officers on the active list shall not exceed the number authorized by existing laws.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That all appropriations Appropriations now or hereafter made for the preparation or publication of graphic surveys, foreign hydrographic surveys shall only be applicable to their when applicable. object upon the approval by the Secretary of the Navy, after a report from three competent naval officers, to the effect that the original data for proposed charts are such as to justify their publication; and it is hereby made the duty of the Secretary of the Navy to order a board of three naval officers to examine and report upon the said data before he shall approve of any application of money to the preparation or publication of said charts or hydrographic results.

SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, That the pay of first Pay of clerks of commandants at clerks to commandents at all\* the navy yards shall be at the navy yards. rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum, except that at the California navy yard, which shall be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum.

Approved February 21, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 147.)

AN ACT making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

SEC. 10. And be it further enacted, That all purchases and contracts for supplies or services, in any of the departments for personal services when the vices, &c., to be public exigencies do not require the immediate delivery of tising for propothe article or articles, or performance of the service, shall be sals. made by advertising a sufficient time previously for proposals respecting the same. When immediate delivery or performance is required by the public exigency, the articles or service

\*Only those at the principal navy yards had been receiving, under act of March 3 1853, \$1,200 per annum.

t See 3d section, act of July 14, 1862, giving a salary of \$1,500 to the clerk to the commandant of the navy yard, Mare Island.

required may be procured by open purchase or contract at the places and in the manner in which such articles are usually bought and sold, or such services engaged between individuals. Contractsorpur No contract or purchase shall hereafter be made, unless the

bidden.

chases unauthor same be authorized by law or be under an appropriation adequate to its fulfilment, except in the War and Navy Departments, for clothing, subsistence, forage, fuel, quarters, or transportation, which, however, shall not exceed the necessities of the current year.

Approved March 2, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 220.)

AN ACT to provide for the appointment of assistant paymasters in the navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Grade of assist of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That ant paymester in the grade of assistant paymaster in the navy of the United States be, and hereby is, established, and that from and after the passage of this act the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, may appoint assistant paymasters from time to time, as they shall be needed for active service in the navy, not exceeding thirty-six in number.

Number.

Pay.

Qualifications.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That every person who shall be appointed assistant paymaster shall, at the time of his appointment, be not less than twenty-one years of age, nor more than twenty-six years; \* and that, previous to his appointment, his physical, mental, and moral qualifications shall be inquired into and favorably reported upon by a board of paymasters appointed for that purpose by the Secretary of the Navy, and under such regulations as he may prescribe.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the annual pay of assistant paymaster shall be as follows, viz:

On duty at sea, for the first five years after date of commission, one thousand three hundred dollars; after five years from date of commission, one thousand five hundred dollars.

On other duty, for the first five years after date of commission, one thousand dollars; after five years from date of commission, one thousand two hundred dollars.

On leave of absence or waiting orders, for the first five years after date of commission, eight hundred dollars; after five years from date of commission, one thousand dollars; and when attached to vessels for sea service, each assistant paymaster shall be entitled to one ration per day.

\* Acting assistant paymasters may be promoted to assistant paymasters for faithful, diligent discharge of duty, although over twenty-six years of age, provided they be not over thirty. (Act of April 1, 1864.)

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Commanding of the ficers not to perpassage of this act no commanding officer of any vessel in form duties of paythe navy shall be required to perform the duties of paymaster master. or assistant paymaster; and when such office shall become vacant, by death or otherwise, in ships at sea or on foreign of paystations, or on the Pacific coast of the United States, the master becoming senior officer present may make an acting appointment of any vacant on foreign fit person to perform the duties until another paymaster or be filled, &c. assistant paymaster shall report for duty. Any person performing the duties of paymaster or assistant paymaster in accordance with this section (but not otherwise) shall be entitled to receive the pay of such grade whilst so acting.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That each assistant pay-Bonds and rank master shall, upon his appointment, enter into bonds in the masters. amount of ten thousand dollars, with at least two good and sufficient securities, for the faithful performance of his duties, and that assistant paymasters shall have rank and precedence with assistant surgeons not passed, and that all appointments regular promotion from the list of assistant paymasters.

to fill vacancies in the corps of paymasters shall be made by Promotion.

Sec 6. And be it further enacted, That within six months Future reducater the expiration of the present insurrection the corps of paymasters. paymasters and assistant paymasters shall be reduced to the number of seventy-five in the whole.

Approved July 17, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 258.)

AN ACT to alter and regulate the navy ration.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the navy ration shall consist of the following daily allowance of provisions to each person: One pound of salt pork, with half a pint of beans or peas; or one pound of salt beef, with half a pound of flour, and two ounces of dried apples or other dried fruit; or three-quarters of a pound of preserved meat, with half a pound of rice, two ounces of butter, and one ounce of desiccated "mixed vegetables;" or three-quarters of a pound of preserved meat, two ounces of butter, and two ounces of desiccated potato; together with fourteen ounces of biscuit, one-quarter of an ounce of tea, or one ounce of coffee \* or cocoa, two ounces of sugar, and a gill of spirits; and of a weekly allowance of half a pound of pickles, half a pint of molasses, and half a pint of vinegar.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That fresh or preserved Substitution of meat may be substituted for salt beef or pork, and vegetables articles. for the other articles usually issued with the salted meats;

Navy ration.

<sup>\*</sup> By the fourth section of the act of April 17, 1832, the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to commute the navy ration of coffee and sugar for the extract of coffee combined with milk and sugar.

allowing one and a quarter pound of fresh or three-quarters of a pound of preserved meat for one pound of salted beef or pork; and regulating the quantity of vegetables so as to equal the value of the articles for which they may be substituted.

Same subject.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That should it be necessary to vary the above-described daily allowance, it shall be lawful to substitute one pound of soft bread, or one pound of flour, or half a pound of rice, for fourteen ounces of biscuit; half a pint of wine for a gill of spirits; half a pound of rice for half a pint of beans or peas; half a pint of beans or peas for half a pound of rice.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That in case of neces-Daily allowance SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That in case of neces-may be varied or sity, the daily allowance of provisions may be diminished or diminished. varied by the discretion of the senior officer present in command; but payment shall be made to the persons whose allowance shall be thus diminished, according to the scale of Proceedings in prices which is, or may be, established for the same; but a

such case.

commander who shall thus make a diminution or variation shall report to his commanding officer, or to the Navy Department, the necessity for the same, and give to the paymaster written orders, specifying particularly the diminution or reduction which is to be made.

Sec. 5 relates to the spirit portion of the ration, which has

been abolished. 1\*

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of Preserved ments, &c., how to be the Navy be authorized to procure the preserved meats, † procured. pickles, butter, and desiccated vegetables in such manner and under such restrictions and guarantees as in his opinion will best insure the good quality of said articles.

Approved July 18, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 264.)

\*The fourth section of the naval appropriation act of July 14, 1862, abolishes the spirit ration in the navy. The five cents per day allowed by law to each person in the navy in lieu of the spirit ration is in addition to pay. "Pay officers will credit this allowance on their rolls, under the separate head of 'undrawn spirits,' to each person anowates of their forming must fine separate first of cach quarter will pay the amount due to such of the crew and marines as may elect to receive it. If any person shall decline to receive such payment, it must remain to his credit on the books of the ship, and be accounted for in the same manner as other pay. The commutation price of the navy ration will continue to be twenty-five cents, without reference to the five cents allowed as above mentioned."—Navy Regulations.

4 The preserved mentioned the principles are of the ration pays the prepared and peaked under

t The preserved meat forming part of the ration may be prepared and packed under direction of the Secretary of the Navy, and the cuttle or fiesh beef therefor may be purchased under his directions.--(Act of July 14, 1862, section 1.)

AN ACT making additional appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and appropriations of arreatages for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That no patented arti- Restriction cle connected with marine engines shall be hereafter purchase of parents of p cially recommended in writing for purchase and use by, a competent hoard of naval engineers.

Approved July 18, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 265.)

AN ACT to provide for the temporary increase of the navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Temporary infor and during the present insurrection the Secretary of the crease of mays. Navy shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to hire, purchase, or contract for such vessels as may be necessary for the temporary increase of the navy of the United States, and he is also hereby authorized to furnish any vessel or vesse's which may be purchased or contracted for, with such ordnance, ordnance stores, and munitions of war, as may be necessary to enable such vessel or vessels to render the most efficient service, pursuant to the orders which may be given to their respective commanders.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the temporary Temporary apappointments made, or which may be made, by the Secretary politinents by Secretary of Navy of the Navy, of acting lieutenants, acting paymasters, acting condemed, &c. assistant surgeons, acting masters and masters' mates, are hereby ratified and confirmed as temporary acting appointments, until the return of the vessels in which they are respectively employed, or until the suppression of the present insurrection, as may be deemed necessary; and the rate of compensation allowed for the several grades specified is hereby legalized and approved,\*

Approved July 24, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 272.)

AN ACT for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines of the United States sloop-of-war Levant, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, the Levant to be degreed in lost for the purpose of fixing the time at which shall commence June 30, 1861. the pensions under the existing laws, of the widows and

\*See act of March 3, 1863, sec. 3, declaring how this section shall be construed, and act of July 16, 1862, sec. 20, fixing the pay of these officers at the same rate as that of officers of a like grade in the regular mavy.

orphan children of the officers, seamen, marines, and others in service, who were lost in the United States sloop-of-war Levant, as well as the time to which the pay of said officers, seamen, marines, and others in the service, shall be allowed, the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, shall be deemed and taken to be the day on which the said sloop-of-war Levant foundered at sea.

lost.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the widow, or Additional pay to SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the wildow, or widows and child child, or children, and in case there shall be no widow, or dren, &c., of those whild or children (us of crossed) then the payent or payents, and child, or children, (as aforesaid,) then the parent or parents, and if there be no parents, the brothers and sisters of the officers, seamen, marines, and others in service, who were lost in said sloop-of-war Levant, including captain's clerk and assistant draughtsman, shall be entitled to and receive, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to twelve months' pay of their respective deceased relations aforesaid, in addition to the pay due to the said deceased at the date of the loss of said vessel

Approved July 24, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 273.)

AN ACT for the better organization of the marine corps.

consist of, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Marine corps to of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, from and after the passage of this act, the United States marine corps shall consist of the following officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, viz: One colonel commandant, one colonel, two lieutenant colonels, four majors, one adjutant and inspector, one paymaster, one quartermaster, two assistant quartermasters, twenty captains, thirty first lieutenants, thirty second lieutenants, one sergeant major, one quartermaster sergeant, one drum major, one principal musician, two hundred sergeants, two hundred and twenty corporals, thirty musicians for band, sixty drummers, sixty fifers, and twenty-five hundred privates.

Commissions of vacated.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted. That the commissions present officers not of the officers now in the marine corps shall not be vacated by this act, and that the President of the United States may, during the recess of the Senate, first by promotions, and then by selections, appoint the officers hereby authorized, which appointments shall be submitted to the Senate, at their next

Appointments.

session, for their advice and consent.

Qualifications for appointment.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the appointment of commissioned officers to be made under the provisious of this act shall be of persons between the ages of twenty and twenty-five years, and [they] shall be subjected, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, to an examination as to their qualifications for the service to which they are to be appointed.

Approved July 25, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 275.)

AN ACT to provide for the suppression of rebellion against and resistance to the laws of the United States, and to amend the act entitled "An act to provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union," &c., passed February twenty-eight, seventeen hundred and ninety-five.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That The President whenever, by reason of unlawful obstructions, combinations, may employ the or assemblages of persons, or rebellion against the authority and land navul forces of the government of the United States, it shall become impracticable, in the judgment of the President of the United States, to enforce, by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings, the laws of the United States within any State or Territory of the United States, it shall be lawful for the President of the United States to call forth the militia of any or all the States of the Union, and to employ such parts of the land and naval forces of the United States as he may deem necessary to enforce the faithful execution of the laws of the United States, or to suppress such rebellion in whatever State or Territory thereof the laws of the United States may be forcibly opposed, or the execution thereof forcibly obstructed. Approved July 29, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 281.)

AN ACT authorizing the appointment of an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and fixing the salary of the same, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Assistant Secrethe President shall appoint, in the department of the Secre-tary of Navy authorized. tary of the Navy, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a competent person, who shall be called the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, whose salary shall be four thousand Salary and dudollars, payable in the same manner as the salary of the ties. Secretary of the Navy, who shall perform all such duties in the office of the Secretary of the Navy, belonging to that department, as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, or as may be required by law, and who shall act as Secretary of the Navy in the absence of that officer.

Approved July 31, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 282.)

<sup>\*</sup> See act of July 31, 1861, to define and punish certain conspiracies, and act of July 17, 1862, to suppress insurrection, and to punish treason and rebellion. Fixed at \$3,500 per act of Murch 2, 1865.

AN ACT to define and punish certain conspiracies.\*

racles defined.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Certain compile of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if two or more persons within any State or Territory of the United States shall conspire together to overthrow, or to put down, or to destroy by force, the government of the United States, or to levy war against the United States, or to oppose by force the authority of the government of the United States; or by force to prevent, hinder, or delay the execution of any law of the United States; or by force to seize, take, or possess any property of the United States against the will or contrary to the authority of the United States; or by force, or intimidation, or threat to prevent any person from accepting or holding any office, or trust, or place of confidence under the United States; each and every person so offending shall be guilty of a high crime, and upon conviction thereof in any district or circuit court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, or district or supreme court of any Territory of How punished. the United States having jurisdiction therof, shall be punished by a fine not less than five hundred dollars, and not more than five thousand dollars; or by imprisonment, with or without hard labor, as the court shall determine, for a period not less than six months nor greater than six years, or by both such

fine and imprisonment. Approved July 31, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 284.)

AN ACT to increase the medical corps of the navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Modical corps of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the navy, increase the medical corps of the navy shall consist of eighty surgeons and one hundred and twenty passed and other assistant surgeons.

Approved July 31, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 284.)

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act providing for a naval peace establishment, and for other purposes,' passed March twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and four."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That

t This act (2 Stat., 297) authorized the attachment to the navy yard at Washington of a captain of the navy.

<sup>\*</sup> See act of July 17, 1862, to suppress insurrection, to punish treasen and rebel-

the above entitled act be, and the same is hereby amended Captains or comby inserting after the word "captain," where the same first superintendents of occurs in said act, the words "or commander," so that the navy yards and Provident shall be such extended to make the commander. President shall be authorized to select the superintendents of the several navy yards and heads of bureaus from the captains or commanders of the navy of the United States.

Approved August 2, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 285.)

AN ACT providing for the better organization of the maintary establishment.

SEC. 15. And be a further enacted, That any commissioned Retirement of officer of the army, or of the marine corps, who shall have officers of the marine corps on own the corps on own served as such for forty consecutive years, may, upon his own application. application to the President of the United States, be placed upon the list of retired officers, with the pay and emoluments

allowed by this act.\*

SEC. 16. And be it further enacted, That it any commissioned officer of the army, or of the marine corps, shall have capable marine of the ficers. become, or shall hereafter become, incapable of performing the duties of his office, he shall be placed upon the retired list and withdrawn from active service and command and from the line of promotion, with the following pay and emoluments, Pay and emolunamely: the pay proper of the highest rank held by him at ments the time of his retirement, whether by staff or regimental commission, and four rations per day, and without any other pay, emoluments, or allowances; and the next officer in rank shall be promoted to the place of the retired officer, according to the established rules of the service. And the same rule of vacancies. promotion shall be applied successively to the vacancies consequent upon the retirement of an officer.

SEC. 17. And be it further enacted, That, in order to carry out the provisions of this act, the Secretary of War, or Sec- Board to determine the disabiliretary of the Navy, as the case may be, under the direction ties of officers. and approval of the President of the United States, shall, from time to time, as occasion may require, assemble a board of not more than nine, nor less than five commissioned officers, two-fifths of whom shall be of the medical staff; the board, except those taken from the medical staff, to be composed, as far as may be, of his seniors in rank, to determine and duties. the facts as to the nature and occasion of the disability of such officers as appear disabled to perform such military service, such board being hereby invested with the powers of a court of inquiry and court-martial, and their decision shall be subject to like revision as that of such courts by the President of the United States. The board, whenever it finds an offi-

\* Sec. 12 act of July 17, 1862, provides for the retiring thicers of the marine corps who have been borne on the register forty-five years, or two years.

hall be of the age of sixty-

cer incapacitated for active service, will report whether, in its judgment, the said incapacity result from long and faithful service, from wounds or injury received in the line of duty, from sickness or e posure therein, or from any other incident Effect of their of service. If so, and the President approve such judgment,

proved.

decision when ap the disabled officer shall thereupon be placed upon the list of retired officers, according to the provisions of this act. otherwise, and if the President concur in opinion with the board, the officer shall be retired as above, either with his pay proper alone, or with his service rations alone, at the discretion of the President, or he shall be wholly retired from the service, with one year's pay and allowances; and in this last case his name shall be thenceforward omitted from the Army Register, or Navy Register, as the case may be: Provided always, That the members of the board shall in every Members to be case be sworn to an honest and impartial discharge of their duties, and that no officer of the army shall be retired either

sworn.

Army officers to partially or wholly from the service without having had a fair and full hearing before the board, if, upon due summons, kave a hearing. he shall demand it.

Officers partially retired.

SEC. 18. And be it further enacted, That the officers partially retired shall be entitled to wear the uniform of their respective grades, shall continue to be borne upon the Army Register, or Navy Register, as the case may be, and shall be subject to the rules and articles of war, and to trial by general court-martial for any breach of the said articles.

Retirement of navy officers on own application.

Sec. 21. And he it further enacted, That any officer of the navy who has been forty years in the service of the United States may, upon his own application to the President of the United States, be placed upon the list of retired officers of the navy.\*

Retirement of

SEC. 22. And be it further enacted, That if any officer of incapable officers, the navy shall have become, or shall hereafter become, incapable of performing the duties of his office, he shall be placed upon the retired list and withdrawn from active service and command and from the line of promotion.

The next officer in rank shall be promoted to the place of the retired officer, according to the established rules of the Promotions to service. And the same rule of promotion shall be applied yacancies caused successively to the vacancies consequent upon the retirement of an theer.

Board to decide the incapacity of navy officers.

thereby.

Sec. 23. And be it further enacted, That whenever any officer of the navy, on being ordered to perform the duties appropriate to his commission, shall report himself unable to comply with such order, or when ver, in the judgment of the President of the United States, an officer of the navy shall

\* See 1st section of act to farther promote the efficiency of the navy, approved December 21, 1861, providing for the rething of naval officers of forty-five years' service, or who shall be of the age of sixty-two years. (Page 104.)

be in any way incapacitated from performing the duties of his office, the President, at his discretion, shall direct the Secretary of the Navy to refer the case of such officer to a board of not more than nine, and not less than five, commissioned officers, two-fifths of whom shall be members of the medical bureau of the navy; the board, except those taken from the medical bureau, to be composed, if possible, (as far as may duty. be,) of his seniors in rank. The determination of the board in each case shall, with a record of its proceedings, be transmitted to the Secretary of the Navy to be laid before the President for his approval or disapproval, and orders in the case. The board, whenever it finds an officer incapacitated for active service, will report whether, in its judgment, the incapacity result from long and faithful service, from wounds or injury received in the line of duty, from sickness or exposure therein, or from any other incident of service; if so, and the President Effect of decision approve of such judgment, the disabled officer shall thereupon when approved. be placed upon the list of retired officers, according to the provisions of this act. But it such disability or incompetency proceeded from other causes, and the President concur in opinion with the board, the officer may be retired upon furlough pay, or he shall be wholly retired from the service, with one year's pay, at the discretion of the President; and in this last case his name shall be wholly omitted from the Navy Register. The members of the board shall, in every case, be Members to be sworn to an honest and impartial discharge of their duties, sworn. and no officer of the navy shall be retired, either partially or Officers may be

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wholly, from the service without having had a fair and full heard. hearing before the board, if he shall demand it.

SEC. 24. And be it further enacted, That the retired offi-Privileges and cers shall be entitled to wear the uniform of their respective officers. grades, shall continue to be borne upon the Navy Register, shall be subject to the rules and articles governing the navy,

and to trial by general sourt-martial.

SEC. 25. And be it further enacted, That retired officers Duty may be as of the army, navy and marine corps may be assigned to such signed retired officers. duties as the President may deem them capable of performing, and such as the exigencies of the public service may require.

Approved August 3, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 287.)

AN ACT supplementary to an net entitled "An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That Vessels intended any vessel or boat which shall be built, purchased, fitted out for platical agin whole or in part, or held for the purpose of being employed gressions may be in the commission of any piratical aggression, search, restraint, portand condemndent of the commission of any piratical aggression, of any other set. depredation, or seizure, or in the commission of any other act

of piracy, as defined by the law of nations, shall be liable to be captured and brought into any port of the United States if found upon the high seas, or to be seized if found in any port or place with n the United States, whether the same shall have actually sailed upon any piratical expedition or not, and whether any act of piracy shall have been committed or attempted upon or from such vessel or boat or not; and any such vessel or boat may be adjudged and condemned, if captured by a vessel authorized as hereinafter mentioned, to the use of the United States and to that of the captors; and if seized by a collector, surveyor, or marshal, then to the use of the United States, after due process and trial, in like manner as is provided in section four of the act to which this act is supplementary, which section is hereby made in all respects applicable to cases arising under this act.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President of public ships, &c., the United States be, and hereby is, authorized to instruct seize such vessels, the commanders of the public armed vessels of the United States, and to authorize the commanders of any other armed vessels sailing under the authority of any letters of marque and reprisal granted by the Congress of the United States, or the commanders of any other suitable vessels, to subdue, seize, take, and, if on the high seas, to send into any port of the United States any vessel or boat built, purchased, fitted out, or held, as in the first section of this act mentioned.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the collectors of voyors, and mar the several ports of entry, the surveyors of the several ports shall required to soize such vessels, of delivery, and the marshals of the several judicial districts within the United States be, and are hereby, authorized and required to seize any and all vessels or boats built, purchased, fitted out, or held as aforesaid, which may be found within their respective ports or districts, and to cause the same to be proceeded against and disposed of as hereinbefore provided. Approved August 5, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 314.)

AN ACT authorizing additional enlistments in the navy of the United

the navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Enlistments in of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, authorized to cause to be enlisted in the navy of the United States, for the term of three years, or during the war, such number of able seamen, ordinary seamen, and boys, as he may judge necessary and proper, to place the entire navy of the United States, and all vessels that may be added to it, in a state of the utmost efficiency for active service,

Approved August 5, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 315.)

AN ACT making further appropriation for the support of the naval service for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and for other purposes.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of Change of names the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to change the of purchased vesters. names of any vessels purchased for the use of the Navy Department by authority of law, and they shall be thereafter known by the names so given them by virtue of this act.

Approved August 5, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 315.)

AN ACT making appropriations for fortifications, and for other purposes.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That any commissioned when commis-officer of the army, navy, or marine corps, who, having ten-dering resigna-dered his resignation, shall, prior to due notice of the accept thou, to be treated ance of the same by the proper authority, and without leave, as deserters. quit his post or proper duties with the intent to remain permanently absent therefrom, shall be registered as a deserter, and punished as such.

Approved August 5, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 316.)

AN ACT to punish certain crimes against the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Recruiting solif any person shall be guilty of the act of recruiting soldiers diers or sailors to or sailors in any State or Territory of the United States to United States punengage in armed hostility against the United States, or who ishable. shall open a recruiting station for the culistment of such persons, either as regulars or volunteers, to serve as aforesaid, shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor, and upon conviction in any court of record having jurisdiction of the offence, shall be fined a sum not less than two hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, and confined and imprisoned for a period not less than one year nor more than five years.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the person so enlisted, or engaged as regular or volunteer, shall be fined in a panishable. like manner a sum of one hundred dollars, and imprisoned not less than one nor more than three years.

Approved August 6, 1861, (Vol. 12, p. 317.)

AN ACT to further promote the efficiency of the navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Officers borne of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on the register 45 whenever the name of any naval officer\* now in the service, years, or 62 years of who may hereafter be in the service of the United States, shall have been borne on the naval register forty-five years, or shall be of the age of sixty-two years, he shall be retired from active service, and his name entered on the retired list of officers of the grade to which he belonged at the time of

such retirement.

President may assign retired offi-

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President of cers to shore duty, the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to assign any officer who may be retired under the preceding section of this act to shore duty; and such officer thus assigned shall receive the full shore pay of his grade while so employed.

May be detailed

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the President of to command single the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall have the authority to detail from the retired list of the navy for the command of squadrons and single ships. such officers as he may believe that the good of the service requires to be thus placed in command; and such officers Receiving a vote may, if upon the recommendation of the President of the of thanks may be United States they shall receive a vote of thanks of Congress restored to active

for their services and gallantry in action against an enemy, be restored to the active list, and not otherwise.

Flag officershow selected.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States shall have the authority to select any officer from the grades of captain or commander in the navy and assign him to the command of a squadron with the rank and title of a "flag-officer;" and any officer thus assigned shall have the same authority and receive the same obedience from the commanders of ships in his squadron holding commissions of an older date than his that he would be entitled to receive were his commission the oldest; and to receive, when so employed, the pay to which he would have been entitled if he were on the active list of the navy.

Pay of retired officers.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That all officers retired under the provisions of this act shall receive the retired pay of their respective grades as fixed by law.

\*Not to apply to rice-admiral in the navy, (act of December 21, 1864:) nor to be so construed as to retire any officer under the age of sixty-two years and whose name shall not have been borne upon the navy register for a period of forty-five years after he had arrived at the age of sixteen years, (act of June 25, 1864;) nor to apply to officers, not below grade of commander, who have received a vote of thanks from Congress, upon the recommendation of the President, by name, who are not to be retired without cause until they have been fifty-five years in the naval service, (act of July 16, 1862, sec. 8.)

t Captains retired under this act may be promoted to the grade of commodore on the

retired list.—(Act of March 3, 1863.)

†The 20th section of the act of July 16, 1862, establishes the pay of retired line officers, and the 7th section of the act of April 21, 1864, that of retired staff officers.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That promotions shall Promotions to be made in place of the officers retired under the provisions

of this bill as is now provided by law.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of Medals of honor the Navy be, and is hereby, authorized to cause two hundred guishing them-"medals of honor" to be prepared, with suitable emblematic selves. devices, which shall be bestowed upon such petty officers, seamen, landsmen, and marines as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action and other seamanlike qualities during the present war.\*

[Sec. 8 relates to hours of labor and wages of employés in the nevy yards, and has been superseded by act of July 16,

1862, page 128.

Approved December 21, 1861. (Vol. 12, p. 329.)

AN ACT authorizing the detail of naval officers for the service of the War Department.

Be it enacted by the Sexate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Naval officers the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, for service of War authorized to temporarily detail three competent naval officers for the service of the War Department in the inspection of transport vessels, and for such other services as may be designated by the Secretary of War.

Approved February 12, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 338.)

## [UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT.]

A RESOLUTION tendering the thanks of Congress to Captain Samuel F. DuPont, and officers, petty officers, scamen, and marines under his command, for the victory at Port Royal.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Thanks for victory at Port Royal. the thanks of Congress be, and they are hereby, tendered to Captain Samuel F. DuPont, and through him to the officers, petty officers, seamen, and marines attached to the squadron under his command, for the decisive and splendid victory achieved at Po t Royal on the seventh day of November last.

Approved February 22, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 613.)

<sup>\*</sup>By the 3d section of the act of May 17, 1864, seamen distinguishing themselves may be promoted to forward warrant officers, or to masters' mates, and on such promotion receive a gratuity of one hundred dollars and a medal of honor.

A RESOLUTION giving the thanks of Congress to the officers, soldiers, and seamen of the army and navy, for their gallantry in the recent brilliant victories over the enemies of the Union and the Constitution.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress ussembled. That ries of brilliant vice the thanks of Congress are due, and are hereby tendered, to the officers, soldiers, and seamen of the army and navy of the United States, for the heroic gallantry that, under the providence of Almighty God, has won the recent series of brilliant victories over the enemics of the Union and the Constitution. Approved February 22, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 613.)

AN ACT to make an additional article of war.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the following shall be promulgated as an additional article of war for the government of the army of the United States, and shall be obeyed and observed as such:

Military or nafugitives from service or labor,

ARTICLE -.. All officers or persons in the military or naval used for returning service of the United States are prohibited from employing any of the forces under their respective commands for the purpose of returning fugitives from service or labor who may have escaped from any persons to whom such service or labor is claimed to be due; and any officer who shall be found guilty by a court-martial of violating this article shall be dismissed from the service.

Penalty.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 13, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 354.)

A RESOLUTION expressive of the thanks of Congress to Captain A. H. Foote, of the United States navy, and to the officers and men under his command in the western flotilla.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of Thanks for gal- the United States of America in Congress assembled, That lantry at Forts the thanks of Congress and of the American people are due, Henry and Don and are hereby tendered, to Captain A.H. Foote, of the United States navy, and to the officers and men of the western flotilla under his command for the great gallantry exhibited by them in the attacks upon Forts Henry and Donaldson, for their efficiency in opening the Tennessee, Cumberland, and Mississippi rivers to the pursuits of lawful commerce, and for their unwavering devotion to the cause of the country in the midst of the greatest difficulties and dangers.

Approved March 19, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 616.)

AN ACT to provide for the equitable settlement of the accounts of the officers and crews of the frigate Congress and other vessels.\*

Be it exacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they accounts of officers of the treasury be, and they are authorized and directed to settle, upon the prin-Congress and ciples of justice and equity, the accounts of the officers, sailors, settled on principal and of any other vessels of vessels of war. sloop Cumberland, and of any other vessel or vessels-of-war the books of which were los or destroyed in consequence of the naval engagements at Hampton Roads on the eighth and ninth of March, auno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of Compensation for the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to furnish to the loss of clothing, &c. sailors, marines, and crews of any of the vessels engaged in the naval actions in the foregoing section mentioned, whose bedding, clothing, or other property was lost or destroyed therein, with an amount sufficient to cover their losses, and not exceeding sixty dollars to each man, to be paid in kind or in money, at the discretion of the flag-officer of the North Atlantic squadron.

Approved April 2, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 375.)

JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to test plans and materials for rendering ships and floating batteries invulnerable.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Appropriation to the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, authorized to test plaus and macexpend, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise apong ships of done propriated, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, ing batteries invulgate the number of testing plans and materials for maker and propriated. for the purpose of testing plans and materials for rendering ships or floating batteries invulnerable.

Approved April 10, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 617.)

AN ACT making additional appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

SRC. 4. And he it further enacted, That the Secretary of Commut. on of the Navy be authorized to commute the navy ration of coffee ree and sugar, &c. and sugar for the extract of coffee combined with milk and

\*The act of July 11, 1862, for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines of these vessels, appropriates twelve months' pay to them.

sugar, to be procured in the same manner and under like restrictions and guarantees as are preserved meats, pickles, butter, and desiccated vegetables,\* if he shall believe it will be conducive to the health and comfort of the navy and not more expensive to the government than the present ration, and if it shall be acceptable to the men.

Approved April 17, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 380.)

AN ACT making provision for raising property of the United States sunk in the waters thereof.

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of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That tract to raise surface the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to contract with such person or persons as he shall deem most for the public service for raising such vessels, their armaments, stores, or equipments, belonging to the United States and sunk in the waters thereof; and that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to carry the provisions of this act into

Approved June 17, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 431.)

AN ACT to prescribe an oath of office, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Onthor office for hereafter every person elected or appointed to any office of persons in the roll; honor or profit under the government of the United States. itary, naval, and either in the civil, military, or naval departments of the public service, excepting the President of the United States, shall, before entering upon the duties of such office, and before being entitled to any of the salary or other emoluments thereof, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: "I, A B, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid, countenance, counsel, or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto; that I have neither sought nor accepted nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office whatever under any authority or pretended authority in hostility to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power, or constitution within the United States, hostile or inimical thereto.

\*By the 7th section of the act of July 18, 1861, regulating the many ration, these articles are to be procured in such manner and under such restrictions and guarantees as, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Navy, will best insure the good quality of said articles

And I do fur her swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and ability, I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter, so help me God."

Which said oath, so taken and signed, shall be preserved Oath to be preamong the files of the court, house of Congress, or depart-served. ment to which the said office may appertain. And any person who shall falsely take the said oath shall be guilty of False oath pe perjury, and on conviction, in addition to the penalties now jury. prescribed for that offence, shall be deprived of his office and Penalty. rendered incapable forever after of holding any office or place

under the United States. Approved July 2, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 502.)

AN ACT to reorganize the Navy Department of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be established in the Navy Department the following bureaus, to wit:

First. A Bureau of Yards and Docks.

Second. A Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting.

Third. A Bureau of Navigation.

Fourth. A Bureau of Ordnance.

Fifth. A Bureau of Construction and Repair.

Sixth. A Bureau of Steam Engineering.

Seventh. A Bureau of Provisions and Clothing. Eighth. A Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President of Chless of bureaus, the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the how appointed, Senate, shall appoint from the list of officers of the navy, not and from whom to be selected. below the grade of commander, a chief for each of the Bureaus of Yards and Docks, Navigation, Equipment and Recruiting, and of Ordnance, and shall in like manner appoint a chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, who shall be a skilful naval constructor; and shall also appoint a chief of the Bureau of Steam Lugineering, who shall be a sk Iful engineer, and be selected from the list of chief engineers of the navy; and shall also appoint a chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, who shall be selected from the list of the surgeons of the navy, and a chief of the Bureau of Previsions and Clothing, who shall be selected from the list of paymasters of the navy of not less than ten years' standing; Salaries and term each of which chiefs of bureaus shall receive a salary of three of office.

Bureaus established in the Navy Department.

thousand five hundred dollars per annum," unless otherwise heretofore provided for by law, which shall be in lieu of all other compensation whatever; the said chiefs of bureaus to hold their said offices for the term of four years: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect any provision heretofore made by law for special cases.

Clerks, &c., anthorized.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Navy shall appoint the following clerks and other officers, to wit:

Office of the Se-

For the office of the Secretary of the Navy, a chief clerk, cretary of the Na- who shall receive a salary of two thousand two hundred dollars per annum; one clerk at a salary of eighteen hundred dollars, who shall also be disbursing clerk with a salary of two hundred dollars; five clerks with a salary of sixteen hundred dollars each; three clerks with a salary of fourteen hundred dollars each; four clerks with a salary of twelve hundred dollars each; one messenger at nine hundred dollars per annum; one assistant messenger at seven hundred dollars; and two laborers at six hundred dollars each per annum.

Bureau of Yards and Docks.

For the Bureau of Yards and Docks, one civil engineer, who shall receive a salary of two thousand dollars; one chief clerk at eighteen hundred dollars; one clerk at sixteen hundred dollars; three clerks at fourteen hundred dollars each; one draughtsman at fourteen hundred dollars; one clerk at twelve hundred dollars; one messenger at eight hundred and forty dollars; and two laborers at six hundred dollars each per

Bureau of Equipment and Recruit.

For the Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting, one chief clerk, who shall receive a salary of eighteen hundred dollars; two clerks at a salary of fourteen hundred dollars each; one clerk at a salary of twelve hundred dollars; one messenger at a salary of eight hundred and forty dollars.‡

Bureau of Navigation.

For the Bureau of Navigation, one chief clerk at eighteen hundred dollars; one clerk who shall receive a salary of fourteen hundred dollars; one clerk at twelve hundred dollars; one messenger at eight hundred and forty dollars.

Bureau of Ordnance.

For the Bureau of Ordnance, one assistant, to be selected from the commissioned officers of the navy, with the pay of three thousand dollars per annum; one draughtsman at fourteen hundred dollars; one clerk at fourteen hundred dollars; one messenger at eight hundred and forty dollars per annum;

\* This is not construed to prohibit any chief of a bureau from receiving the highest shore duty pay of his grade, although it may exceed thirty-five hundred dollars per

t Additions authorized: Three clerks of class one and three of class two, February 25, 1863; two of class four, March 14, 1864; four of class four and one laborer at \$600, March 2, 1865.

1 Additions authorized: One laborer at \$600, February 25, 1863; one clerk of class two and one of class one, July 2, 1864; one of class three and one of class one, March 2, 1865.

§ An addition of one laborer at \$600, February 25, 1863.

and one laborer at six hundred dollars, and one laborer at

four hundred and eighty dollars per annum.\*

For the Bureau of Construction and Repair, one chief clerk, Bureau of Conat a salary of eighteen hundred doi: ars a year; one draughts- pairs, man at fourteen hundred dollars per annum, five clerks at a salary of fourteen hundred dollars each, one of twelve hundred dollars, one messenger at a salary of eight hundred and forty deltars per annum, and one laborer at six hundred dollars per annum.†

For the Bureau of Steam Engineering, one chief clerk, at Bureau of Steam a salary of eighteen hundred dollars; one draughtsman at Engineering. fourteen hundred dollars, one clerk at fourteen hundred dollars, one assistant draughtsman at twelve hundred dollars, one messenger at eight hundred and forty dollars salary per annum, and one laborer at six hundred dollars per annum.

For the Dureau of Provisions and Clothing, one chief clerk, Bureau of Provisions and Clothwitles salary of eighteen hundred dollars; four clerks with ing. a salary of fourteen hundred dollars each, one clerk with a salary of twelve hundred dollars, one messenger with a salary of eight hundred and forty dollars per annum, and one laborer with a salary of six hundred dollars per annum.‡

For the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, two clerks with a salary of fourteen hundred dollars each, and one messenger cine and Surgery.

with a salary of eight hundred and forty dollars per annum.§

For the protection of the building occupied by the department, one day watchman and two night watchmen, at a salary laborers for the of six hundred dollars each per annum; and for the general grounds. care of the building, furnace, and grounds, one laborer at a salary of six hundred dollars, and one laborer at a salary of three hundred and sixty dollars ||.

SEC. 4. And he it further enacted, That the Secretary of Distribution of the Navy shall assign and distribute among the said bureaus reass. such of the duties of the Navy Department as he shall judge to be expedient and proper; I and all of the duties of the said Effect of their bureaus shall be performed under the authority of the Secre-orders. tary of the Navy, and their orders shall be considered as emanating from him, and shall have full force and effect as

Watchmen and

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted. That all estimates for Estimates specific, general, and contingent expenses of the department appropriations. and of the several bureaus, shall be furnished to the Secre-

\* Additions authorized: One chief clerk at \$1,800 per aunum, and three clerks of class two, February 25, 1863; one clerk of class three, July 2, 1864.
† Additions authorized: One temporary clerk of class two, March 2, 1865.
† Additions authorized: Two clerks of class one and two of class two, February 25,

1863; two of class three and two of class one, July 2, 1864.

Additions authorized: An assistant to the bureau, to be either a surgeon, assistant surgeon, or passed assistant surgeon, and to receive the highest shore pay of his grade, act of July 16, 1862; one laborer, act of February 25, 1863.

Two additional watchmen, act of February 25, 1863. The act of July 16, 1862, authorizes the Secretary to assign clerks and laborers a tached to one bureau to duty in another.

tary of the Navy by the chiefs of the respective bureaus, and all such appropriations shall be under the control and expended by the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, and the appropriation for each bureau shall be kept separate in the treasury.

Franking privilege.

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That the chiefs of the respective bureaus of the Navy Department shall be authorized to frank all communications from their respective bureaus; and all communications to their bureaus on the business thereof shall be free of postage.\*

Repeal of conflicting acts.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That all acts and parts of acts conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved July 5, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 510.)

## [UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT.]

A RESOLUTION tendering the thanks of Congress to Captain Louis M. Goldsborough, and officers, petty officers, seamen, and marines under his command, for the victory at Roanoke island.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of

Thanks to Capt. the United States of America in Congress assembled, That

I. M. Goldsbo- the thanks of Congress be, and they are hereby, tendered to
rough and his Captain Louis M. Goldsborough, and through him to the offitory at Roanoke cers, petty officers, seamen, and marines attached to the squadisland.

ron under his command, for the brilliant and decisive victory
achieved at Roanoke island on the seventh, eighth, and tenth
days of February last.

Approved July 11, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 621.)

A RESOLUTION expressive of the thanks of Congress to Lieutenant J. L. Worden, of the United States navy, and to the officers and men under his command in the Monitor.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Worden and offit the thanks of Congress and of the American people are due, cers and men of and are hereby tendered, to Lieutenant J. L. Worden, of the United States navy, and to the officers and men of the iron clad gunboat Monitor, under his command, for the skill and gallantry exhibited by them in the late remarkable battle between the Monitor and the rebel iron-clad steamer Merrimack.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause this resolution to be communicated to Lieutenant Worden, and through him to the officers and men under his command.

Approved July 11, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 622.)

<sup>\*</sup> See act of June 1, 1864, in relation to franked matter.

TUPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT.

A RESOLUTION of thanks to Captain David G. Farragut, of the United States mayy, and to the officers and men under his command.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the thanks of the people and of the Congress of the United D. G. Farragut States are due and are hereby tendered to Captain David G. and his squadron for successful opethe United States of America in Congress assembled, That Farragut, of the United States navy, and to the officers and rations, &c. men under his command, composing his squadron in the Gulf of Mexico, for their successful operations on the lower Mississippi river, and for their gallantry displayed in the capture of Forts Jackson and St. Philip, and the city of New Orleans, and in the destruction of the enemy's gunboats and armed flotilla.

SEC. 2. And be it further resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to communicate this resolution to Captain Farragut, and through him to the officers and men under

his command.

Approved July 11, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 622.)

A RESOLUTION for the relief of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of the battalion of marines on board the transport Governor, on the third of November, eighteen hundred and sixty one.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Relief for one the sum of seven thousand one hundred and sixty-three dollars eers and men of and fifty-one cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, for losses of clothout of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, ing by the foundation of the company of t to compensate the officers, non-commissioned officers, and ernor privates who composed the marine battalion attached to the Port Royal naval expedition under Flag-Officer DuPont, for the losses of their personal effects by the foundering of the steamer Governor, in which they were embarked, on the third of November last; and that the Secretary of the Navy cause the said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be paid to them according to the estimated value of their personal effects lost in the manner aforesaid.

Approved July 11, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 622.)

A RESOLUTION to compensate the crew of the United States steamer Varuna for clothing and other property lost in the public service.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of Compensation to the United States of America in Congress assembled, That petty officers and the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they others of the Vaare hereby, authorized, in settling the accounts of the petty clothing.

the Congress.

officers, seamen, and others of the crew of the United States steamer Varuna, which was sunk during the engagement near New Orleans on or about the twenty-fourth day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, to credit each of them with the amount of sixty dollars to cover their losses of bedding, clothing, and other property, occasioned by the sinking of the said steamer.

Approved July 11, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 622.)

AN ACT for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines of the United States ships Cumberland and Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Relief to families of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That of officers and the widow, or child, or children, and in case there shall be no others lost in the Comberland and widow, or child, or children, then the parent or parents, and if there be no parents, the brothers and sisters of the officers, seamen, and marines, and others in service who were lost in the United States ships Cumberland and Congress, including captains' clerks, shall be entitled to and shall receive. out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to twelve months' pay of their respective deceased relations aforesaid, in addition to the pay due to the said deceased at the date of the loss of said vessels.

Approved July 11, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 531.)

A RESOLUTION in relation to contracts with the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of

List of contracts the United States of America in Congress assembled, That solicited or pro-it shall be the duty of the several executive departments of posed to be published weekly. the government to publish in one of the daily newspapers of the city of Washington, on Tuesday of each week, a list of all contracts which shall have been solicited or proposed to each, respectively, during the week next preceding, which list shall state briefly the subject-matter of each contract so solicited or proposed to be made, its terms, the name of the proposed contractor and of all persons known to be interested therein, directly or indirectly, and of all persons who solicit, request, or recommend the making of any such contract: Provided, That the foregoing provision shall not be applicable to

Not to apply to certain bids.

> posed modifications of existing contracts. Approved July 12, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 624.)

bids made in pursuance of advertisements for contracts or purchases made under existing laws, but shall apply to all proAN ACT making appropriations for the moval service for the year ending thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and for other purposes.

For provisions for commission, warrant, and petty officers proming and seamen, including engineers and marines attached to ves-packing of sels for sea service, three million three hundred and fifty-one thousand five hundred and twenty-one dollars and twentyfive cents: Provided, That the preserved meat forming part of the navy ration may be prepared and packed under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, if he shall deem it advisable; and that the cattle or fresh beef therefor may be beef, cattle and fresh purchased under his directions, and from this appropriation; and that he be authorized to do whatever else may be necessary for the procuring, preparing, and packing said preserved meat in the most approved and advantageous manner; the expense for machinery and tools to be defrayed from the lastnamed sum, and not to exceed five thousand dollars.

Provided, That hereafter, in all cases where the officers of officers of the the navy can be made available, consistently with the public able to be en ployservice, in making contracts for the charter of vessels and cd in chartering the purchase of additional steam-vessels, no other person or vessels. persons shall be employed; nor shall such officers, when so employed, receive any compensation in addition to their official pay; and when any other person or persons than an officer of the navy shall be employed, the compensation shall Compensation to not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars for all contracts when so employfor purchases or charters in any one year made under the ed.

Provided, That hereafter no salaries shall be paid to any salaries only to employé in any of the navy yards except to those designated yards assignated in the estimates. All other persons shall receive a per diem la the estimates. compensation for the time during which they were actually all others,

engaged.

provisions of this act.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the pay of the Pay of clerks to clerks of the navy yard and navy agency at Mare Island vy agency, Mare shall be as follows, viz: one clerk to navy agent, two thou- Island. sand dollars per annum; one clerk to navy agent, fifteen hundred dollars; one clerk to the commandant, fifteen hundred dollars; one clerk of the yard, fifteen hundred dollars; one clerk to the paymaster and inspector of provisions, and so forth, fifteen hundred dollars; one clerk to the naval constructor, nine hundred dollars; one clerk to the civil engineer, nine hundred dollars; one draughtsman to civil engineer, twelve hundred dollars; one steward to paymaster, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

cease.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That from and after the first day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, the spirit ration in the many of the United States shall forever cease, and thereafter no distilled spirituous liquors shall he admitted on board of vessels-of-war except as medical stores, and upon the order and under the control of the medical officers of such vessels, and to be used only for medical purposes. From and after the said first day of September next there shall be allowed and paid to each person in the Communition in navy now entitled to the spirit ration five cents per day in

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commutation and lieu thereof, which shall be in addition to their present pay.

Recognition of

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the orders, reguorders, regula latious, and instructions heretofore issued by the Secretary of tions and instruc-tions and instruccretary of the Na tions of the Navy Department, subject, however, to such alterations as the Secretary of the Navy may adopt, with the approbation of the President of the United States.

Pay of secretary to commander of u squadron,

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the pay of the secretary of a commander of a squadron shall hereafter be fifteen hundred dollars a year and one ration.

Age of chaplains when appointed.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That chaplains in the navy shall be no less than twenty-one nor more than thirtyfive years of age at the time of their appointment as such.

Ten acting mid-

SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, That the President of shipmen may be the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to annually appointed by the the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to annually appointed by the Naval President amount appoint ten acting midshipmen for education at the Naval Academy, who shall be selected from the sons of officers or soldiers who distinguished themselves in the service of the United States, or from the sons of officers or men in the naval or marine service of the United States who have thus distinguished themselves.\*

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Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, That the District of lumbia a congress Columbia shall be regarded for all the purposes of appointpurposes of appointment to Academy as a congressional district, their
politiment to Academy appointment thereto to be designated by the President of the United States from residents of the District.

Approved July 14, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 561.)

# AN ACT to grant pensions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Pensions to one of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That cers and others dis if any officer, non-commissioned officer, musician, or private abled in line of if any officer, non-commissioned officer, musician, or private of the army, including regulars, volunteers, and militia, or

\* By the 11th section of the act of July 16, 1862, the President is authorized to make

other appointments to the Acade by.
† See supplementary acts of July 4, 1864, and March 3, 1865.
By a joint resolution of July 16, 1862, the benefits of this act, including bounty and pension, are extended to masters serving on board of gunboats employed in the service of the United States, and to the widows, mothers, and heirs thereof.

any officer, warrant or petty officer, musician, seaman, ordinary seaman, flotillaman, marine, clerk, landsman, pilot, or other person in the navy or marine corps, has been, since the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, or shall hereafter be, disabled by reason of any wound received or disease contracted while in the service of the United States, and in the line of duty, he shall, upon making due proof of the fact according to such forms and regulations as are or may be provided by or in pursuance of law, be placed upon the list of invalid pensions of the United States, and be entitled to receive, for the highest rate of disability, such pension as is hereinafter provided in such cases, and for an inferior disability an amount proportionate to the highest disability, to commence as hereinafter provided, and continue during the existence of such disability. The pension for a Rate of pensions total disability for officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates employed in the military service of the United States, whether regulars, volunteers, or militia, and in the marine corps, shall be as follows, viz: lieutenant colonel, and all officers of a higher rank, thirty dollars per month; major, twenty-five dollars per month; captain, twenty dollars per month; first lieutenant, seventeen dollars per month; second lieutenant, fifteen dollars per month; and non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, eight dollars per month. The pension for total disability for officers, warrant Rate of pensions or petty officers, and others employed in the naval service of vice. the United States, shall be as follows, viz: captain, commander, surgeon, paymaster, and chief engineer, respectively, ranking with commander by law, lieutenant commanding, and master commanding, thirty dollars per month; lieutenant, surgeon, paymaster, and chief engineer, respectively, ranking with lieutenant by law, and passed assistant surgeon, twentyfive dollars per month; professor of mathematics, master, assistant surgeon, assistant paymaster, and chaplain, twenty dollars per month; first assistant engineers and pilots, fifteen dollars per month; passed midshipman, midshipman, captain's and paymaster's clerk, second and third assistant engineer, master's mate, and all warrant officers, ten dollars per month; all petty officers, and all other persons before named employed in the naval service, eight dollars per month; and all commissioned officers, of either service, shall receive such and only such pension as is herein provided for the rank in which they hold commissions.

Sec. 2. And le it further enacted, That if any officer or pensions to we other person named in the first section of this act has died dows and children since the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty the service. one, or shall hereafter die, by reason of any wound received or disease contracted while in the service of the United States, and in the line of duty, his widow, or, if there be no widow, his child or children under sixteen years of age, shall be entitled to receive the same pension as the husband or father

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would have been entitled to had he been totally disabled, to When to com-commence from the death of the husband or father, and to mence and now continue to the widow during her widowhood, or to the child or children until they severally attain to the age of sixteen years, and no longer.

Pensions to the those who die in the service.

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SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That where any officer mother, where or other person named in the first section of this act shall have or children, of died subsequently to the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, or shall hereafter die, by reason of any wound received or disease contracted while in the service of the United States, and in the line of duty, and has not left or shall not leave a widow nor legitimate child, but has left or shall leave a mother who was dependent upon him for support, in whole or in part, the mother shall be entitled to receive the same pension as such officer or other person would have been entitled to had he been totally disalled; which When to compension shall commence from the death of the officer or other person dying as aforesaid: Provided, however, That if such Lother shall herself be in receipt of a pension as a widow, in virtue of the provisions of the second section of this act, in that case no persion or allowance shall be granted to her on account of her son, unless she gives up the other pension or allowance: And provided further, That the pension given to a mother on account of her son shall terminate on her remarriage: And provided further, That nothing herein shall be so construed as to entitle the mother of an officer or other person dying, as aforesaid, to more than one pension at the same time under the provisions of this act.

Pensions to or-

ters, &c.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That where any officer phan sister or sist or other person named in the first section of this act shall have died subsequently to the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, or shall hereafter die, by reason of any wound received or disease contracted while in the service of the United States, and in the line of duty, and has not left or shall not leave a widow, nor legitimate child, nor mother, but has left or may leave an orphan sister or sisters, under sixteen years of age, who were dependent upon him for support, in whole or in part, such sister or sisters shall be entitled to receive the same pension as such officer or other person would have been entitled to had he been totally dis-Commencement abled; which pension to said orphan shall commence from and continuance of the death of the officer or other person dying as aforesaid,

same.

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and shall continue to the said orphans until they severally arrive at the age of sixteen years, and no longer: Provided, however, That nothing herein shall be so construed as to entitle said orphans to more than one pension at the same time, under the provisions of this act: And provided further,

No pension, That no moneys shall be paid to the widow, or children, or bounty, or back any heirs of any deceased soldier on account of bounty, back pay to disloyal will pay, or pension, who have in any way been engaged in or pay, or pension, who have in any way been engaged in or . who have aided or abetted the existing rebellion in the United

States; but the right of such disloyal widow or children, heir or heirs of such soldier, shall be vested in the loyal heir

or heirs of the deceased, if any there be.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That pensions which Pensions to commay be granted, in pursuance of the provisions of this act, discharge, or day of to persons who may have been or shall be employed in the of filing applicamilitary or naval service of the United States, shall commence tion. on the day of the discharge of such persons in all cases in which the application for such provisions [pensions] is filed within one year after the date of said discharge; and in cases in which the application is not filed during said year, pensions granted to persons employed as aforesaid shall commence on the day of the filing of the application.

Sections 6 and 7 repealed by act of July 4, 1864.

SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioner Appointment of of Pensions be, and he is hereby, empowered to appoint, at examine applihis discretion, civil surgeons to make the biennial examinations cants for pensions. of pensioners which are or may be required to be made by law, and to examine applicants for invalid pensions, where he shall deem an examination by a surgeon to be appointed by him necessary; and the fees for each of such examinations, and the requisite certificate thereof, shall be one dollar and fifty cents, which fees shall be paid to the surgeon by the Surgeons' fees. person examined, for which he shall take a receipt and forward the same to the Pension Office; and upon the allowance of the claim of the person examined, the Commissioner of Pensions shall furnish to such person an order on the pension agent of his State for the amount of the surgeon's fees.\*

SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioner Claimants for of Pensions, on application made to him in person or by let-bendring furnished, on ter by any claimants or applicants for pension, bounty, or application, with other allowance required by law to be adjusted and paid by printed instructhe Pension Office, shall furnish such claimants, free of all expense or charge to them, all such printed instructions and forms as may be necessary in establishing and obtaining said claim; and in case such claim is prosecuted by an agent or attorney of such claimant or applicant, on the issue of a certificate of pension or the granting of a bounty or allowance, the Commissioner of Pensions shall forthwith notify the appli- allowance to be cant or claimant that such certificate has been issued or allow-given to appliance made, and the amount thereof.

SEC. 10. And be it further enacted, That the pilots, engi-Pilots, engineers, neers, sailors, and crews upon the gunboats and war vessels who have not been of the United States, who have not been regularly mustered regularly mustered into service to the service of the United States, shall be entitled to the beallowed benefit same bounty allowed to persons of corresponding rank in the of bounty and pennaval sorvice, provided that, continue in service to the class. naval service, provided they continue in service to the close of the present war; and all persons serving as aforesaid, who

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<sup>&</sup>quot;By the act of July 4, 1864, these fees are to be refunded by the agent for paying pensions in the district in which the pensioner or claimant resides, out of any money appropriated for the payment of pensions.

have been or may be wounded or incapacitated for service. shall be entitled to receive for such disability the pension allowed by the provisions of this act to those of like rank. and each and every such person shall receive pay according to corresponding rank in the naval service: Provided, That no person receiving pension or bounty under the provisions of this act shall receive either pension or bounty for any other service in the present war.

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Widows and heirs

SEC. 11. And be it further enacted, That the widows and to be paid bounty heirs of all persons described in the last preceding section who have been or may be employed as aforesaid, or who have been or may be killed in battle, or of those who have died or shall die of wounds received while so employed, shall be paid the bounty and pension allowed by the provisions of this act, according to rank, as provided in the last preceding section.

[Section 12 repealed by act of July 4, 1864]

Inconsistent acts repenled.

Sec. 13. And be it further enacted, That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved July 14, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 566.)

AN ACT repealing the law requiring bonds of paymesters and assistaut paymasters to be approved by the judge or attorney of the district in which such paymaster or assistant paymaster shall reside.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Approval of bond of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That of paymasters and the law requiring the official bond of a paymaster or assistant paymaster in the navy to be approved by the judge or attorney of the United States for the district in which such paymaster or assistant paymaster shall reside, be and the same is hereby repealed; and such bond shall be deemed and taken to be satisfactory and sufficient whenever the Secretary of the Navy shall be satisfied, on such evidence as he shall consider proper. that such bond ought to be approved and accepted.

Approved July 14, 1862, (Vol. 12, p. 575.)

AN ACT to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to accept the title to League island, in the Delaware river, for mayal purposes.

poses under certain provisions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Secretary of Na of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That vy authorized to the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and for naval pur- to receive and accept from the city authorities of the city of Philadelphia the title to League island, in the Delaware river, together with the marsh cast of and adjacent thereto, within the first ward of the said city of Philadelphia, together with all riparian rights and privileges thereunto belonging and appertaining, to be used for naval purposes by the government of the United States: *Provided*, That said title shall not be accepted and received unless the same shall be perfect and indefeasible to the whole island to low-water mark; nor if, upon more thorough examination and survey of the premises, by a competent board of officers to be by him appointed, he shall discover that the public interests will not be promoted

by acquiring the title as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the board of oil- Naw London cers to be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy according harbor and Narrato the provisions of the first section of this act shall, before examined. proceeding to any decision of the questions hereinbefore referred to them, make a survey and examination of the harbor of New London, Connecticut, and its surroundings, with reference to its capacity and fitness for a naval depot and navy yard, and whether the public interests will not be promoted by establishing a naval depot and navy yard in or near said harbor of New London instead of League island; and that they also make the same investigation in regard to the waters of Narragansett bay.

Approved July 15, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 575.)

AN ACT to prevent members of Congress and officers of the government of the United States from taking consideration for procuring contracts, office, or place from the United States, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of Americ in Congress assembled, That Membersot Conany member of Congress or any officer \* of the government gress and governof the United States who shall, directly or indirectly, take, montofficers notto receive, or agree to receive, any money, property, or other ation for procuring valuable consideration whatsoever, from any person or persons contracts, &c. for procuring, or aiding to procure, any contract, office, or place from the government of the United States or any department thereof, or from any officer of the United States, for any person or persons whatsoever, or for giving any such contract, office, or place to any person whomsoever, and the person or persons who shall directly or indirectly offer or agree to give, den to offer such or give or bestow any money, property, or other valuable con-considerations. sideration whatsoever, for the procuring or aiding to procure any contract, office, or place as aforesaid, and any member of Congress who shall, directly or indirectly, take, receive, or agree to receive any money, property, or other valuable consideration whatsoever after his election as such member, for his attention to, services, action, vote, or decision on any question, matter, cause or proceeding which may then be pending,

\* The provisions of this act shalf he so construed as to embrace any agent of the government of the United States .- (Act of February 25, 1863, vol. 12, p. 696.)

or may by law or under the Constitution of the United States be brought before him in his official capacity, or in his place of trust and profit as such member of Congress, shall for every such offence be liable to indictment as for a misdemeanor in any court of the United States having jurisdiction Fine and impris. thereof, and on conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not excomment on convice ceeding ten thousand dollars, and suffer imprisonment in the penitentiary not exceeding two years, at the discretion of the court trying the same; and any such contract or agreement,

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Contract may be void.

for office.

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as aforesaid, may, at the option of the President of the United declared null and States, be absolutely null and void; and any member of Congress or officer of the United States convicted, as aforesaid, Disqualification shall, moreover, be disqualified from holding any office of honor, profit, or trust under the government of the United

Approved July 16, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 577.)

[CPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT.]

JOINT RESOLUTION tendering the thanks of Congress to Captain Andrew H. Foote, of the United States navy.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of Thanks to Cap-the United States of America in Congress assembled, That tain Andrew II, the thanks of Congress be, and the same are hereby, tendered services. &c. to Captain Andrew H. Foote, of the United States navy, for his eminent services and gallantry at Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, and Island Number Ten, while in command of the naval forces of the United States.

Sec. 2. And be it further resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit a certified copy of the foregoing resolution to Captain Foote. Approved July 16, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 626.)

AN ACT to provide for the more prompt settlement of the accounts of disbursing officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Accounts of dis. of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Accounts of dis-bursing officers to from and after the passage of this act any officer or agent of bo settled month the United States who shall receive public money which he is not authorized to retain as salary, pay, or emolument, shall render his accounts monthly, instead of quarterly, as hereto-Accounts, &c., fore; and such accounts, with the vouchers necessary to the ten days. correct and prompt settlement thereof, shall be rendered direct

\* Any paymaster who transmits a monthly summary statement of his receipts, disbursements, and balances is authorized to render his accounts quarterly instead of monthly.—(Fourth Auditor's regulations.)

to the proper accounting officer of the treasury, and be mailed or otherwise forwarded to its proper address within ten days after the expiration of each successive month. And in case Proceedings if of the non-receipt at the treasury of any accounts within a received in season. reasonable and proper time thereafter, the officer whose accounts are in default shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of having complied with the provisions of this act; and for any default on his part, the delinquent officer shall be deemed a defaulter, and be subject to all the penalties \* prescribed by the sixteenth section of the act of August sixth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, "to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue:" Prorided, That the Secretary of the Treasury may, if in his opinion the circumstances of the case justify and require it, extend the time hereinbefore prescribed for the rendition of tended. accounts: And provided further, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to restrain the heads of any of the Other returns departments from requiring such other returns or reports from may be required. the officer or agent, subject to the control of such heads of

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departments, as the public interests may require. Approved July 17, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 593.)

AN ACT to establish and equalize the grades of line officers of the United States navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Grades of line the active list of line officers of the United States navy shall officers of the Unit be divided into nine grades, taking rank according to the rank. date of their commissions in each grade, as follows, viz:

First. Rear-admirals. Second. Commodores.

Third. Captains.

Fourth. Commanders.

Fifth. Lieutenant commanders.

Sixth. Lieutenants. Seventh. Masters.

Eighth. Ensigns. Ninth. Midshipmen.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the number of Number of officers allowed to each grade whell not average wing years of cersto each grade. officers allowed to each grade shall not exceed nine rear-admirals, eighteen commodores, thirty-six captains, seventy-two commanders, tone hundred and forty-four lieutenant com-

\* The penalties prescribed are, on conviction, imprisonment for a term of not less than six months nor more than ten years, and a fine equal to the amount of the money embezzled.—(9 Stat., p. 63.)
† The act of December 21, 1864, authorizes the appointment of one vice-admiral, to

be the ranking officer in the navy.

‡ Number of commanders temporarily increased by act of June 25, 1864.

manders, one hundred and forty-four lieutenants, one hundred and forty-four masters, and one hundred and forty-four ensigns.

Vessels of navv classified.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the vessels of the United States navy shall be divided into four classes, to be commanded, as near as may be, as follows:

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First rates, by commodores. Second rates, by captains. Third rates, by commanders.

Fourth rates, by lieutenant commanders.

Assignment of lieut.

Lieutenant commanders may be assigned as first lieutenants command- of naval stations and of vessels not commanded by lieutenant commanders.

Advisory board on promotions.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Navy shall appoint an advisory board of not less than three officers, senior to those to be reported upon, who shall carefully scrutinize the active list of line officers above and including the grade of masters in the line of promotion, and report to him in writing those who, in the opinion of the board, are worthy of further promotion, in the following words: We hereby certify that - has the moral. mental, physical, and professional qualifications to perform efficiently all his duties, both at sea and on shore, of the grade to which he is to be promoted, and recommend him for promotion. \*

Officers recomber allowed.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the officers recommended for promended shall be immediately commissioned, according to their motion to be commissioned—num-present seniority, in the following grades and numbers, namely, eighteen commodores, thirty-six captains, seventy-two commanders, one hundred and forty four lieutenant commanders, one hundred and forty-four lieutenants, one hundred and fortyfour masters, and one hundred and forty-four ensigns: Prorided. That this number of officers remain upon the active list after the action of the board, otherwise so soon as the graduates from the Naval Academy are available for promotion.

Similar advisory board once in four

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Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That a similar advisory board shall be appointed at least once in every four years: Provided, That the same officers shall not be eligible for two successive terms.

Appointment of rear-admirals.

years at least.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That nine rear-admirals may be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall be selected, during war. from those officers upon the active list, not below the grade of commanders, who have distinguished themselves, or shall hereafter most eminently distinguish themselves by courage, skill, and genius in their profession: Provided, That no officer shall be promoted to this grade unless, upon recommendation of the President by name, he has received the

<sup>\*</sup> Officers not recommended for promotion under this section have a right to present themselves for examination under the provisions of the act of April 21, 1864, and if found qualified may be promoted to the same grade and place as if they had been recommended by the board.

thanks of Congress for distinguished service. During times of peace vacancies to this grade shall be filled by regular promotion from the list of commodores, subject to examination as aforesaid.

SEC. S. And be it further enacted, That whenever, upon certain officers the recommendation of the President of the United States, who have received your of thanks not any officer of the navy, now upon the active list, not below to be retired. &c. the grade of commander, has received or shall receive, by name, during the present war, a vote of thanks of Congress for distinguished service, such efficer shall not be retired, except for cause, until he has been fifty-five years in the naval service of the United States.

SEC. 9. And be it further enacted. That any line officer of Advancement of the navy or marine corps may be advanced one grade, if, line officers of the navy or marine upon recommendation of the President by name, he receives corps. the thanks of Congress for highly distinguished conduct in conflict with the enemy, or for extraordinary heroism in the line of his profession.\*

[Sec. 10 repealed by act of May 17, 1864, sections 2 and 3.] SEC. 11. And be it further enacted, That the students at Students at Nathe Naval Academy shall be styled midshipmen, and until styled midshiptheir final graduating examination, when, if successful, they men. &c. shall be commissioned ensigns, ranking according to merit. The number allowed at the Academy shall be two for every Number and semember and delegate of the House of Representatives, two lection of midshipment. for the District of Columbia, and ten at large. They shall be between the ages of fourteen and seventeen,† physically sound, and well-formed and of robust constitution. They Examination and shall be examined for admittance into the Academy according rejection. to the regulations which shall be issued by the Secretary of the Navy, and if rejected, shall not have the privilege of another examination for admission to the same class unless recommended by the board of examiners. The President Selections by the shall select the two from the District of Columbia and the ten at large; and the President shall also be allowed three yearly appointments of midshipmen, who shall be not over eighteen years of age, who shall be elected from boys enlisted in the navy, and who have been at least one year in the service, six months of which shall have been sea service. From and after the fifth of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, sions are to be the nomination of candidates for admission into the Naval made.

Academy shall be made between the fifth of March and the first of July of each year, upon the recommendation of the member or delegate from actual residents of his district, and

When nomina-

\* See acts of April 21, 1864, and January 24, 1865, with regard to the advancement of officers for distinguished conduct in battle.

To be between the ages of fourteen and eighteen. -(Act of April 1, 1864.) In addition to these, the President is authorized to appoint annually ten acting midshipmen, to be selected from the sons of officers or soldiers who distinguished themselves in the service of the United States, or from the sons of officers or men in the naval or marine service of the United States who have thus distinguished themselves .-- (Act of July 14, 1862.)

Proviso.

they shall be examined for admission in July: Provided, That when any candidate who has been so nominated shall upon examination be found physically or mentally disqualified for admission, the member or delegate from whose district he was so nominated shall be notified to recommend another candidate, who shall be examined in September following.

Members and And it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Navy, as delegates to be no soon after the fifth of March as possible, to notify, in writing, tified of vacancies. each member and delegate of any vacancy that may exist in

Failing to recom- his district: and if said member or delegate neglects to recommend, Secretary mend a candidate by the first of July in that year, then it authorized to fill shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Navy to fill the vacancy.

Midshipmen de vacancy. Midshipmen deficient at any examination shall not ficient at any ex- be continued at the Academy or in the service, unless upon recommendation of the academic board, nor shall any officer of the navy who has been dismissed by sentence of a courtmartial, or suffered to resign to escape one, ever again become

Number limited, an officer of the navy: Provided, however, That no greater number of midshipmen shall be appointed by the President at large under this or any other law of Congress than shall be allowed by the provisions of this section.

[Sec. 12, relating to flags, repealed by act of March 3, 1863.] SEC. 13. And be it further enacted, That the relative rank between officers of the navy and the army shall be as follows, lineal rank only to be considered:

Relative rank

Rear-admirals with major generals. Commodores with brigadier generals. Captains with colonels.

Commanders with lieutenant colonels. Lieutenant commanders with majors.

Lieutenants with captains. Masters with first lieutenants. Ensigns with second lieutenants.

Retired list of

SEC. 14. And be it further enacted, That there may be rear admirals and allowed upon the retired list nine rear-admirals and eighteen commodores. The rear-admirals shall be selected by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from those captains who have given the most faithful service to their country. The eighteen commodores shall be recommended from the list of captains by an advisory board of admirals. After the above numbers are commissioned, promotion to those grades upon the retired list shall be by seniority, subject to an advisory board.

Pay of officers on the active list of the navy.

SEC. 15. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passage of this act the annual pay of the several ranks and grades of officers of the navy on the active list, hereinafter named, shall be as follows:

Rear-admirals.

Rear-admirals, when at sea, shall receive five thousand When on shore duty, four thousand dollars. When dollars. on leave of absence or waiting orders, three thousand dollars.

Commodores.

Commodores, when at sea, shall receive four thousand

When on shore duty, three thousand two hundred When on leave of absence or waiting orders, two

thousand four hundred dollars.

Captains, when at sea, shall receive three thousand five Captains. hundred dollars. When on shore duty, two thousand eight hundred dollars. When on leave of absence or waiting orders, two thousand one hundred dollars.

Commanders, when at sea, shall receive two thousand eight hundred dollars. When on shore duty, two thousand two hundred and forty dollars. When on leave of absence or waiting orders, one thousand six hundred and eighty dollars.

Lieutenant commanders, when at sea, shall receive two Lieut.commandthousand three hundred and forty-three dollars. When on shore duty, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars. When on leave of absence or waiting orders, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Lieutenants, when at sea, shall receive one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars. When on shore duty, one thousand five hundred dollars. When on leave of absence or waiting orders, one thousand two hundred dollars.

Masters, when at sea, shall receive one thousand five hundred dollars. When on shore duty, one thousand two hundred dollars. When on leave of absence or waiting orders, nine

hundred and sixty dollars.

Ensigns, when at sea, shall receive one thousand two hundred dollars. When on shore duty, nine hundred and sixty dollars. When on leave of absence or waiting orders, seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars.

Midshipmen shall receive five hundred dollars.\*

Sec. 16. And be it further enacted, That whenever any officer of the navy, of a class subject by law or regulation to absent on day examination before promotion to a higher grade, shall have when entitled to been absent on duty at the time when he should have been examined, and shall have been found qualified at a subsequent examination, the increased rate of pay to which he may be entitled shall be allowed to him from the date when he would have received it had he been found qualified at the time when his examination should have taken place.t

SEC. 17. And be it further enacted, That in calculating Graduated pay the graduated pay of boatswains, gunners, carpenters, and how to be calculated. sailmakers in the navy, as established by law, the sea service lated. shall be computed from the dates of their appointments or entry into the service in their respective grades, in lieu of the dates of their warrants.

\*Midshipmen, after their final academic examination, and until their promotion to the grade of ensign, are to be paid at the rate of \$800 per annum while on sea service.—(Act of March 3, 1865.)

†The act of March 3, 1835, gives assistant surgeons, and the act of March 3, 1851, gives assistant engineers, absent and subsequently passing their examinations as herein indicated, the same rank with those of their date.

Commanders.

Lieuteneuts.

Masters.

Ensigns.

Midshipmen.

Assignment of clerks and laborers.

SEC. 18. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, authorized to assign clerks and laborers attached to one bureau to duty in another, and

rean of Medicine and Surgery.

Assistant to Bu-also to detail a surgeon, or assistant surgeon, or passed assistant surgeon, as assistant to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, who shall receive the highest shore pay of his grade.

Rations to offi-

SEC. 19. And be it further enacted, That all officers, while at sea or attached to a sea-going vessel, shall be allowed one ration.

Relative rank of army and navy on retired list.

SEC. 20. And be it further exacted, That the relative rank between officers of the navy and army on the retired list shall be the same as on the active list, and the annual pay of retired naval officers shall be as follows:\*

Pay of retired naval officers.

Admirals, two thousand dollars. Commodores, eighteen hundred dollars.

Captains, sixteen hundred dollars. Commanders, fourteen hundred dollars.

Lieutenant commanders, thirteen hundred dollars.

Lieutenants, one thousand dollars. Masters, eight hundred dollars. Ensigns, five hundred dollars.

No rations to retired officers.

And no rations shall be allowed to any officers of the navy on the retired list. And the pay of all naval officers appointed

Pay of tempora, by virtue of an act entitled "An act to provide for the temporyappointments ary increase of the navy," approved July twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, shall be the same as that of officers of a like grade in the regular navy.

Approved July 16, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 583.)

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to further promote the efficiency of the navy," approved December twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section eight of "An act to further promote the efficiency of the navy," approved December twenty-first, eighteen hundred Hours of labor and sixty-one, be amended so as to read as follows: That the and rate of wages hours of labor and the rate of wages of the employés in the navy yards shall conform, as nearly as is consistent with the public interest, with those of private establishments in the immediate vicinity of the respective yards, to be determined by the commandants of the navy yards, subject to the approval and revision of the Secretary of the Navy.

Approved July 16, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 587.)

\* By the 7th section of the act of April 21, 1864, the retired pag of surgeons, engineers, and other staff officers in the navy, is the same as that of the retired officers of the line of the navy with whom they have relative rank.

The section referred to is virtually repealed, instead of amended.

AN ACT to define the pay and emoluments of certain officers of the army, and for other purposes.

Sec. 12. And be it further enacted, That whenever the name of any officer of the army or marine corps,\* now in the of the army and service, or who may hereafter be in the service of the United marine corps may States, shall have been borne on the Army Register or Naval Register, as the case may be, forty-five years, or he shall be of the age of sixty-two years, it shall be in the discretion of the President to revire him from active service and direct his name to be entered on the retired list of officers of the grade to which he belonged at the time of such retirement; and the President is hereby authorized to assign any officer retired under this section or the act of August third, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to any appropriate duty; and such officer thus assigned shall receive the full pay and emoluments of his grade while so assigned and employed.

SEC. 13. And be it further enacted, That all contracts Contracts, &c., made for, or orders given for the purchase of, goods or supplies to be reported plies by any department of the government shall be promptly promptly to Congress. reported to Congress by the proper head of such department gress. if Congress shall at the time be in session, and if not in session, said reports shall be made at the commencement of the

next ensuing session.

SEC. 14. And be it further enucted, That no contract or Interest in conorder, or any interest therein, shall be transferred by the transferred. party or parties to whom such contract or order may be given to any other party or parties, and that any such transfer shall cause the annulment of the contract or order transferred, so far as the United States are concerned: Provided, That all Rights of United rights of action are hereby reserved to the United States for States saved. any breach of such contract by the contracting party or parties.

SEC. 15. And be it further enacted, That every person who supplies to be shall furnish supplies of any kind to the army or navy shall market. be required to mark and distinguish the same, with the name or names of the contractors so furnishing said supplies in such manner as the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy may respectively direct, and no supplies of any kind shall be received unless so marked and distinguished.

Sec. 16. And be it further enacted, That whenever any contractor for subsistence, clothing, arms, ammunition, mu-contractors found nitions of war, and for every description of supplies for the gullty of fraud. &c. army or navy of the United States, shall be found guilty by a court-martial of fraud or wilful neglect of duty, he shall be punished by fine, imprisonment, or such other pun-

Penalty.

Punishment of

Section 15, act of August 3, 1861, provides for the retirement, on their own application, of officers of the marine corps who have served as such for forty consecutive years.

Contractors sub- ishment as the court-martial shall adjudge; and any person ject to rules, &c., and any person for land and naval who shall contract to furnish supplies of any kind or description for the army or navy he shall be deemed and taken as a part of the land or naval forces of the United States for which he shall contract to furnish said supplies, and be subject to the rules and regulations for the government of the land and

naval forces of the United States.

President may dismiss, for cause, any officer.

SEC. 17. And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States be, and hereby is, authorized and requested to dismiss and discharge from the military service either in the army, navy, marine corps, or volunteer force, in the United States service, any officer for any cause which, in his judgment, either renders such officer unsuitable for, or whose dismission would promote, the public service.

Approved July 17, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 594.)

AN ACT for the better government of the navy of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Articles for the from and after the first day of September next the following better government articles be adopted and put in force for the government of of the navy. the navy of the United States:

#### ARTICLE 1.

Duties of commanding officere.

The commanders of all fleets, squadrons, naval stations, and vessels belonging to the navy, are strictly enjoined and required to show in themselves a good example of virtue, honor, patriotism, and subordination; to be vigilant in inspecting the conduct of all who may be placed under their command; to guard against and suppress all dissolute and Penalty for neg immoral practices, and to correct all who may be guilty of them, according to the laws and regulations of the navy, upon pain of such punishment as a general court-martial may think

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proper to inflict.

#### ARTICLE 2.

Divine enjoined.

The commanders of vessels and naval stations to which chaplains are attached shall cause divine service to be performed on Sunday, whenever the weather and other circumstances will allow it to be done; and it is earnestly recommended to all officers, seamen, and others in the naval service, diligently to attend at every performance of the worship of Any irreverent or unbecoming behavior Irreverent beha- Almighty God. during divine service shall be punished as a general or summary court-martial shall direct.

vior to be punish.

## ARTICLE 3.

The punishment of death, or such other punishment as a Punish court-martial shall adjudge, may be inflicted on any person thorized. Punishment auin the naval service-

First. Who shall make, or attempt to make, or unite with, any mutinous assembly, or knowing of the same, or of any intended mutiny, shall not forthwith communicate it to his superior or commanding officer, or being witness to, or present at, any mutiny, shall not do his utmost to suppress it;

Second. Or shall disobey the lawful orders of his superior Disobedience of officer, or strike or assault, or attempt or threaten to strike or orders. Assault of assault him while in the execution of the desired of superior officer. assault him while in the execution of the duties of his office;

Third. Or shall give, hold, or entertain any intercourse or Intercourse with intelligence to or with any enemy or rebel, without leave rebels or enemy. from the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy, the commander-in-chief of the fleet, or the commander of a squadron; or, in case of a vessel acting singly, from his commanding officer;

Fourth. Or shall desert, or entice others to desert to an Desertion.

enemy or rebel;

Fifth. Or shall receive any message or letter from an enemy Receiving mesor rebel, or be aware of the unlawful reception of such letter sages from an oneor message, and fail to take the earliest opportunity to inform his superior or commanding officer thereof;

Sixth, Or shall, in time of war, desert or betray his trust, Desertion of or entice or aid others to desert or betray their trust, or shall trust-sleeping on sleep upon his watch or leave his station before recordedly watch. sleep upon his watch, or leave his station before regularly

relieved;

Seventh. Or shall intentionally or wilfully suffer any vessel of the navy to be stranded or run upon rocks or shoals, or of vessel or maliimproperly hazarded, or shall wilfully or maliciously injure of &c. any vessel of the navy, or any part of her tackle, armament, or equipment, whereby the safety of the vessel shall be hazarded, or the lives of the crew exposed to danger, or shall set on fire or otherwise unlawfully destroy any public property not then in the possession of an enemy, pirate, or rebel;

Eighth. Or shall strike, or attempt to strike, the flag to an striking the flag enemy or rebel without proper authority, or when engaged in or treat battle shall transhavourly viold an availant and transhavourly viold and violating. battle shall treacherously yield or pusillanimously cry for

quarter;

Ninth. Or shall in time of battle display cowardice, negli- cowardice, nongence, or disaffection, or withdraw from or keep out of danger observance of or to which he should expose himself. or shall descent his data dees, &c. to which he should expose himself; or shall desert his duty or station, or entice others to do so; or shall not properly observe the orders of his commanding officer and use his utmost exertions to carry them into execution, when ordered to prepare for, join in, or when actually engaged in battle, or while in sight of an enemy;

Mutiny,

treacherously

Neglecting to prepare for buttle, &c.

Tenth. Or when commanding a fleet, squadren, or vessel acting singly, shall, upon the probability of an engagement, or on sight of any armed vessel of an enemy or rebel, neglect to prepare and clear his ship for action; or shall not, upon signal for battle, use his utmost exertions to join in battle, or shall fail to encourage in his own person his inferior officers and men to fight courageously; or shall not do his utmost to overtake and capture or destroy any vessel which it is his duty to encounter; or shall not afford all practicable relief and assistance to vessels belonging to the United States or their allies when engaged in battle.

## ARTICLE 4.

Spies.

Spies, and all persons who shall come or be found in the capacity of spies, or who shall bring or deliver any seducing letter or message from an enemy or rebel, or endeavor to corrupt any person in the navy to betray his trust, shall suffer death or such other punishment as a court-martial shall adjudge.

ARTICLE 5.

Murder.

The crime of murder, when committed by an officer, seaman, or marine, or other person belonging to any public ship or vessel of the United States, without the territorial jurisdiction of the same, may be punished with death by the sentence of a court-martial.

## ARTICLE 6.

Substitution of imprisonment for death penalty.

Prisons.

In any case where a naval court-martial is authorized to adjudge the punishment of death it may sentence the person convicted to imprisonment for life, or for a stated term at hard labor, and such sentences of imprisonment and hard labor may be carried into execution in any prison or penitentiary under the control of the United States, or the use of which shall be allowed by the legislature of a State; and persons

Discipline and treatment of prisoners.

and convicted by a court-martial and imprisoned in the prison or prise penitentiary of any State or Territory shall in all respects be subject to the same discipline and treatment and under the same control as convicts sentenced by the courts of the State or Territory in which such prison or penitentiary is situated.

## Arricle 7.

Punishments for

Such punishment as a court-martial shall adjudge may be inflicted on any person in the navy:

Uruelty, &c.

First. Who shall be guilty of cruelty, oppression, or maltreatment of those subject to his orders;

Profaulty, falsehood, &c. Second. Or shall be guilty of profane swearing, falsehood, drunkenness, gambling, fraud, theft, or any other scandalous conduct tending to the destruction of good morals;

Third. Or shall quarrel with, strike, or assault any other Quarrelling and duelling. person in the navy, or use provoking or reproachful words, gestures, or menaces, or endeavor to foment quarrels between other persons in the navy, or send or accept a challenge to

fight a duel, or act as second in a duel;

Fourth. Or shall treat with contempt his superior officer, Contempt of suor be disrespectful to him in language or deportment whilst perior officer. in the execution of his office; or shall join in or abet any combination to weaken the lawful authority of, or lessen the respect due to, his commanding officer;

Fifth. Or shall be negligent or careless in obeying orders, Negligence.

or culpably inefficient in the performance of duty;

Sixth. Or shall knowingly make or sign, or shall aid, abet, False musters, and emdirect, or procure the making or signing of any false muster, bezzlement. or shall execute, or attempt or countenance any fraud\* against the United States, or shall waste, embezzle, or fraudulently buy, sell, or receive any ammunition, provisions, or other public stores, or, having the power to prevent it, shall knowingly permit such waste, embezzlement, sale, or receipt;

Seventh. Or shall, through inattention or negligence, suffer Negligentstrandany vessel of the navy to be stranded or run upon a rock or ing of vessels. shoal, or hazarded;

Eighth. Or shall, when on shore, plunder, abuse, or mal-Plundering persons on shore, &c.

treat any inhabitant, or injure his property in any way;

Ninth. Or shall refuse or fail to use his utmost exertions Refusing to apto detect, apprehend, and bring to punishment all offenders, prehend offenders, and aid and assist all persons appointed for the purpose;

Tenth. Or shall, in time of peace, desert or attempt to de- Descriton in time sert, or aid or entice others to desert; or shall be absent from of peace—absence without leave. his station or duty without leave, or after his leave shall have

expired;

Eleventh. Or shall, when rated or acting as master-at-arms, Master-at-arms refuse to receive such prisoners as shall be committed to his refusing to do his duty towards prisoners. charge, or, having received them, shall suffer them to escape, oners. or dismiss them without orders from the proper authority;

Twelfth. Or shall, when attached to any ship or vessel Negligence in appointed as convoy to merchant or other vessels, fail dili-convoy service, gently to perform his duty, or shall demand or exact any compensation for his services, or shall maltreat the officers or

crews of such merchant or other vessels;

Thirteenth. Or shall take, receive, or permit to be received Receiving artion board the vessel to which he is attached, any goods or cles on board ship for freight, sale, or merchandise for freight, sale, or traffic, except gold, silver, or traffic. jewels, for freight or safe-keeping, or shall demand or receive any compensation for the receipt or transportation of any other article than gold, silver, or jewels, without authority from the President of the United States or the Secretary of the Navy;

<sup>\*</sup>See act of March 2, 1863, to prevent and panish frauds upon the government of the United States.

Violation of lawful general orders or regulations. Fourteenth. Or shall violate or refuse obedience to any lawful general order or regulation issued by the Secretary of the Navy.

ARTICLE 8.

Punishment for offences committed by persons belonging to the navy, offences not specified herein. which are not specified in the foregoing articles, shall be punished as a court-martial shall direct; but in no case shall pun-Flogging forbid-ishment by flogging be inflicted, nor shall any court-martial

den. adjudge punishment by flogging.

### ARTICLE 9.

Punishment for offences on shore. All offences committed by persons belonging to the navy, while on shore, shall be punished in the same manner as if they had been committed at sea.

### ARTICLE 10.

Suspension of No commander of a vessel of the navy shall inflict any officers from duty other punishment upon a commissioned or warrant officer than private reprimand, suspension from duty, arrest, or confinement, neither of which shall continue longer than ten days,

except a further period be necessary to bring the offender to

Punishment of a court-martial; nor shall he inflict, or cause or permit to be petty officers and inflicted, upon any petty officer or person of inferior rating, rating, by come or marine, any punishment for a single offence, or at any one manding officer time, other than one of the following punishments, viz:

First. Reduction of any rating established by himself.

Second. Confinement with or without irons, single or double, such confinement not to exceed ten days, unless necessary in the case of a prisoner to be tried by court-martial.

Third. Solitary confinement on bread and water not ex-

ceeding five days.

Fourth. Solitary confinement not exceeding seven days.

Fifth. Deprivation of liberty on shore.

Sixth. Extra duties.

No other punishment shall be permitted on board of vessels ment except by belonging to the navy, except by sentence of a general or sumarul or summary mary court-martial. Summary courts-martial may disrate any court-martial.

The commander, or by his order, except reprimands, shall be fully entered upon the ship's log.

#### Arricle 11.

General courts—martial may be convened as often as the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy, or commander-in-chief of a fleet or a squadron, shall deem it necessary: Provided, That in the waters of the United States no commander-in-chief of a fleet or squadron shall convene a

general court-martial unless by express authority from the President of the United States: Provided, also, That no general court-martial shall consist of more than thirteen nor shall consist. less than five commissioned officers as members; and as many officers shall be summoned on every such court as can be convened without injury to the service, so as not to exceed thirteen; and the senior officer shall always preside, the others Presiding officer. taking place according to their rank; and in no case where it can be avoided without injury to the service shall more than one-half the members, exclusive of the president, be junior to the officer to be tried.

Of whom they

### ARTICLE 12.

The president of the court is authorized and required to Outh to judge minister the following only or affirmation to the indee of advocate. administer the following oath or affirmation to the judge ad-

vocate or person officiating as such:

"I, A B, do swear (or affirm) that I will keep a true record of the evidence given to and the proceedings of this court; nor will I divulge or by any means disclose the sentence of the court until it shall have been approved by the proper authority; nor will I at any time divulge or disclose the vote or opinion of any particular member of the court, unless required so to do before a court of justice in due course of law."

This oath or affirmation being duly administered, each memor of the court, before proceeding to trial, shall take the followers. ber of the court, before proceeding to trial, shall take the following oath or affirmation, which the judge advocate, or person officiating as such, is hereby authorized to administer:

"I, A B, do swear (or affirm) that I will truly try, without prejudice or partiality, the case now depending, according to the evidence which shall come before the court, the rules for the government of the navy, and my own conscience; and that I will not by any means divulge or disclose the sentence of the court until it shall have been approved by the proper authority, nor will I at any time divulge or disclose the vote or opinion of any particular member of the court unless required so to do before a court of justice in due course of law."

## ARTICLE 13.

All testimony given to a general court-martial shall be on oath or affirmation, which the president of the court is hereby authorized to administer; and if any person shall refuse to give his evidence as aforesaid, or shall prevaricate, or shall court. behave with contempt to the court, it shall and may be lawful fer the court to imprison such offender at their discretion: Provided, That the imprisonment in no case shall exceed two months. And every person who shall commit wilful Perjury and superjury on examination on oath or affirmation before such bornation of.

Testimony.

Contempt to

court, or who shall corruptly procure, or suborn, any person to commit such wilful perjury, shall and may be prosecuted by indictment or information in any court of justice of the United States, and shall suffer such penalties as are authorized by the laws of the United States in cases of perjury, or the subornation thereof. And in every prosecution for perjury, or the subornation thereof, under this act, it shall be sufficient to set forth the offence charged on the defendant, without setting forth the authority by which the court was held, or the particular matters brought or intended to be brought before said court.

### ARTICLE 14.

Oath to witness. The following oath shall be administered to witnesses be-

fore courts-martial and courts of inquiry:

"You do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that the evidence you shall give in the case now before this court shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and that you will state everything within your knowledge and recollection in relation to the charges. So help you God;" (or this you do under the pains and penalties of perjury.)

## ARTICLE 15.

Charges.

The person accused shall be furnished with a true copy of the charges, with the specifications, at the time he is put under arrest; nor shall any other charges than those so exhibited be urged against the person to be tried before the court, unless it appear to the court that intelligence of such charge had not reached the officer ordering the court when the person so tried was put under arrest, or that some witness material to the support of such charge, who was at that time absent, can be produced, in which case reasonable time shall be given to the person to be tried to make his defence against such new Duty of arrested charge. Every officer so arrested is to deliver up his sword to his commanding officer, and to confine himself to the limits assigned him, under the pain of dismission from the service.

officer.

## ARTICLE 16.

Suspension proceedings.

When the proceedings of any general court-martial shall have commenced, they shall not be suspended or delayed on account of the absence of any cothe members, provided five or more be assembled; but the court is enjoined to sit from day to day, Sundays excepted, until sentence be given, unless temporarily adjourned by the authority which convened the Absence of mem-court. And no member of said court shall, after the proceedings are begun, absent himself therefrom, unless in case of sickness or orders to go on duty from a superior officer, on

pain of being cashiered.

### ARTICLE 17.

If a member of a court-martial shall, from any legal cause, Legalabsence of fail to attend after the commencement of a case, and wit-members. nesses shall be examined during his absence, the court must, resuming seat. when he is ready to resume his seat, cause every person who may have been examined in his absence to be called into court, and the recorded testimony of each witness must be read over to him, and such witness must acknowledge the same to be correct, and be subject to such further examination as the said member may require; and without a compliance with this rule, and an entry of it upon the record, a member who shall have been absent during the examination of a witness shall not be allowed to sit again in that particular case.

## ARTICLE 18.

Whenever a court-martial shall sentence an officer to be Suspension of suspended, the court shall have the power to suspend his pay ments. and emoluments for the whole or any part of the time of his suspension.

#### ARTICLE 19.

All sentences of courts-martial which shall extend to the Sentence to loss loss of life shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, and no such sentence shall be carried into execution until confirmed by the President of the United States. All other sentences may be determined by a majority of votes, and carried into execution on confirmation of the commander of the fleet, or officer ordering the court, except such as go to the dismission of a commissioned or warrant officer, which are first to be approved by the President of the United States.

Other sentences.

#### ARTICLE 20.

Every officer who is by this act authorized to convene Revisal, remitcourts-martial shall have power, on revisal of its proceedings, tion. to remit or mitigate, but not to commute, the sentence of any such court, which by this act he is authorized to approve and confirm.

#### ARTICLE 21.

It shall be the duty of a court-martial, in all cases of con-Adequate punviction, to adjudge a punishment adequate to the character and nature of the offence committed; but the members of a court may recommend the person convicted as deserving of clemency, and state on the record their reasons for so doing.

#### ARTICLE 22.

The judgment of every court-martial shall be authenticated Authentication of judgment. by the signature of the president, and all the members of the same who may be present when the said judgment shall be pronounced, and also of the judge advocate.

#### ARTICLE 23.

Courss of inqui-Courts of inquiry may be ordered by the President of the ry. United States, the Secretary of the Navy, or the commander of a fleet or squadron, provided such court shall not consist

How composed, of more than three members, who shall be commissioned offitheir powers and cers, and a judge advocate, or person to do duty as such; duties. and such courts shall have power to summon witnesses, administer oaths, and punish contempt, in the same manner as courts-martial. But such court shall merely state facts, and not give their opinion unless expressly required so to do in

Privileges of par. the order for convening; and the party whose conduct shall ty whose conduct be the subject of inquiry, or his attorney, shall have permissive under inquiry. sion to cross-examine all the witnesses.

#### Article 24.

The proceedings of the courts of inquiry shall be authenti-Authentication of proceedings. cated by the signature of the president of the court and judge Proceedings ovi. advocate, and shall, in all cases not capital, or extending to dence before a the dismission of a commissioned or warrant officer, be evicourt-murtial. dence before a court-martial, provided oral testimony cannot be obtained.

#### ARTICLE 25.

Oath to members. The judge advocate, or person officiating as such, shall administer to the members the following oath or affirmation:

"You do swear (or affirm) well and truly to examine and inquire, according to the evidence, into the matter now before you, without partiality or prejudice."

Oath to judge

advocate.

After which the president shall administer to the judge advocate, or person officiating as such, the following oath or affirmation:

"You do swear (or affirm) truly to record the proceedings of this court and the evidence to be given in the case in hearing."

[Sec. 2. Repealed by act of June 30, 1864.]

Section 3, regulating distribution of prize money, and section 4, relative to bounty on vessels captured, &c., are superseded by sections 10 and 11 of the act of June 30, 1864.]

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the commanding officer of every vessel, or the senior officers of all vessels of the navy, which shall capture or seize upon any vessel or Papers and writings found on vessels as a prize, shall carefully preserve all the papers and board vessels seize writings found on board, and transmit the whole of the ed as prize to be originals, unmutilated, to the judge of the district to which such prize is ordered to proceed, with the necessary witnesses, and a report of the circumstances attending the capture, stating vessels claiming the names of vessels claiming a share thereof; and the com- a share to be remanding officer of every vessel in the navy entitled to or ported. claiming an award of prize money shall, as early as practicable after the capture, transmit to the Navy Department a complete list of the officers and men of his vessel entitled to share, in- Complete lists of serting thereon the quality of every person rating, on pain of to be furnished. forfeiting his whole share of the prize money resulting from such capture, and suffering such further punishment as a court-martial shall adjudge.

[Section 6 repealed by act of June 30, 1864.]

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That no person in the Articles not to navy shall take out of a prize, or vessel seized as a prize, any betaken out of the money, plate, goods, or any part of her equipment, unless it of vessels or amed be for the better preservation thereof, or absolutely necessary forces of U.S. for the use of any of the vessels or armed forces of the United States, before the same shall be adjudged lawful prize by a competent court; but the whole, without fraud, concealment, or embezzlement, shall be brought in, and judgment passed thereon, upon pain that every person offending herein shall forfeit his share of the capture, and suffer such further punishment as a court-martial shall adjudge.

SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, That no person in the Personson board navy shall strip off the clothes, or pillage, or in any manner or maltrented. maltreat persons taken on board a prize, on pain of such

punishment as a court-martial shall adjudge. SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That all ransom money, Ransom money, salvage, bounty, or proceeds of forfeiture or confiscation, ac selvage bounty,

cruing or awarded to any vessel of the navy, shall be distributed and paid to the officers and men entitled thereto in the same manner as prize money, under the direction of the

Secretary of the Navy. [Section 10 superseded by section 12 act of June 30, 1864.]

SEC. 11. And be it further enacted, That all money action of the United States of prizes to form a from sale of prizes, ' Il be and remain forever a fund for the reason fund. payment of pensions to the officers, seamen, and marines who may be entitled to receive the same; and if the said fund shall be insufficient for the purpose, the public faith is hereby pledged to make up the deficiency; but if it should be more than sufficient, the surplus shall be applied to the making of further provision for the comfort of the disabled officers, seamen, and marines.

[Section 12 repealed by act of June 30, 1864.]

SEC. 13. And be it further enacted, That every officer, Pensions for alls seaman, or marine, disabled in the line of his duty, shall be ability.

entitled to receive for life, or during his disability, a pension from the United States, according to the nature and degree of his disability, not exceeding in any case his monthly pay.\*

Authority of oflost vessels,

SEC. 14. And be it further enacted, That in all cases where fleers to continue the crews of the ships or vessels of the United States shall be over the crews of separated from their vessels, by the latter being wrecked, lost, or destroyed, all the command, power, and authority given to the officers of such ships or vessels shall remain and be in full force as effectually as if such ship or vessel were not so wrecked, lost, or destroyed, until such ship's company be regularly discharged from or ordered again into the service, or until a court-martial or court of inquiry shall be held to inquire into the loss of such ship or vessel; and if, by the sentence of such court, or other satisfactory evidence, it shall Pay and omoin-appear to the Secretary of the Navy that all or any of the ments to continue officers and men of such ship's company did their utmost to preserve her, and after the loss thereof behaved themselves

to those who did their duty.

agreeably to the discipline of the navy, then the pay and emoluments of such officers and men, or such of them as shall have done their duty, as aforesaid, shall go on until their dis-Punishment for charge or death; and every officer or man who shall, after violating discipline the loss of such vessel, act contrary to the discipline of the navy, shall be punished, at the discretion of a court-martial, in the same manner as if such vessel had not been so lost.

When vessels are

SEC. 15. And be it further enacted, That all the pay and taken by the energy emoluments of the officers and men of any of the ships or my, pay and emol. uments to continuo vessels of the United States taken by an enemy, who shall to such as did their appear by the sentence of a court-martial, or otherwise, to have done their utmost to preserve and defend their ship or vessel, and after the taking thereof have behaved themselves obediently to their superiors, agreeably to the discipline of the navy, shall go on, and be paid them until their death, exchange, or discharge.

Entries to be &c.

Sec. 16. And be it further enacted, That each commanding made of men re-ceived on board, officer shall, whenever a man enters on board, cause an accurate entry to be made in the ship's books of his name, the date, place, and term of his enlistment, the place or vessel from which he was received on hoard, his rating, and his descriptive list, to include his age, place of birth, and citizen-

Muster-roll to be ship, with such remarks as may be necessary; and shall, betransmitted to See- fore sailing, transmit to the Secretary of the Navy a complete retary of the Navy fore sailing, transmit to the Secretary of the Navy a complete before vessel sails. list or muster-roll of the rated men under his command, showing the particulars above set forth, and also a list of officers and passengers, with the date of their entering; and he shall

Similar Bets to cause similar lists to be made out on the first day of every be made out on third month, to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Navy, month, as opportunities shall occur; accounting in such lists or

"The rate of pension for "total disability" is prescribed in the 1st section of the act of July 14, 1862; and the acts of July 4, 1864, section 5, and March 3, 1865, section 2, prescribe the rate of pension for persons who have lost hands, feet, or eyes in the line of duty.

muster-rolls for any casualties which may have taken place No man to be since the last list or muster-roll. He shall not receive on without his board any man transferred from any other vessel or station counts. to him unless such man be furnished with an account, signed by the captain and paymaster of the vessel or station from which he came, specifying the date of his entry, the period and term of service, the sums paid, the balance due him, the quality in which he was rated, and his descriptive list. He Deaths and descriptive list. He Deaths and descriptive list. He beaths and descriptive list. names of and times at which any death or desertion may books. occur; and in case of death, shall take care that the paymaster secure all the property of the deceased, for the benefit of his legal representative or representatives. He shall cause provisions, frequent inspections to be made into the condition of the provisions, and use every precaution for their preservation. He conternal the sent from slip to shall, whenever he orders officers and men to take charge of he furnished with a prize and proceed to the United States, and whenever offi-their accounts. cers or men are sent from his ship, for whatever cause, take care that each man be furnished with a complete statement of his account, specifying the date of his enlistment, the periods and terms of his service, and his descriptive list; which account shall be signed by the commanding officer and paymaster. He shall cause the articles for the government Articles for government of the maof the navy to be hung up in some public part of the ship, xy to be hang up. and read once a month to his ship's company, He shall cause a convenient place to be set apart for sick or disabled Conveniences for men, to which he shall have them removed, with their ham-vided. mocks and bedding, when the surgeons shall so advise, and shall direct that some of the crew attend them and keep the place clean. He shall frequently consult with the surgeon in Santary condiregard to the sanitary condition of his crew, and shall use all tion of crew. proper means to preserve their health; and when his erew is Final paying off. finally paid off he shall attend in person, or appoint a proper officer, to see that justice be done to the men and to the United States in the settlement of the accounts. Any commanding officer offending herein shall be punished at the discretion of a court martial.

SEC. 17. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the and persons of induty of the commanding officer of any fleet, squadron, or ferfor rating to be vessel acting singly, when on service, to send to an Atlantic persons of service port of the United States in some rubble or other rate. port of the United States, in some public or other vessel, all petty officers and persons of inferior ratings desiring to go there, at the expiration of their terms of service, or as soon thereafter as may be, unless in his opinion the detention of When they may such persons for a longer period should be very essential to how long. the public interests; in which case he may detain them, or any of them, until the vessel to which they belong shall return to such Atlantic port; and in case of such detention the person so sent home, or so detained, shall be subject in all respects to the laws and regulations for the government of the navy, until their return to an Atlantic port, and their regular

Inspection

Additional pay discharge; and all persons who shall be so detained beyond their terms of service, or who shall, after the termination of their service, voluntarily re-enter to serve until the return to an Atlantic port of the vessel to which they belong, and their regular discharge therefrom, shall, for the time during which they are so detained, or shall so serve beyond their original terms of service, which shall in no case exceed thirty days after their arrival in an Atlantic port, receive an addition of one-fourth of their former pay: Provided, That the shipping articles shall hereafter contain the substance of this section.

Petty officers-leflued.

SEC. 18. And be it further enacted, That all officers not holding commissions or warrants, or who are not entitled to them, except such as are temporarily appointed to the duties of a commissioned or warrant officer, or secretaries and clerks, shall be deemed petty officers, and shall be entitled to obedience, in the execution of their offices, from those of inferior ratings.

Copies of regu-Intious and orders ficers.

Sec. 19. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of to be furnished of the Navy shall cause each commissioned or warranted officer of the navy, on his entry into the service, to be furnished with a copy of the regulations and general orders of the department then in force, and thereafter with a copy of all such as may be issued.

Repealing section.

Se . 20. And be it further enacted, That all provisions of previous laws which are inconsistent with those of this act shall be, and are hereby, repealed.

Approved July 17, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 600.)

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade." \*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives The President of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That may arrange for it shall and may be lawful for the President of the United the employment States to enter into arrangement, by contract or otherwise, e.c., in the West States to enter into arrangement, by contract or otherwise, Indies or other tro; with one or more foreign governments having possessions in pical regions, of the West Indies or other tropical regions, or with their duly board slave ves constituted agent or agents, to receive from the United States, for a term not exceeding five years, at such place or places as shall be agreed upon, all negroes, mulattees, or persons of color delivered from on board vessels seized in the prosecution of the slave trade by commanders of United States armed vessels, and to provide them with suitable instruction, and with comfortable clothing and shelter, and to employ them, at wages, under such regulations as shall be agreed upon, for a period not exceeding five years from the date of their being Moexpenses after landed at the place or places agreed upon; Provided, That the United States incur no expenses on account of said negroes,

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<sup>\*</sup> Acts of March 3, 1819, and June 16, 1860.

mulattees, or persons of color after having landed them at the place or places agreed upon: And provided, further, That Arrangement any arrangement so made as aforesaid may be renewed by from time to time. the President of the United States from time to time, as may be found necessary or desirable, for periods not exceeding five years on each renewal.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President of Commanders of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue he ordered to go instructions to the commanders of the armed vessels of the directly to such States, directing them, whenever it shall be practicable, and islands, &c. under such rules and regulations as he shall prescribe, to proceed directly to such place or places as shall have been agreed upon with any foreign government, or its duly constituted agent or agents, under the provisions of the first section of this act, and there deliver to the duly constituted authorities. or agents of such foreign governments, all negroes, mulattoes, or persons of color delivered from on board vessels seized in the prosecution of the slave trade, afterwards taking the vessel and persons engaged in prosecuting the slave trade to the proper place for trial and adjudication.

Approved July 17, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 592.)

AN ACT to suppress insurrection, to punish treason and rebellion, to seize and confiscate the property of rebels, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That treason against the every person who shall hereafter commit the crime of treason united States. against the United States, and shall be adjudged guilty thereof, shall suffer death, and all his slaves, if any, shall be declared and made free; or, at the discretion of the court, he shall be imprisoned for not less than five years, and fined not less than ten thousand dollars, and all his slaves, if any, shall be declared and made free; said fine shall be levied and collected on any or all of the property, real and personal, excluding slaves, of which the said person so convicted was the owner at the time of committing the said crime, any sale or conveyance to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That if any person punishment for shall hereafter incite, set on foot, assist, or engage in any engaging in or in-rebellion or insurrection against the authority of the United insurrection. States, or the laws thereof, or shall give aid or comfort thereto, or shall engage in, or give aid and comfort to, any such existing rebellion or insurrection, and be convicted thereof, such person shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years, or by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and by the liberation of all his slaves, if any he have; or by both of said punishments, at the discretion of the court.

Worden.

Persons guilty Sec. 3. And be it further enacted. That every person of either offence disqualified from guilty of either of the offences described in this act shall be holding office un-forever incapable and disqualified to hold any office under the United States.

> Approved July 17, 1862. (Vol. 12, p. 589.)

JOINT RESOLUTION tendering the thanks of Congress to Commander John L. Worden, of the United States navy.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of Thanks of Con- the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, gress to Com-mander John L. Com- in pursuance of the recommendation of the President of the United States, and to enable him to advance Commander John L. Worden one grade, in pursuance of the ninth section of the act of Congress of sixteenth July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, the thanks of Congress be, and they are hereby, tendered to Commander John L. Worden for highly distinguished conduct in conflict with the enemy in the remarkable battle between the United States iron-clad steamer Monitor, under his command, and the rebel iron-clad frigate Merrimae, in March, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

Approved February 3, 1863. (Vol. 12, p. 823.)

AN ACT in relation to commissioned officers of the United States revenue cutter service.

Rank of officers of the revenue serwith the nave.

Pay.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the officers of the of the revenue service when serving revenue cutter service, when serving in accordance with law as part of the navy, shall be entitled to relative rank as follows: Captains, with and next after lieutenants commanding in the navy; first lieutenants, with and next after lieutenants in the navy; second lieutenants, with and next after mastersin-line in the navy; Hard lieuteneats, with and next after passed midshipmen in the navy: Provided, That no change of rank by this bill shall increase the pay to which such officer is now entitled by law.

Approved February 4, 1863. (Vol. 12, p. 639.)

JOINT RESOLUTION tendering the thanks of Congress to Commodore Charles Henry Davis and other officers of the navy, in pursuance of the recommendation of the President of the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Thanks to-Com. Charles 11. the thanks of Congress be, and they are hereby, given to the Davis,

following officers of the United States navy, upon the recommendation of the President of the United States, viz: Com- Commo modore Charles Henry Davis, for distinguished services in conflict with the enemy at Fort Pillow, at Memphis, and for successful operations at other points in the waters of the Mississippi river; Captain John A. Dahlgren, for distinguished service in the line of his profession, improvements in ordnance, Dahlgren. and zealous and efficient labors in the ordnance branch of the service; Captain Stephen C. Rowan, for distinguished services in the waters of North Carolina, and particularly in the cap- C. Rowan. ture of Newbern, being in chief command of the naval forces; Commander David D. Porter, for the bravery and skill displayed in the attack on the post of Arkansas, which surren. D. Porter. dered to the combined military and naval forces on the tenth of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-three; Rear-Admiral Silas H. Stringham, now on the retired list, for distinguished Rear Admiral Services in the continue of Perty, Hetteres and Clerk, and Silas H. Stringservices in the capture of Forts Hatteras and Clark; and ham. that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the above office, by the President of the United States.

Approved & bruary 7, 1863. (Vol. 12, p. 823.)

Commodore C.

Capt. John A.

Capt. Stephen

AN ACT making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and for a deficiency for the signal service for the year ending June thirty, eighteen handred and sixty-three.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That no money shall No money to be be paid from the treasury of the United States to any person offices not authoracting or assuming to act as an officer, civil, military, or naval, ized by law. as salary in any office, which office is not authorized by some previously existing law, unless where such office shall be subsequently sanctioned by law, nor shall any money be paid out of the treasury, as salary, to any person appointed during Nor to persons the recess of the Senate to fill a vacancy in any existing office appointed to fill the recess of the Senate to fill a vacancy in any existing office, appointed to in which vacancy existed while the Senate was in session, and is by law required to be filled by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, until such appointee shall have been confirmed by the Senate.

Approved February 9, 1863. (Vol. 12, p 646.)

JOINT RESOLUTION to compensate the sailors on the gunboat Cairo for loss of clothing.

Resolved by the Senale and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Remuneration to the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are others of the gunbereby, authorized, in settling the accounts of the petty officers, or clothing.

seamen, sailors, and others of the crew of the United States gunboat Cairo, to allow to each a sum not exceeding fifty dollars as a remuneration for the damage they may have sustained in the loss of their clothing by the destruction of said vessel in December last.\*

Approved February 13, 1863. (Vol. 12, p. 824.)

AN ACT temporarily to supply vacancies in the executive departments in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That vacancies in in case of the death, resignation, absence from the seat of executive depart-government, or sickness, of the head of any executive department of the government, or of any officer of either of the said departments whose appointment is not in the head thereof, whereby they cannot perform the duties of their respective offices, it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, in case he shall think it necessary, to authorize the head of any other executive department, or other officer in either of said departments whose appointment is vested in the President, at his discretion, to perform the duties of the said respective offices until a successor be appointed, or until For what time, such absence or inability by sickness shall cease: Provided, That no one vacancy shall supplied in manner aforesaid

Repealing clause.

Sec. 2 And be it further enacted, That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved February 20, 1863. (Vol. 12, p. 656.)

for a longer term than six ... ths.

AN ACT making apprepriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the year ending thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and for other purposes.

Additional cleri-Department.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That, in addition to the en force authorized force now authorized by law, the following clerks and employes are hereby authorized in the several departments and offices hereinafter specified, to be employed and continue only during the rebellion, and for one year after its close, viz:

> In the office of the Secretary of the Navy, three clerks of the first class and three of the second class.

> In the Ordnance Bureau of the navy, one chief clerk and three clerks of the second class.

<sup>\*</sup>By the act of May 21, 1864, \$3,250 were appropriated for this purpose.

In the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, two clerks of the first class and two of the second class.

In each of the Bureaus of Medicine and Surgery, Equipment and Recruiting, and Navigation, one laborer, at an annual Laborers. salary of six hundred dollars.

In the Navy Department, two additional night watchmen, Additional watchmen. each at an annual salary of six hundred dollars.

Approved February 25, 1863. (Vol. 12, p. 682.)

AN ACT to prevent correspondence with rebels.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Correspondence if any person, being a resident of the United States, or being with robel goving any person, being a resident of the United States, or being with robel goving any person, being a resident of the United States, or being with robel goving any person, being a resident of the United States, or being with robel goving the confidence of the United States, or being with robel goving the confidence of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That correspondence is a second to the United States of America in Congress assembled, That correspondence is a second to the United States of America in Congress assembled, and the United States of America in Congress assembled, and the United States of America in Congress assembled, and the United States of America in Congress assembled as a second to the United States of Congress assembled as a second to the United States of Congress assembled as a second to the United States of Congress as a second to the United States of Congress as a second to the United States of Congress as a second to the United States of Congress as a second to the United States of Congress as a second to the United States of Congress as a second to the United States of Congress as a second to the United States of Congress as a second to the United States of Congress as a second to the Con a citizen thereof, and residing in any foreign country, shall, cers and agents by without the permission or authority of the government of the citizens of the U.S. United States, and with the intent to defeat the measures of the said government, or to weaken in any way their efficacy, hold or commence, directly or indirectly, any correspondence or intercourse, written or verbal, with the present pretended rebel government, or with any officer or agent thereof, or with any other individual acting or sympathizing therewith; or if any such person above mentioned, not duly authorized, shall counsel or assist in any such correspondence or intercourse, with intent as aforesaid, he shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and, on conviction before any court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and by imprisonment not less than six months nor exceeding five years.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That where the offence Gourt of juris-is committed in any foreign country, the district court of the offence. United States for the district where the offender shall be first arrested shall have jurisdiction thereof.

Approved February 25, 1863. (Vol. 12, p. 696.)

AN ACT to prevent and punish frauds upon the government of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Personance of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Personance in the land or naval forces of the United States and or naval forces of the United States in time or in the militia in actual service of the United States in time or in the militia, of war, who shall make or cause to be made, or present or in actual service of the U.S. in time cause to be presented, for payment or approval to or by any of war, making person or officer in the civil or military service of the United States and claims. States, any claim upon or against the government of the United States, or any department or officer thereof, knowing

false bills, vouchers, &c.

such claim to be false, fictitious, or fraudulent; any person Making or using in such forces or service who shall, for the purpose of obtaining or aiding in obtaining the approval or payment of such claim, make, use, or cause to be made or used, any false bill, receipt, voucher, entry, roll, account, claim, statement,

Making oaths to statements, &c.

certificate, affidavit, or deposition, knowing the same to contain any false or fraudulent statement or entry; any person false in said forces or service who shall make or procure to be made, facts, or knowingly advise the making of any false oath to any fact, statement, or certificate, voucher or entry, for the purpose of obtaining or of aiding to obtain any approval or payment of any claim against the United States or any department or officer thereof; any person in said forces or service who, for the purpose of obtaining or enabling any other person to obtain from the government of the United States or any department or officer thereof, any payment or allowance, or the approval or signature of any person in the military, naval, or and civil service of the United States, of or to any false, fraudu-

counterfeiting sig lent, or fictitious claim, shall forge or counterfeit or cause or procure to be forged or counterfeited any signature upon any bill, receipt, voucher, account, claim, roll, statement, affidavit, or deposition; and any person in said forces or service who shall utter or use the same as true or genuine, knowing the same to have been forged or counterfeited; any person in said forces or service who shall enter into any agreement, to combination, or conspiracy to cheat or defraud the governcheat or defraud ment of the United States or any department or officer thereof by obtaining or aiding and assisting to obtain the payment

Conspiring the government.

or allowance of any false or fraudulent claim; any person in Stealing and em-said forces or service who shall steal, embezzle, or knowingly bezzling or mis- and wilfully misappropriate or apply to his own use or benefit, appropriating public property. or who shall wrongfully and knowingly sell, convey, or dispose of any ordnance, arms, ammunition, clothing, subsistence stores, money, or other property of the United States, furnished or to be used for the military or naval service of the United States; any contractor, agent, paymaster, quartermaster, or other person whatsoever in said forces or service or having charge, possession, custody, or control of any money

Concealing falsely delivering public property.

or other public property, used or to be used in the military or naval service of the United States, who shall, with intent to defraud the United States or wilfully to conceal such money or other property, deliver or cause to be delivered to any other person having authority to receive the same any amount of such money or other public property less than that for which he shall receive a certificate or receipt; any Making and de-person in said forces or service who is or shall be authorized livering certifi- to make or deliver any certificate, voucher, or receipt, or with intent to de other paper certifying the receipt of arms, ammunition, provisions, clothing, or other public property so used or to be used, who shall make or deliver the same to any person with-

out having full knowledge of the truth of the facts stated

fraud, &c.

therein, and with intent to cheat, defraud, or injure the United States; any person in said forces or service who shall Purchasing, or knowingly purchase or receive. in pledge for any obligation receiving, in or indebtedness, from any soldier, officer, or other person property from uncalled into or employed in said forces or service, any arms, sons. equipments, ammunition, clothes, or military stores, or other public property, such soldier, officer, or other person, not having the lawful right to pledge or sell the same, shall be deemed guilty of a criminal offence, and shall be subject to To be deemed the rules and regulations made for the government of the guilty of acriminal offence and to be military and naval forces of the United States, and of the liable to trial by militia when called into and employed in the actual service and imprisonment. of the United States in time of war, and to the provisions of this act. And every person so offending may be arrested and held for trial by a court-martial, and if found guilty, shall be punished by fine and imprisonment, or such other punishment as the court-martial may adjudge, save the punishment of death.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That any person here- Discharge or distofore called or hereafter to be called into or employed in such missal from service not to relieve forces or service, who shall commit any violation of this act from trial, &c. and shall afterwards receive his discharge, or be dismissed from the service, shall, notwithstanding such discharge or dismissal, continue to be liable to be arrested and held for trial and sentence by a court-martial, in the same manner and to the same extent as if he had not received such discharge or been dismissed.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That any person not in Penalty for the the military or naval forces of the United States, nor in the offences enumeramilitia called into or actually employed in the service of the ted by persons not United States, who shall do or commit any of the acts pro-in military or naturally employed. hibited by any of the foregoing provisions of this act, he shall militia. forfeit and pay to the United States the sum of two thousand dollars, and in addition, double the amount of damages which the United States may have sustained by reason of the doing or committing such act, together with the costs of suit; and such forfeiture and damages shall be sued for in the same suit, and every such person shall in addition thereto, on conviction in any court of competent jurisdiction, be punished by imprisonment not less than one nor more than five years, or by fine of not less than one thousand dollars, and not more than five thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the several district courts of the United States, the circuit court of the shall have juris-District of Columbia, or any court therein to be established suits. having general jurisdiction in civil cases, the several district courts of the Territories of the United States within whose jurisdictional limits the person doing or committing such act shall be found, shall, wheresoever such act may have been done or committed, have full power and jurisdiction to hear, try, and determine such suit. Such suit may be brought and suits.

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carried on by any person, as well for himself as for the United States; the same shall be at the sole cost and charge of such person, and shall we in the name of the United States, but shall not be withdrawn or discontinued without the consent, in writing, of the judge of the court and the district attorney, first filed in the case, setting forth their reasons for such consent.

Duties of the

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the district attorneys duty of the several district attorneys of the United States for the respective districts, for the District of Columbia, and for the several Territories, to be diligent in inquiring into any violation of the provisions of this act by persons liable to such suit, and found within their respective districts or Territories, and to cause him or her to be proceeded against in due form of law for the recovery of such forfeiture and dam-And such person may be arrested and held to bail in such sum as the district judge may order, not exceeding the said sum of two thousand dollars, and twice the amount of the damages sworn to in the affidavit of the person bringing the suit.

Rights of prose-

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That the person bringcutor and of the ing said suit and prosecuting it to final judgment shall be entitled to receive one-half the amount of such forfeiture, as well as one-half the amount of the damages he shall recover and collect; and the other half thereof shall belong to and be paid over to the United States; and such person shall be entitled to receive to his own use all costs the court may award against the defendant, to be allowed and taxed according to any provision of law or rule of court in force, or that shall be in force in suits between private parties in said court: Provided, That such person shall be liable for all costs incurred by himself in the case, and shall have no claim therefor on the United States.

Suits to commence within six years.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That every such suit shall be commenced within six years from the doing or committing the act, and not afterwards.

Officers, &c., of corporations

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That no officer or agent firms not to act as of any banking or other commercial corporation, and no agents for the gov member of any mercantile or trading firm, or person directly action of business or indirectly interested in the pecuniary profits or contracts with such corpo of such corporation or firm, shall be employed or shall act as an officer or agent of the United States for the transaction of business with such corporation or firm; and every such such officer, agent, or member, or person, so interested, who shall so act, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars nor less than five hundred dollars, and by imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.

Penalty.

SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or repugnant to any of the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, saving, however, and except-

Repealing and saving clause.

ing any and all suits or prosecutions now commenced pending, and all rights of suit or prosecution under any prior act of Congress, on account of the doing or committing of any act hereby prohibited; and all rights and claims which the United States, or any person or persons, now have, growing out of such prior act; all which pending suits and prosecutions shall proceed and be determined, and all which rights and claims shall remain and be as valid and effectual as if this present act had not been passed; nor shall this act be obligation and so construed as in any way to impair or affect the obligation, to contractors or duty, or liability of any person who now is or shall hereafter agents of the U.S. become the surety of any person contracting with the United States, or any officer or agent thereof; but every such surety shall be liable and answerable for the default of his principal in the same manner as if this act had not been passed, save to the extent to which his principal has performed the contract, or, if damages have been so recovered, to the extent of one-half of the damages so recovered and paid; which last amount may be shown in reduction of damages in any suit brought against the principal and surety, or principals and sureties, on their contract.

Approved March 2, 1863. (Vol. 12, p. 696.)

JOINT RESOLUTION fixing the pay of the commandant of the navy yard at Mure island, California.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Pay of com-the pay of the officer of the navy assigned to the command mandant of the navy yard at Mare of the navy yard at Mare island, California, shall be the sea-island. pay of his grade.

Approved March 3, 1863. (Vol. 12, p. 825.)

JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to adjust the equitable claims of contractors for naval supplies, and regulating contracts with the Navy Department.

SEC. 2. And be it further resolved, That the chief of any What bids may bureau of the Navy Department, in contracting for naval be rejected, who supplies, shall be at liberty to reject the offer of any person ceived as sureties, who, as principal or surety, has been a defaulter in any pre-present at opening vious contract with the Navy Department; nor shall parties of bids. who have failed as principals or sureties in any former contract be received as sureties on other contracts; nor shall the copartners of any firm be received as sureties for such firm or for each other; nor, in contracts with the same bureau, shall one contractor be received as surety for another; and every contract shall require the delivery of a specified quan-

tity, and no bids having nominal or fictitious prices shall be considered. That if more than one bid be offered by any one party, by or in the name of his or their clerk, partner, or other person, all such bids may be rejected;\* and no person shall be received as a contractor who is not a manufacturer of, or regular dealer in, the articles which he offers to supply, who has not a license as such manufacturer or dealer. all persons offering bids shall have the right to be present when the bids are opened and inspect the same.

Approved March 3, 1863. (Vol. 12, p. 828.)

JOINT RESOLUTION to compensate the crew of the United States steamer Monitor for clothing and other property lost in the public service.t

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of Credits to petty the United States of America in Congress assembled, That of the Monitor for the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they loss of clothing, are hereby, authorized, in settling the accounts of the petty officers, seamen, and others of the crew of the United States steamer Monitor, which was wrecked near Cape Hatteras, on or about the thirtieth day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, to credit each of them with the amount of sixty dollars to cover their losses of bedding, clothing, and other property, occasioned by the sinking of the said steamer. Approved March 3, 1863. (Vol. 12, p. 830.)

> AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and for other purposes.

Salary of certain civil engineers.

Provided, That hereafter the salary of the civil engineer at the Washington navy yard shall be two thousand dollars a year, and the salary of the civil engineer of the Bureau of Yards and Docks shall be three thousand dollars.

Temporary appointments of actensigns ratified.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the second secing assistant pay tion of the act entitled "An act for the temporary increase masters and acting of the navy," approved July twenty-four, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, shall be so construed that the temporary appointments made, or which may be made, of acting assistant paymasters and acting ensigns are hereby ratified and confirmed as temporary acting appointments until the return of the vessels in which they are respectively employed, or until

<sup>\*</sup> See act of July 4, 1864, section 7, amending this section. † The act of May 21, 1864, appropriated \$3,000 for compensation of petty officers, seamen, and others of the Monitor.

the suppression of the present insurrection, as may be deemed necessary; and the rate of compensation allowed for the several grades specified is hereby legalized and approved.

Compensation.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of Flour and bread the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase, in such for naval use. manner as he shall deem most advantageous to the government, the flour required for naval use; and to have the bread for the navy baked from this flour by special contract under naval inspection.

Approved March 3, 1863. (Vol. 12, p. 814.)

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to further promote the efficiency of the navy," approved December twenty-one, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any captain in the navy retired by the act entitled "An act captains on the reto further promote the efficiency of the navy," approved December twenty-one, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, duly recommended according to law, may be promoted to the grade of commodore upon the retired list.

Promotion of

Approved March 3, 1863. (Vol. 12, p. 769.)

JOINT RESOLUTION tendering the thanks of Congress to Captain John Rodgers, of the United States navy, for eminent skill and zeal in the discharge of his duties.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in pursuance of the recommendation of the President of the John Rodgers. United States, and to enable him to advance Captain Rodgers one grade in pursuance of the ninth section of the act of Congress of sixteenth July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, the thanks of Congress be, and they are hereby, tendered to Captain John Rodgers "for the eminent skill and gallantry exhibited by him in the engagement with the rebel armed ironclad steamer 'Fingal,' alias 'Atlanta,' whilst in command of the United States iron-clad steamer 'Weehawken,' which led to her capture on June seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three; and also for the zeal, bravery, and general good conduct shown by this officer on many occasions."

Approved December 23, 1863. (Vol. 13, p. 399.)

Thanks to Capt.

A RESOLUTION of thanks of Congress to Commodore Cadwalader Ringgold, the officers and crew of the United States ship "Sabine."

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the Sabine.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives Thanks to Com. of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Ringgold and officers and crew of the thanks of Congress are hereby tendered to Commodore Ringgold, the officers, petty officers, and men of the United States ship "Sabine," for the daring and skill displayed in rescuing the crew of the steam transport "Governor," wrecked in a gale on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty one, having on board a battalion of United States marines under the command of Major John G. Reynolds, and in the search for, and rescue of, the United States line-of-battle ship "Vermont," disabled in a gale upon the twenty-sixth of February last, with her crew and freight.

> Sec. 2. And be it further resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to communicate the foregoing resolution to Commodore Ringgold, and through him to the officers and

men under his command.

Approved March 7, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 403.)

AN ACT to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and for other purposes.

Additions cleviments.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That in addition to the cal force for the depart. clerical force now authorized by law, the following clerks and employés are hereby authorized in the several departments and offices hereinafter specified, to be employed and continue only during the rebellion, and for one year after its close, viz:

In the office of the Secretary of the Navy, two clerks of Office of Secretary of the Navy. class four. \*

Clerks and em-

And the several clerks and employes authorized by this colors and can-ployes to be op-pointed by the section shall be appointed by the heads of the de-heads of the de- which they are severally attached, and the amount necessary thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, is hereby appropriated therefor; and the heads of the said several Females may be departments are hereby authorized to employ females instead of any of the clerks hereinbefore designated, at an annual

employed. compensation not exceeding six hundred dollars per year, whenever, in their opinion, the same can be done consistently

> Approved March 14, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 22.)

with the interests of the public service.

<sup>\*</sup> Four other clerks of class four provided for by act of March 3, 1865.—(Vol. 13, p. 454.)

AN ACT relating to acting assistant paymasters in the navy, and regulating the appointment of cadets in the Naval Academy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paymasters in volument whenever the President of the United States shall nominate unter service any acting assistant paymaster in the volunteer naval service, nominated to be on account of his faithful, diligent, and efficient discharge of ters, &c, duty in the volunteer service, to be an assistant paymaster in the navy, it shall be no objection to his appointment and confirmation that he is over twenty-six years of age: Provided, That he be not over thirty years of age: And provided further, That the number of paymasters and assistant paymasters, as authorized by law, be not increased thereby.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the students of Ages for admisthe Naval Academy, when examined for admission thereto, sion into Naval Academy.

shall be between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years.

Approved April 1, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 39.)

JOINT RESOLUTION tendering the thanks of Congress to Admiral Porter.

Re it resolved by the Senate and Mouse of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Thanks to Adthe thanks of Congress be, and they are hereby, tendered to Admiral David D. Porter, commanding the Mississippi squadren, for the eminent skill, endurance, and gallantry exhibited by him and his squadron, in co-operation with the army, in opening the Mississippi river.

Approved April 19, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 404.)

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the accounts of the petry officers, seamen, and others of the crew of the United States gunboat Cincinnati. \*

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Back pay and the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they loss of clothing to are hereby, authorized, in settling the accounts of the petty petty officers, &c., officers, seamen, and others of the crew of the United States gunboat Cincinnati, to allow each of them all back pay, and a sum, not exceeding fifty dollars, for loss of clothing and other property by the sinking of the said vessel in the Mississippi river, near Vicksburg, on the twenty-seventh day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

Approved April 19, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 404.)

<sup>\*</sup> By act of July 2, 1864, \$7,200 were appropriated to carry into effect this resolution.

AN ACT fixing the date of the loss of the United States brig "Bainbridge," and for the relief of the officers, seamen, and marines of the same, and for other purposes.

Day of the of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That foundering of the for the purpose of fixing the time at which shall commence the fixed.

nensions, under the contribute of the purpose of fixing the time at which shall commence the fixed. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives pensions, under the existing laws, of the widows and orphan children of the officers, seamen, marines, and others in service who where lost in the United States brig "Bainbridge," as well as the time to which the pay of said officers, seamen, marines, and others in the service shall be allowed, the twenty-first day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, shall be deemed and taken to be the day on which the said brig "Bainbridge" foundered at sea.

Twelve months' lost.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the widow, or pay for the wi-dows, &c., of those child, or children, and in case there shall be no widow, or child, or children, as aforesaid, then the parent or parents, and if there be no parents, the brothers and sisters of the officers, seamen, marines, and others in service, who were lost in said brig "Bainbridge," shall be entitled to and receive, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to twelve months' pay of their respective deceased relations, aforesaid, in addition to the pay due to the said deceased at the date of the loss of said vessel.

Approved April 19, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 52.)

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to establish and equalize the grade of line officers of the United States navy," approved July sixteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

professional Аc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Line officers be of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That low grade of com- no line officer of the navy upon the active list, below the promoted until grade of commodore, nor any other naval officer, shall be promental, mortal, and moted to a higher grade until his mental, moral and professional, as fit moted to a higher grade until his mental, moral and profesness is established, sional fitness to perform all his duties at sea shall be established to the satisfaction of a board of examining officers to be appointed by the President of the United States. such board shall have power to take testimony, the witnesses when present to be sworn by the president of the board, and to examine all matter on the files and records of the department in relation to any officer whose case shall be considered by them.

Examining board SEC. 2. And be it further enacted. That such examining of whom come board shall consist of not less than three officers, senior in rank to the officer to be examined.

Rights of the of-SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That any officer to be ficer to be acted acted upon by said board shall have the right to be present, upon.

if he desires it; and his statement of his case, on oath, and the testimony of witnesses, and his examination, shall be recorded. And any matter on the files and records of the department touching each case, as may in the opinion of the board be necessary to assist them in making up their opinion, shall, together with the whole record and finding, be presented to the President for his approval or disapproval of the finding. And no officer shall be rejected until after such public examination of himself and the records of the department in his case, unless he fails to appear before said board after having been duly notified.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That no officer in the Promotion to naval service shall be promoted to a higher grade therein animation requirements. upon the active list, until he has been examined by a board ed. of naval surgeons, and pronounced physically qualified to perform all his duties at sea. And all officers whose cases officers not reshall have been acted upon by the aforesaid boards, and who commended to be shall have been acted upon by the aforesaid boards, and who retired. shall not have been recommended for promotion by both of

them, shall be placed upon the retired list.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That all officers not Rights of offi-recommended for promotion under the fourth section of an erromact entitled "An act to establish and equalize the grades of motion under 4th line officers of the United States navy," approved July six-July 16, 1862. teen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, shall have the right to present themselves for examination, according to the provisions of this act, and if found duly qualified, and such finding be approved by the President of the United States, they shall be promoted to the same grade and place as if they had been recommended by the board, and shall receive the corresponding pay according to the service which they have performed from the date of their rank to that of their promotion. And no further promotions shall be made upon the active list Promotions on until the number in each grade is reduced to that provided by ed. law.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That any officer in the Advancement of naval service, by and with the advice and consent of the distinguished con-Senate, may be advanced, not exceeding thirty numbers, in duet in battle. his own grade, for distinguished conduct in battle or extraordinary heroism.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That the President of Fleet paymasthe United States shall appoint paymasters of the fleet and neers. engineers of the fleet in the same manner and with the same rank and pay as fleet surgeons; and the retired pay of surgeons, paymasters, engineers, and other staff officers in the Retired pay or navy shall be the same as that of the retired officers of the staff officers. line of the navy with whom they have relative rank.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That all acts or parts Inconsistent acts of acts which are inconsistent with the provisions of this act repealed.

are hereby repealed.

Approved April 21, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 53.)

AN ACT fixing certain rules and regulations for preventing collisions on the w

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Rules and regue of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That lations adopted for mand after September one, eighteen hundred and sixty-navy and mercan from and after September one, eighteen hundred and sixty-tile marine, to pre-four, the following rules and regulations for preventing collis-vent collisions. ions on the water be adopted in the navy and the mercantile marine of the United States: Provided, That the exhibition of any light on board of a vessel-of-war of the United States

exhibi may be suspended whenever, in the opinion of the Secretary tion of lights may of the Navy, the commander-in-chief of a squadron, or the commander of a vessel acting singly, the special character of the service may require it.

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### Preliminary.

Sailing ships and ARTICLE 1. In the following rules every steamship which ships under steam is under sail, and not under steam, is to be considered a sailing ship; and every steamship which is under steam, whether under sail or not, is to be considered a ship under steam.

# Rules concerning lights.

#### LIGHTS.

ARTICLE 2. The lights mentioned in the following articles, Lights to be carand no others, shall be carried in all weathers between sunset ried at night. and suprise.

#### LIGHTS FOR STEAMSHIPS.

ARTICLE 3. All steam vessels when under way shall carry— (a.) At the foremast head, a bright white light, so fixed as Foremast head. to show an uniform and unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of twenty points of the compass, so fixed as to throw the light ten points on each side of the ship, viz: from right ahead to two points abaft the beam on either side, and of such a character as to be visible on a dark night, with a clear

atmosphere, at a distance of at least five miles.

(b.) On the starboard side, a green light, so constructed as to throw an uniform and unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of ten points of the compass, so fixed as to throw the light from right ahead to two points abaft the beam on the starboard side, and of such a character as to be visible on a dark night, with a clear atmosphere, at a distance of at least two miles.

(c.) On the port side, a red light, so constructed as to show an uniform and unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of ten points of the compass, so fixed as to throw the light from right ahead to two points abaft the beam on the port side, and of such a character as to be visible on a dark night, with a clear atmosphere, at a distance of at least two miles.

(d.) The said green and red side lights shall be fitted with How to be fitted. inboard screens, projecting at least three feet forward from the light, so as to prevent these lights from being seen across

the bow.

#### LIGHTS FOR STEAM-TUGS.

ARTICLE 4. Steamships, when towing other ships, shall when carry two bright white masthead lights vertically, in addition towing to their side lights, so as to distinguish them from other steam-Each of these masthead lights shall be of the same construction and character as the masthead lights which other steamships are required to carry.

### LIGHTS FOR SAILING SHIPS.

ARTICLE 5. Sailing ships under way or being towed shall Lights for sailing carry the same lights as steamships under way, with the towed. exception of the white masthead lights, which they shall never carry.

Starboard.

# EXCEPTIONAL LIGHTS FOR SMALL SAILING VESSELS.

Exceptional

ARTICLE 6. Whenever, as in the case of small vessels lights for small during bad weather, the green and red lights cannot be fixed, these lights shall be kept on deck, on their respective sides of the vessel, ready for instant exhibition, and shall, on the approach of or to other vessels, be exhibited on their respective sider in sufficient time to prevent collision, in such manner as to make them most visible, and so that the green light shall not be seen on the port side, nor the red light on the starboard

Portable lights

To make the use of these portable lights more certain and to be painted, &c. easy, they shall each be painted outside with the color of the light they respectively contain, and shall be provided with suitable screens.

#### LIGHTS FOR SHIPS AT ANCHOR.

Sheps at anchor.

ARTICLE 7. Ships, whether steamships or sailing ships, when at anchor in roadsteads or fail ways, shall, between sunset and sunrise, exhibit where it can best be seen, but at a height not exceeding twenty feet above the hull, a white light in a globular lantern of eight inches in diameter, and so constructed as to show a clear uniform and unbroken light, visible all around the horizon, and at a distance of at least one mile.

## LIGHTS FOR PILOT VESSELS.

Pilot vessels.

ARTICLE S. Sailing pilot vessels shall not carry the lights required for other sailing vessels, but shall carry a white light at the masthead, visible all round the horizon, and shall also exhibit a flare-up light every fifteen minutes.

## LIGHTS FOR FISHING VESSELS AND BOATS.

Fishing vessels and boats.

ARTELE 9. Open fishing boats and other open boats shall not be required to carry side lights required for other vessels, but shall, if they do not carry such lights, carry a lantern having a green clide on the one side and a red slide on the other side; and on the approach of or to other vessels, such lantern shall be exhibited in sufficient time to prevent collision, so that the green light shall not be seen on the port side, nor the red light on the starboard side. Fishing vessels and open boats when at anchor, or attached to their nets and stationary, shall exhibit a bright white light. Fishing vessels and open hoats shall, however, not be prevented from using a flare-up in addition, if considered expedient.

At anchor.

Rules governing fag-signals.

### FOG-SIGNALS.

For signals.

ARTICLE 10. Whenever there is a fog, whether by day or night, the fog-signals described below shall be carried and used, and shall be sounded at least every five minutes, viz: (a.) Steamships under way shall use a steam-whistle placed before the funnel, not less than eight feet from the deck.

(b.) Sa ling ships under way shall use a fog-horn.

(c.) Steamships and sailing ships when not under way shall use a bell.

Steering and sailing rules.

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## TWO SAILING SHIPS MEETING.

ARTICLE 11. If two sailing ships are meeting end on, or sailing ships nearly end on, so as to involve risk of collision, the helms of meeting. both shall be put to port, so that each may pass on the port side of the other.

#### TWO SAILING SHIPS CROSSING.

ARTICLE 12. When two sailing ships are crossing so as to sailing involve risk of collision, then, if they have the wind on different sides, the ship with the wind on the port side shall keep out of the way of the ship with the wind on the starboard side, except in the ease in which the ship with the wind on the port side is close hauled, and the other ship free, in which case the latter ship shall keep out of the way. But if they have the wind on the same side, or if one of them has the wind aft, the ship which is to windward shall keep out of the way of the ship which is to leeward.

## TWO SHIPS UNDER STEAM MEETING.

ARTICLE 13. If two ships under steam are meeting end on, Steamships or nearly end on, so as to involve risk of collision, the helms meeting of both shall be put to port, so that each may pass on the port side of the other.

### TWO SHIPS UNDER STEAM CROSSING.

ARTICLE 14. If two ships under steam are crossing so as Steamships to involve risk of collision, the ship which has the other on crossing. her own starboard side shall keep out of the way of the other.

#### SAILING SHIP AND SHIP UNDER STRAM.

ARTICLE 15. If two ships, one of which is a sailing ship sailing ship and and the other a steamship, are proceeding in such directions ship under steam, as to involve risk of collision, the steamship shall keep out of the way of the sailing ship.

# SHIPS UNDER STEAM TO SLACKEN SPEED.

ARTICLE 16. Every steamship, when approaching another Steamships ship so as to involve risk of collision, shall slacken her speed, slacken speed.

or, if necessary, stop and reverse; and every steamship shall, when in a fog, go at a moderate speed.

# VESSELS OVERTAKING OTHER VESSELS.

Vessels overtaking overtaking any other vessel shall keep out of way of the said last mentioned vessel.

CONSTRUCTION OF ARTICLES 12, 14, 15, AND 17.

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ARTICLE 18. Where, by the above rules, one of two ships is to keep out of the way, the other shall keep her course subject to the qualifications contained in the following article:

# PROVISO TO SAVE SPECIAL CASES.

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ARTICLE 19. In obeying and construing these rules, due regard must be had to all dangers of navigation, and due regard must also be had to any special circumstances which may exist in any particular case rendering a departure from the above rules necessary in order to avoid immediate danger.

NO SHIP UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TO NEGLECT PROPER PRECAUTIONS.

Proper precautions not to be no gleeted.

ARTICLE 20. Nothing in these rules shall exonerate any ship, or the owner, or master, or crew thereof, from the consequences of any neglect to carry lights or signals, or of any neglect to keep a proper lookout, or of the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seamen, or by the special circumstances of the case.

Approved April 29, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 58.)

AN ACT to regulate the admeasurement of tonnage of ships and vessels of the United States.\*

What ships are be measured not registered.

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What ships are be measured every thip or vessel built within the United States, or that may be owned by a citizen or citizens thereof, on or after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, shall be measured and registered in the manner hereinafter provided; also every ship or vessel that is now owned by a citizen or citizens of the United States shall be remeasured and reregistered upon her arrival after said day at a port of entry in the United States, and prior to her departure therefrom, in the same manner as hereinafter described: Provided, That any

<sup>\*</sup> See amendatory act of February 28, 1865.

ship or vessel built within the United States after the passage of this act may be measured and registered in the man-

ner herein provided.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the register of every vessel shall express her length and breadth, together ter shall express. with her depth, and the height under the third or spar deck, which shall be ascertained in the following manner: The tonnage deck, in vessels having three or more decks to the hull, shall be the second deck from below; in all other cases the upper deck of the hull is to be the tonnage deck. The length from the forepart of the outer planking, on the side of the surement. stem, to the afterpart of the main sternpost of screw steamers, and to the afterpart of the rudder-post of all other vessels measured on the top of the tonnage deck, shall be accounted the vessel's length. The breadth of the broadest part on the outside of the vessel shall be accounted the vessel's breadth A measure from the under side of tonnage-deck plank, amidships, to the ceiling of the hold (average thickness) shall be accounted the depth of hold. If the vessel has a third deck, then the height from the top of the tonnagedeck plank to the under side of the upper-deck plank shall be accounted as the height under the spar deck. All measurement to be taken in feet and fractions of feet, and all fractions of feet shall be expressed in decimals.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the register tonnage of a vessel shall be her entire internal cubical capacity in page to represent tons of one hundred cubic feet each, to be ascertained as fol-pacity.

lows: Measure the length of the vessel in a straight line How to be ascerlows: Measure the length of the vessel in a straight line How along the upper side of the tonnage deck, from the inside of the inner plank, (average thickness,) at the side of the stem to the inside of the plank on the stern-timbers, (average thickness,) deducting from this length what is due to the rake of the bow in the thickness of the deck, and what is due to the rake of the stern-timber in the thickness of the deck, and also what is due to the rake of the stern-timber in one-third of the round of the beam; divide the length so taken into the number of equal parts required by the following table, according to the class in such table to which the vessel belongs:

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Registered ton-

### TABLE OF CLASSES.

Class 1.—Vessels of which the tounage length according Table of classes. to the above measurement is fifty feet or under, into six equal parts.

Class 2.-Vessels of which the tonnage length according to the above measurement is above fifty feet, and not exceed-

ing one hundred feet long, into eight equal parts.

Class 3 .- Vessels of which the tonnage length according to the above measurement is above one hundred feet long, and not exceeding one hundred and fifty feet long, into ten equal parts.

Class 4.—Vessels of which the tonnage length according to the above measurement is above one hundred and fifty feet, and not exceeding two hundred feet long, into twelve equal

Class 5.—Vessels of which the tonnage length according to the above measurement is above two hundred feet, and not exceeding two hundred and fifty feet long, into fourteen equal

Class 6.—Vessels of which the tonnage length according to the above measurement is above two hundred and fifty feet

long, into sixteen equal parts.

Then, the hold being sufficiently cleared to admit of the required depths and breadths being properly taken, find the transverse area of such vessel at each point of division of the

length as follows:

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Measure the depth at each point of division from a point at a distance of one-third of the round of the beam below such deck, or, in case of a break, below a line stretched in continuation thereof, to the upper side of the floor timber, at the inside of the limber strake, after deducting the average thickness of the ceiling, which is between the bilge planks and limber strake; then, if the depth at the midship division of the length do not exceed sixteen feet, divide each depth into four equal parts; then measure the inside horizontal breadth, at each of the three points of division, and also at the upper and lower points of the depth, extending each measurement to the average thickness of that part of the ceiling which is between the points of measurement; number these breadths from above, (numbering the upper breadth one, and so on down to the lowest breadth;) multiply the second and fourth by four, and the third by two; add these products together, and to the sum add the first breadth and the last, or fifth; multiply the quantity thus obtained by one-third of the common interval between the breadths, and the product shall be deemed the transverse area; but if the midship depth exceed sixteen feet, divide each depth into six equal parts, instead of four, and measure, as before directed, the horizontal breadths at the five points of division, and also at the upper and lower points of the depth; number them from above as before; multiply the second, fourth, and sixth by four, and the third and fifth by two; add these products together, and to the sum add the first breadth and the last, or seventh; multiply the quantities thus obtained by one-third of the common interval between the breadths, and the product shall be deemed the transverse area.

Having thus ascertained the transverse area at each point of division of the length of the vessel, as required above, proceed to ascertain the register tonnage of the vessel, in the

following manner:

Number the areas successively, one, two, three, &c., number To ascertain registered tonnage. one being at the extreme limit of the length at the bow, and

the last number at the extreme limit of the length at the stern; then, whether the length be divided, according to table, into six or sixteen parts, as in classes one and six, or any intermediate number, as in classes two, three, four, and five, multiply the second and every even-numbered area by four, and the third and every odd-numbered area (except the first and last) by two; add these products together, and to the sum add the first and last, if they yield anything; multiply the quantities thus obtained by one-third of the common interval between the areas, and the product will be the cubical contents of the space under the tonnage deck; divide this product by one hundred, and the quotient, being the tonnage under the tonnage deck, shall be deemed to be the register tonnage of the vessel, subject to the additions hereinafter mentioned.

If there be a break, a poop, or any other permanent closedin space on the upper decks, on the spar deck, available for cargo, or stores, or for the berthing or accommodation of passengers (rerew, the tonnage of such space shall be ascertained

as follows:

Measure the internal mean length of such space in feet, Measurement of and divide it into an even number of equal parts, of which break, poop, and the distance asunder shell be most nearly equal to those into closed in space. which the length of the tonnage deck has been divided; measure at the middle of its height the inside breadths, namely, one at each end and at each of the points of division, numbering them successively one, two, three, &c.; then to the sum of the end breadths add four times the sum of the evennumbered breadths and twice the sum of the odd-numbered breadths, except the first and last, and multiply the whole sum by one-third of the common interval between the breadths; the product will give the mean horizontal area of such space; then measure the mean height between the planks of the decks, and multiply by it the mean horizontal area; divide the product by one hundred, and the quotient shall be deemed to be the tonnage of such space, and shall be added to the tonnage under the tonnage decks, ascertained as aforesaid.

If a vessel has a third deck, or spar deck, the tonnage of Third deck or the space between it and the tonnage deck shall be ascertained spur deck vessels.

as follows:

Measure in feet the inside length of the space, at the middle of its height, from the plank at the side of the stem to the plank on the timbers at the stern, and divide the length into the same number of equal parts into which the length of the tonnage deck is divided; measure (also at the middle of its height) the inside breadth of the space at each of the points of division, also the breadth of the stem and the breadth at the stern; number them successively one, two, three, and so forth, commencing at the stem; multiply the second, and all other even-numbered breadths, by four, and the third, and all the other odd-numbered breadths, (except the first and last,) by two; to the sum of these products add the first and

last breadths; multiply the whole sum by one-third of the common interval between the breadths, and the result will give, in superficial feet, the mean horizontal area of such space; measure the mean height between the plank of the two decks, and multiply by it the mean horizontal area, and the product will be the cubical contents of the space; divide this product by one hundred, and the quotient shall be deemed to be the tonnage of such space, and shall be added to the other tonnage of the vessel, ascertained as aforesaid. And if the vessel has more than three decks, the tonnage of each space between decks, above the tonnage deck, shall be severally ascertained in the manner above described, and shall be added to the tonnage of the vessel, ascertained as aforesaid.

Tonnage of open vessels.

In ascertaining the tonnage of open vessels the upper edge of the upper strake is to form the boundary line of measurement, and the depth shall be taken from an athwartship line, extending from upper edge of said strake at each division of the length.

The register of the vessel shall express the number of

Register to express number of leeks, &c.

on main beam.

decks, the tonnage under the tonnage deck, that of the between-decks above the tonuage deck, also that of the poop or other enclosed spaces above the deck, each separately. In Registered ton every registered United States ship or vessel the number denoting the total registered tonnage shall be deeply carved or otherwise perminently marked on her main beam, and shall be so continued; and if it at any time cease to be so continued such vessel shall no longer be recognized as a regis-

Charge for measurement of tonnage.

tered United States vessel. Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the charge for the measurement of tonnage and certifying the same shall not exceed the sum of one dollar and fifty cents for each transverse section under the tonnage deck; and the sum of three dollars for measuring each between-decks above the tonnage deck; and the sum of one dollar and fifty cents for each poop, or closed-in space available for cargo or stores, or for the berthing or accommodation of passengers, or officers and crew, above the upper or spar deck.

To what vessels this act shall not apply.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the provisions of this act shall not be deemed to apply to any vessel not required by law to be registered, or enrolled, or licensed; and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this are hereby repealed.

Approved May 6, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 69.)

AN ACT relating to appointments in the naval service and courts-

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Certain appoint of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That ments involunteer hereafter all appointments in the volunteer naval service of service to be con-hereafter all appointments in the United States, above the rank of acting master, shall be

submitted to the Senate for confirmation, in the same way and manner as appointments in the regular navy are required

to be submitted.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That naval courts-mar-Reduction of oftial shall have power to sentence officers who shall absent ficers to rating of ordinary genmen. themselves from their commands without leave to be reduced to the rating of ordinary seamen.

Approved May 16, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 75.)

## AN ACT to appoint certain officers of the navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for and during the present insurrection, the President, by and acting Bentenant commanders and with the advice and consent of the Senate, is hereby author-acting commandized to appoint acting lieutenant commanders and acting com-ers authorized. manders, who shall have the same rate of compensation as is allowed to officers of similar grade in the navy.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the proviso in Repealing clause. section ten, chapter one hundred and eighty-three, of an act to establish and equalize the grade of line officers of the United States navy, approved July sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and

that said section shall read as follows:

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That any person who when certain shall have received, or shall hereafter receive, a temporary pointments may appointment as acting volunteer lieutenant or acting master in be confirmed and the navy, from civil life, authorized by act of Congress of promotion. July twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, may be confirmed in said appointment in the navy, and placed in the line of promotion from the date of said confirmation, if, upon the recommendation of the President, he receives the thanks of Congress for highly meritorious conduct in conflict with the enemy. Seamen distinguishing themselves in battle, or by seamen medias of extraordinary heroism in the line of their profession, may be tiesfordistinguish promoted to forward warrant officers, or acting masters' ed conduct. mates, as they may be best qualified, upon the recommendation of their commanding officer, approved by the flag-officer and the department. Upon such promotion they shall receive a gratuity of one hundred dollars, and a medal of honor, to be prepared by the Navy Department.\* Approved May 17, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 79.)

\* A previous act of December 21, 1831, section 7, authorizes medals of honor to seamen distinguishing themselves in battle.

AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and for other purposes.

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Salary of constructing engineer at structing engineer at Mare island, California, shall be three thousand two hundred dollars, after the close of the present fiscal year.

Midshipmen not Provided, That no money appropriated for the support of appointed in conformity with law, midshipmen hereafter appointed not in strict conformance with the provisions of the law for appointing midshipmen to the Naval Academy.

Bountles for destruction of enemies' vessels, as per struction of enemies' vessels, as per act of July seventeen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, for the better government of the navy," two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Additional pro. Set. 3. And be it further enacted, That there shall be fessors allowed for added three professors to the number of professors of mathematics now authorized by law,\* who shall be appointed and commissioned as now provided by law, and who shall be a professor of ethics and English studies, a professor of Spanish, and a professor of drawing, at the Naval Academy.

Navat Academy Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the United States Naval Academy shall be returned to and established at the Naval Academy grounds in Annapolis, in the State of Maryland, before the commencement of the academic year eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

Approved May 21, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 80.)

AN ACT for the classification of the clerks to paymasters in the navy, and graduating their pay.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives

Annual pay of of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That
elerks to paymas: the annual pay of clerks to paymasters in the navy shall be
as follows, namely:

Clerks to paymasters at the Boston, New York, Washington, and Philadelphia stations, twelve hundred dollars.

At other stations, one thousand dollars.

Clerks to inspectors in charge of provisions and clothing at Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, twelve hundred dollars.

At other inspections, one thousand dollars.

Clerks to paymasters in receiving-ships at Boston and New York, twelve hundred dollars.

\*The number authorized by act of August 3, 1848, which also regulates the manner of their appointment, was not to exceed twelve.

In other receiving ships, and in vessels of the first rate, and at the Naval Academy, one thousand dollars.

Clerks to fleet paymasters and to paymasters of vessels of

the second rate, eight hundred dollars.

Clerks to paymasters of vessels of the third rate, having complements of more than one hundred and seventy-five persons, and to paymasters of supply steamers and store vessels, seven hundred dollars: Provided, That no paymaster Paymasters who or assistant paymaster shall be allowed a clerk in a vessel are not allowed having the complement of one hundred and seventy-five persons or less, excepting in supply steamers and store vessels:

And provided further, That nothing in this act shall be con-paymaster's strued to alter the pay now allowed by law to the paymas clerk at Marc island.

Approved May 26, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 92.)

ter's clerk at Mare island.\*

### AN ACT in relation to franked matter.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Official communications relating to the official business of the de-mications to heads partment to which they are addressed, of whatever origin, &c., to be sent free addressed to the chiefs of the several executive departments indorsement. of the government, or to such principal officers of each executive department, being heads of bureaus or chief clerks, or one duly authorized by the Postmaster General to frank official matter, shall be received and conveyed by mail free of postage without being indorsed "official business," or with the name of the writer.

Approved June 1, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 95.)

AN ACT to provide for granting an honorable discharge to coal-heavers and firemen in the naval service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Menorable dishardes may be granted to coal-heavers and charges to fremen and coal-heavers. firemen in the naval service of the United States in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as such discharges are now granted to seamen, ordinary seamen, landsmen, and

Approved June 7, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 120.)

\* By act of July 14, 1862, the clerk to the paymaster and inspector of provisions,

and so forth, at Marc island, receives \$1,500 per annum.

† Among those who are authorized by the 42d section of the act of March 3, 1863, to frank mail matter, are the chiefs of the several executive departments; also such principal officers, being heads of bureaus or chief clerks, of each executive department, to be used only for official communications, as the Postmaster General shall by regulation prescribe.

‡ See act of March 2, 1855, for the conditions on which they are granted to scamen,

&c.

A RESOLUTION to compensate the sailors on the gunbeat Baron de Kalb for less of clothing

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of Bonuneration to the United States of America in Congress assembled, That petty officers, &c. the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they Kab, for loss of are hereby, authorized, in settling the accounts of the petty officers, seamen, sailors, and others of the crew of the United States gunboat Baron de Kalb, to allow to each a sum not exceeding fifty dollars as a remuneration for the damage they may have sustained in the loss of their clothing by the destruction of said vessel, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved June 7, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 408.)

AN ACT relating to members of Congress, heads of departments, and other officers of the government.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives

Members of Con- of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That

of the government no member of the Senate or House of Representatives shall, forbidden to reforbidden to re
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forbidden to reany matter in which the United any other officer of the government, receive or agree to re-States is a party. ceive any compensation whatsoever, directly or indirectly, for any services rendered, or to be rendered, after the passage of this act, to any person, either by himself or another, in relation to any proceeding, contract, claim, controversy, charge, accusation, arrest, or other matter or thing in which the United States is a party, or directly or indirectly interested, before any department, court-martial, bureau, officer, or any civil, military, or naval commission whatever. person offending against any provision of this act shall, on The offence a conviction thereof, he deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and by imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, at the discretion of the court trying the same, and shall be forever thereafter incapable of holding any office of honor, trust, or profit under the government of the United States.

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Approved June 11, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 123.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and indicial expenses of the government for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-live, and for other purposes.

Twenty per centum and ded to compensation of each be added to the compensation of the females, and of the mestation employes of the departments, sengers, witchinen, and laborers employed in the several

departments and under the Commissioner of Public Buildings, and the Commissioner of Agriculture, and at the Capitol, to commence on the first day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and to terminate at the close of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, but to be calculated only upon the amount of compensation accruing after the first day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four: Provided, however, That no salary be increased hereby so as to exceed the sum of ten hundred dollars. And the sums necessary to pay the additional compensation herein specified for the present and the next fiscal years are hereby appropriated.

Approved June 25, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 160.)

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to establish and equalize the grade of line officers of the United States navy," approved July sixteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Temporary in the corps of commanders in the navy of the United States on of commanders in the active list be temporarily increased so as to embrace all the navy. who had been appointed as such prior to the commencement of the present session of Congress, under that construction of the law which then prevailed in the Navy Department: Pro- Proviso. vided, That the number hereby allowed shall not exceed ninety-one: And provided further, That no further appointments of commanders shall be made on the active list till the number by deaths, dismissals, resignations, or otherwise, shall be reduced to seventy-two.

Approved June 25, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 182.)

AN ACT to amend the act of the twenty-first of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, entitled "An act to further promote the efficiency of the navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That act respecting the the first section of the act of the twenty-first of December, reting of efficers. anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-one, entitled "An act to further promote the efficiency of the navy," shall not be so construed as to retire any officer under the age of sixtytwo years, and whose name shall not have been borne upon the Navy Register for a period of forty-five years after he had arrived at the age of sixteen years.

Approved June 25, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 183.)

AN ACT to expedite and regulate the printing of public documents. and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Printing of an of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That unal reports and of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That documents of the hereafter, instead of furnishing manuscript copies of the docudepartments. ments usually accompanying their annual reports to each house of Congress, the heads of the several departments of government shall transmit them, on or before the first day of November in each year, to the Superintendent of Public Printing, who shall cause to be printed the usual number, and, in addition thereto, one thousand copies for the use of the Senate and two thousand copies for the use of the House of Representatives.

Copy of reports

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the to be furnished Su-duty of the heads of the several departments of government to furnish the Superintendent of Public Printing with copies of their respective reports on or before the third Monday in November in each year.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the

Duty of Superintendent.

duty of the Superintendent of Public Printing to print the President's message, the reports of the heads of departments, and the abridgment of accompanying documents prepared under the direction of the Joint Committee on Public Printing, suitably bound; and that, in addition to the number now required by law, and unless otherwise ordered by either house Number of co- of Congress, it shall be his duty to print ten thousand copies of the same for the use of the Senate and twenty-five thousand copies for the use of the House, and to deliver the same to the proper officer of each house, respectively, on or before the third Wednesday in December following the assembling of Congress, or as soon thereafter as practicable; and further, it shall also be the duty of the said Superintendent to cause to be printed and stitched in paper covers twenty-five hundred copies of the

pies to be printed.

Form and style of printing and binding.

Sec. 12. And be it further enacted, That the forms and style in which the printing or binding ordered by any of the departments shall be executed, the materials and size of type to be used, shall be determined by the Superintendent of Public Printing, having proper regard to economy, workmanship, and the purposes for which the work is needed.

aunual reports of the executive departments for the use of said

Approved June 25, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 184.)

departments, respectively.

AN ACT repealing certain provisions of law concerning seamen on board public and private vessels of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Repeal of parts so much of an act entitled "An act for the regulation of sea-lative to the emmen on board the public and private vessels of the United ployment of sea-men on board public and private vessels of the United men on board public and private vessels of the United men on board public and private vessels of the United men on board public and private vessels of the United men on board public and private vessels of the United Manual Private vessels of the Un States," approved the third of March, one thousand eight lic and hundred and thirteen, as makes it not lawful to employ on vessels. board any of the public or private vessels of the United States any person or persons except citizens of the United States or persons of color, natives of the United States,

shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed: Provided, however, That officers of vessels of the United sels of the U. S. to States shall in all cases be citizens of the United States. Approved June 28, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 201.)

be citizens of the United States.

AN ACT to provide internal revenue to support the government, to pay interest on the public debt, and for other purposes.\*

SEC. 123. And be it further enacted. That there shall be Tax of five per levied, collected, and paid on all salaries of officers, or pay-of six hundred dolments for services to persons in the civil, military, naval, or lars to be deducted from saluries of all other employment or service of the United States, including officers of the govsenators and representatives and delegates in Congress, when ernment. exceeding the rate of six hundred dollars per annum, a duty of five per centum on the excess above the said six hundred dollars; and it shall be the duty of all paymasters and all Duty of disbursdisbursing officers under the government of the United States, ing officers. or in the employ thereof, when making any payments to officers and persons as aforesaid, or upon settling and adjusting the accounts of such officers and persons, to deduct and withhold the aforesaid duty of five per centum, and shall, at the same time, make a certificate stating the name of the officer or person from whom such deduction was made, and the amount thereof, which shall be transmitted to the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and entered as part of the internal duties; and the pay-roll, receipts, or account of officers or persons paying such duty, as aforesaid, shall be made to exhibit the fact of such payment. And it shall be the duty of the several Auditors of the Treasury Department, when ditors auditing the accounts of any paymaster or disbursing officer, or when settling or adjusting the accounts of any such officer, to require evidence that the duties or taxes mentioned in this section have been deducted or paid over to the Commissioner

Duty of the Au-

<sup>\*</sup>A joint resolution of July 4, 1864, imposes a special income duty. (Vol. 13, p. 417.)

Prize money to of Internal Revenue: Provided, That payments of prize be regarded as inmoney shall be regarded as income from salaries, and the duty thereon shall be adjusted and collected in like manner.

Approved June 30, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 285.)

AN ACT to regulate prize proceedings and the distribution of prize money, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the wenate and House of Representatives of the of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That commanding off it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of any vessel vessels making a or vessels making a capture to secure the documents of the

Papers to be see ship and cargo, including the log-book, with all other documents, letters, and other papers found on board, and make an inventory of the same, and seal them up and send them, with the inventory, to the court in which proceedings are to be had, with a written statement that they are all the papers found and in the condition in which they were found, or explaining the absence of any documents or papers, or any change in their condition. He shall send to said court, as witnesses, Witnesses to be the master, one or more of the other officers, the supercargo,

purser, or agent of the prize, and any person found on board whom he may suppose to be interested in or to have knowledge respecting the title, national character, or destination of He shall send the prize, with the documents, the prize. Port to which papers, and witnesses, under charge of a competent prize master and prize crew, into port for adjudication, explaining

prize, &c., is to be sent.

the absence of any usual witnesses; and in the absence of instructions from superior authority as to the port to which it shall be sent, he shall select such port as he shall deem most convenient in view of the interests of probable claimsurvey and ap-ants, as well as of the captors. If the captured vessel or any presement if cap part of the captured property is not in condition to be sent

captured property in for adjudication, a survey shall be had thereon and an apis not fit to be sout

praisement made by persons as competent and impartial as can be obtained, and their reports shall be sent to the court How such prop- in which proceedings are to be had; and such property, unless appropriated for the use of the government, shall be sold by

city may be disnosed of

the authority of the commanding officer present, and the proceeds deposited with the assistant treasurer of the United States most accessible to said court, and subject to its order in the cause.

Course to be purelaiming to stare.

Suc. 2. And be it further enacted, That if any vessel of and by vessels the United States shall claim to share in the prize, either as having made the capture, or as having been within signal distance of the vessel or vessels making the capture, the commanding officer of such vessel shall make out a written statement of his claim, with the grounds on which it is rested, the principal facts tending to show what vessels made the capture,

and what ressels were within signal distance of those making the capture, with reasonable particularity as to times, distances, localities, and signals made, seen, or answered; and such statement of claim shall be signed by him and sent to the court in which proceedings shall be had, and shall be filed in the cause.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the Duty of prizeduty of the prize-master to make his way diligently to the master. selected port, and there immediately deliver to a prize commissioner the documents and papers and the inventory thereof, and make affidavit that they are the same and in the same condition as delivered to him, or explaining any absence or change of condition therein, and that the prize property is in the same condition as delivered to him, or explaining any loss or damage thereto; and he shall further report to the district attorney, and give to him all the information in his possession respecting the prize and her capture; and he shall deliver over the persons sent as witnesses to the custody of the marshal, and shall retain the prize in his custody until it shall be

taken therefrom by process from the prize court.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the attorney of Proceedings to the United States for the district shall immediately file a libel be adopted by the against such prize property, and shall forthwith obtain a warrant from the court directive the marshal to take it into his custody, and shall proceed diligently to obtain a condemnation and distribution thereof, and to that end shall see that the proper preparatory evidence is taken by the prize commissioners, and that the prize commissioners also take the depositions de bene esse of the prize crow and other transient persons cognizant of any facts bearing on condemnation or distribution. It shall also be the duty of the district attorney to represent the interests of the United States in all prize causes, and he shall not act as separate counsel for the captors on any private retainer or compensation from them, unless in a question between the claimants and the captors on a demand for damages. The district attorney shall examine all fees, costs, and expenses sought to be charged on the prize fund, and protect the interests of the captors and of the United States. The district attorneys of all districts in which any prize causes are or may be pending shall, as often as once in three months, send to the Secretary of the Navy a statement of the condition of all prize causes pending in their districts, in such form and embracing such particulars as the Secretary of the Navy shall require.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That any district court prize commissionmay appoint prize commissioners, not exceeding three in number, of whom one shall be a retired naval officer, approved by the Secretary of the Navy, who shall receive no other compensetion than his pay in the navy, and who shall protect the interests of the captors and of the department of the navy in the prize property, and at least one of the others shall be

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a member of the bar of the court, of not less than three years' standing, and acquainted with the taking of depositions.

Duties of the

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That the prize comprize commission. missioners, or one of them, shall receive from the prize-master the documents and papers and inventory thereof, and shall take the affidavit of the prize-master hereinbefore required, and shall forthwith take the testimony of the witnesses sent in, separate from each other, on interrogatories prescribed by the court, in the manner usual in prize courts; and the witnesses shall not be permitted to see the interrogatories, documents, or papers, or to consult with counsel or with any persons interested, without special authority from the court; and the witnesses who have the rights of neutrals shall be discharged as soon as practicable. The prize commissioners shall also take depositions de bene esse of the prize crew and others, at the request of the district attorney, on interrogatories prescribed by the court. They shall also, as soon as any prize property comes within the district for adjudication, examine the same, and make an inventory thereof, founded on an actual examination, and report to the court whether any part of it is in a condition requiring immediate sale for the interests of all parties, and notify the district attorney thereof; and if it be necessary to the examination or making of the inventory that the cargo be unladen, they shall apply to the court for an order to the marshal to unlade the same, and shall, from time to time, report to the court anything relating to the condition of the property or its custody or disposal which may require any action by the court, but the custody of the property shall be only in the marshal. They shall also seasonably return into court, sealed and secured from inspection, the documents and papers which shall come to their hands, duly scheduled and numbered, and the other preparatory evidence, and the evidence taken de bene esse, and their own inventory of the prize property; and if the captured vessel or any of its cargo or stores are such that, in their judgment, may be useful to the government in war, they shall report the same to the Secretary of the Navy.

Duties of the marshal.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That the marshal shall safely keep all prize property under warrant from the court, and shall report to the court any cargo or other property that he thinks requires to be unladen and stored or to be sold. shall insure prize property if, in his judgment, it is for the interest of all concerned. He shall keep in his custody all persons found on board a prize and sent in as witnesses, until they are released by the prize commissioners or the court. If a sale of property is ordered, he shall sell the same in the manner required by the court, and collect the purchase-money, and forthwith deposit the gross proceeds of the sales with the assistant treasurer of the United States nearest the place of sale, subject to the order of the court in the particular cause; and each marshal shall forward to the Secretary of the Navy, whenever and as often as he may require it, a full statement of the condition of each prize and of the disposition made thereof.

SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, That whenever any prize Disposition of property shall be condemned, or shall at any stage of the pro-ishable property, ceedings be found by the court to be perishing, perishable, or &c. liable to deteriorate or depreciate, or whenever the costs of keeping the same shall be disproportionate to its value, it shall be the duty of the court to order a sale thereof; and whenever after the return day on the libel, all the parties in interest who have appeared in the cause shall agree thereto, the court is authorized to make such order, and no appeal shall operate to prevent the making or execution of such order. The Secretary of the Navy shall employ an auctioneer or Employment of auctioneers of known skill in the branch of business to which auctioneers. any sale pertains, to make the sale, but the sale shall be conducted under the supervision of the marshal, and the collecting and depositing of the gross proceeds shall be by the auctioneer or his agent. Before any sale the marshal shall cause full catalogues and schedules to be prepared and cir-to be conducted. culated, and a copy of each shall be returned by the marshal to the court in each cause. The marshal shall cause all sales to be advertised fully and conspicuously in newspapers ordered by the court, and by posters, and he shall, at least five days before the sale, serve notice thereof upon the naval prize commissioner, and the goods shall be open to inspection at least three days before the sale.

How sales are

SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That in case a decree Duties of the of condemnation shall be rendered, the court shall consider court in case of a the claims of all vessels to participate in the proceeds, and, nation. for that purpose, shall, at as early a stage of the cause as possible, order testimony to be taken tending to show what part should be awarded to the captors, and what vessels are entitled to share, and such testimony may be sworn to before any judge or commissioner of the courts of the United States, consul or commercial agent of the United States, or notary public, or any officer of the navy highest in rank, reasonably accessible to the deponent. The court shall make a decree of distribution, determining what vessels are entitled to share in the prize, and whether the prize was of superior, equal, or inferior force to the vessel or vessels making the capture. And said decree shall recite the amount of the gross proceeds of the prize subject to the order of the court, and the amount deducted therefrom for costs and expenses, and the amount remaining for distribution, and whether the whole of such residue is to go to the captors, or one-half to the captors, and one half to the United States.

SEC. 10. And be it further enacted, That the net proceeds Decrees where of all property condemned as prize shall, when the prize was the capturing vessel superior or equal force to the vessel or vessels making the or equal force, or capture, be decreed to the captors, and when of inferior of interior force.

force, one-half shall be decreed to the United States and the Provise-letters other half to the captors: Provided, That in case of privateers and letters of marque, the whole shall be decreed to of marque. the captors, unless it shall be otherwise provided in the com-

All vessels of the navy Yessels of payy missions issued to such vessels. within signal distance of the vessel or vessels making the capture, under such circumstances and in such condition as the prize. to be able to render effective aid if required, shall share in

the prize; and in case of vessels not of the navy, none shall Other ressels. be entitled to share except the vessel or vessels making the capture, in which term shall be included vessels present at the capture and rendering actual assistance in the capture.

Distribution of All prize money adjudged to the captors shall be distributed prize money. in the following proportions, namely:

First. To the commanding officer of a fleet or squadron, To commanding one-twentieth part of all prize money awarded to any vessel officer of fleet or squadron. or vessels under his immediate command.

Second. To the commanding officer of a division of a fleet To commanding or squadron, on duty under the orders of the commander-inofficer of a divison. chief of such fleet or squadron, a sum equal to one-fiftieth part of any prize money awarded to a vessel of such division for a capture made while under his command, the said fiftieth part to be deducted from the moiety due to the United States, if there be such moiety, otherwise from the amount awarded to the captors: Provided, That such fiftieth part shall not be in addition to any share which may be due to the commander of the division, and which he may elect to receive, as commander of a single ship making or assisting in the cap-

> Third. To the fleet captain, one-hundredth part of all prize money awarded to any vessel or vessels of the fleet or squadron in which he is serving, except in a case where the capture is made by the vessel on board of which he is serving at the time of such capture; and in such case he shall share in proportion to his pay, with the other officers and men on board such vessel, as is hereinafter provided.

Fourth. To the commander of a single ship, one-tenth part To commander of a single ship. of all the prize money awarded to the ship under his command, if such ship at the time of the capture was under the command of the commanding officer of a fleet or squadron, or a division, and three-twentieths if his ship was acting inde-

pendently of such superior officer.

Fifth. After the foregoing deductions, the residue shall be distributed and proportioned among all others doing duty on board, (including the fleet captain,) and berne upon the books of the ship, in proportion to their respective rates of pay in the service.

No commanding officer of a fleet or squadron shall be en-When command. ing officers of fleet titled to receive any share of prizes captured by any vessel or or squadron shall titled to receive any share of prizes captured by any vessel or not be entitled to vessels not under his command, nor of such prizes as may

To fleet captain.

To all others doing duty on board,

have been captured by any ships or vessels intended to be placed under his command, before they have acted under his orders. Nor shall the commanding officer of a fleet or squadron, leaving the station where he had command, have any share in the prizes taken by ships left on such station after he has gone out of the limits of his said command, nor after he has transferred his command to his successor. No officer Persons tempor or other person who shall have been temporarily absent on to be deprived of duty from a vessel on the books of which he continued to be prize money. borne, while so absent, shall be deprived, in consequence of such absence, of any prize money to which he would otherwise be entitled. And he shall continue to share in the captures of the vessels to which he is attached until regularly discharged therefrom.

SEC 11. And be it further enacted, That a bounty shall Bounty for debe paid by the United States for each person on board any sels of war beship or vessel-of-war belonging to an enemy at the commence-longing to the enement of an engagement, which shall be sunk or otherwise destroyed in such engagement by any ship or vessel belonging to the United States, or which it may be necessary to destroy in consequence of injuries sustained in action, of one hundred dollars if the enemy's vessel was of inferior force, and of two hundred dollars if of equal or superior force, to be divided among the officers and crew in the same manner as prize money; and when the actual number of men on board any such vessel cannot be satisfactorily ascertained, it shall be estimated according to the complement allowed to vessels of its class in the navy of the United States; and there shall Bounty for vesbe paid as bounty to the captors of any vessel of war captured from the catured from an enemy, which they may be instructed to de-emy, &c. stroy, or which shall be immediately destroyed for the public interest, but not in consequence of injuries received in action, fifty dollars for every person who shall be on board at the time of such capture. All ransom money, salvage, bounty, salvage, &c., to be or proceeds of condemned property, accruing or awarded to distributed as prize any vessel of the navy, shall be distributed and paid to the money. officers and men entitled thereto in the same manner as prize money, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy.

SEC. 12. And be it further enacted, That every assignment Assignment of of prize or bounty money, or wages, due to persons enlisted prize, bounty money, or wages, due to persons enlisted prize, bounty money, or wages. in the naval service, and all powers of attorney or other authority to draw, receipt for, or transfer the same, shall be void unless the same be attested by the captain, or other commanding officer, and the paymaster; and in case of any assignment of wages, the same shall specify the precise time when they commence. But the commanding officer of every vessel is required to discourage his crew from selling any part of their prize money or wages, and never to attest any power of attorney until he is satisfied that the same is not granted in consideration of money given for the purchase of prize money or wages.

from Appeals from the district courts Supreme Court.

Sec. 13. And be it further enacted, That appeals from of the U.S. to the the district courts of the United States in prize causes shall be directly to the Supreme Court, and shall be made within thirty days of the rendering of the decree appealed from, unless the court shall previously have extended the time for cause shown in the particular case, and the Supreme Court shall always be open for the entry of such appeals. appeals may be claimed whenever the amount in controversy exceeds two thousand dollars, and in other cases, on the certificate of the district judge that the adjudication involves a question of general importance. Notwithstanding such appeal, the district court may make and execute all necessary orders for the custody and disposal of the prize property; and in case of appeal from a decree of condemnation, may still proceed to make a decree of distribution so far as to determine what share of the prize shall go to the captors, and Transfer of prize what vessels are entitled to participate therein. Any prize

causes from circuit

to Supreme Court, cause now pending in any circuit court shall, on the application of all parties in interest who have appeared in the cause, be transferred by that court to the Supreme Court; and such transfer may be made, in the discretion of the court, and on such terms as it may direct, on the application of any party: Provided. That if the amount in controversy does not exceed two tho sand dollars, such transfer shall not be made unless the court shall certify that the adjudication involves a question of general importance. All appeals to the Supreme Court from the circuit court in prize causes, now remaining therein, skall be claimed and allowed in the same manner as in cases of appeal from the district court to the Supreme In any case of appeal or transfer the court below, or the appellate court, may order any original document or other evidence to be sent up, in addition to the copy of the record, or in lieu of a copy of a part thereof.

Costs and ex-

SEC. 14. And be it further enacted. That all costs and all peases attending expenses incident to the bringing in, custody, preservation, prize property—expenses incident to the bringing in, custody, preservation, how to be paid, &c. insurance, sale, or other disposal of prize property, when allowed by the court, shall be a charge upon the same and be paid therefrom, unless the court shall decree restitution free from such charge. No payments shall be made from any prize fund, except upon the order of the court. All charges for work and labor, materials furnished, or money paid, shall be supported by affidavit or vouchers. The court may, at any time, order the payment, from the deposit made with the assistant treasurer in the cause, of any costs or charges accrued and allowed. When the cause is finally disposed of, the court shall make its order or orders on the assistant treasurer to pay the costs and charges allowed and unpaid; and in case the final decree shall be for restitution, or in case there shall be no money subject to the order of the court in the cause, any costs or charges allowed by the court, and not paid by the claimants, shall be a charge upon and be paid out of the fund for defraying the expenses of suits in which the United States is a party or interested.

SEC. 15. And be it further enacted, That the court may Security for costs

require any party, at any stage of the cause, and on claiming

an appeal, to give security for costs.

SEC. 16. And be it further enacted, That the net amount Amount decreed decreed for distribution to the United States or to vessels of how to be disposed the navy shall be ordered by the court to be paid into the of treasury of the United States, to be distributed according to the decree of the court. And the Treasury Department Distriction to shall credit the Navy Department with each amount received to be distributed to vessels of the navy; and the persons entitled to share therein shall be severally credited in their accounts with the Navy Department with the amounts to which they are respectively entitled. In case of vessels not of the Distribution to navy, the distribution shall be made by the court to the several parties entitled thereto, and the amounts decreed to them shall be divided between the owners and the ship's company, according to any written agreement between them, and in the absence of such agreement, one-half to the owners and one-half to the ship's company, according to their respective rates of pay on board; and the court may appoint a commissioner to make such distribution, subject to the control of the court, who shall make due return of his doings, with proof of actual payments by him, and who shall receive no other compensation, directly or indirectly, than such as shall be allowed him by the court: Provided, That in case of Proviso. vessels not of the navy, but controlled by any department of the government, the whole amount decreed the captors shall be divided among the ship's company.

SEC. 17. And de it further enacted, That the clerk of each Duties of the district court shall render to the Secretary of the Treasury trict courts. and the Secretary of the Navy a semi-annual statement, beginning with the first day of July next, of all the sums allowed by the court and ordered to be paid, within the previous half year, to the district attorney and prize commissioners for services, and to marshals for fees and commissions; and he shall, in all prize causes in the district, for the purpose of the final decree of distribution, ascertain and keep an account of the amount deposited with the assistant treasurer, subject to the order of the court, in each prize cause, and the amounts ordered to be paid therefrom as costs and charges, and the residue for distribution; and shall send copies of all final decrees of distribution to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of the Navy; and shall draw the orders of the court for the payment of all costs and allowances, and for the distribution of the residue. And for the said services he Compensation to shall be entitled to receive the sum of twenty-five dollars in elerk. each prize cause, which shall be in full for the services re-

quired by this section.

Allowance and commissions to the marshal.

Sec. 18. And be it further enacted, That the marshal shall be allowed his actual and necessary expenses for the custody, care, preservation, insurance, sale, or other disposal of the prize property, and for executing any order of the court respecting the same, and shall have a commission of one-quarter of one per centum on vessels, and of one-half of one per centum on all other prize property, calculated on the gross proceeds of each sale; and if after he shall have had any prize property in his custody, and shall have actually performed labor and incurred responsibility for the care and preservation thereof, the same shall be taken by the United States for its own use without a sale, or if it shall be delivered on stipulation to the claimants, he shall, in case the same shall be condemned, be entitled to one-half the above commissions on the amount deposited by the United States to the order of No allowances the courts, or collected upon the stipulation. No charges of the marshal for expenses or disbursements shall be allowed, except upon his oath, that the same have been actually and necessarily incurred for the purpose stated.

except on oath, &c.

Compensation to marshal and clerk ces.

Sec. 19. And be it further enacted, That neither the marfor official servi-shal nor the clerk shall be permitted to retain for all official services, of every kind, excepting those in prize causes, more than the maximum compensation allowed to be retained by him by the third section of the act of the twenty-sixth of February, eighteen hundred and fifty-three; nor shall the additional compensation which either of said officers shall be permitted to retain for all services, of every kind, in prize causes, exceed one-half the maximum compensation allowed to them, respectively, by the aforesaid act.

Compensation to district attorney

SEC. 20. And be it further enacted, That the district attorand prize commis-ney and prize commissioners, except the naval officer, shall be allowed a just and suitable compensation for their respective services in each prize cause, to be adjusted and determined by the court and to be paid as costs in the cause.

District attorneys and prize account of sup received.

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SEC. 21. And be it further enacted, That each district commissioners to attorney and prize commissioner, except the naval officer. render an annual shall render to the Secretary of the Interior an a annual account, beginning with the first day of July next, of all sums he shall have received for all services in prize causes within the pre-Sums they may vious year; and the district attorney shall be allowed to retain therefrom a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars for each year, in addition to the maximum compensation allowed to be retained by him by the third section of the act of the twenty-sixth February, eighteen hundred and fiftythree, or in addition to any salary he may receive in lieu of such maximum compensation; and each such prize commissioner shall be allowed to retain a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars for each year, which shall be in full for all

Excess to be paid his official services in prize causes; and any excess over over and credited those respective amounts shall be paid by the officer receivation and to pension fund,

ing the same into the treasury of the United States, and shall

be credited to the fund for paying naval pensions.

Sec. 22. And be it further enacted, That the auctioneers employed to make sales of prize property shall be entitled to anctioneers. receive commissions by a scale to be established by the Secretary of the Navy, not to exceed, in any case, one-half of one per centum on any sum exceeding ten thousand dollars on vessels, nor one per centum on said sum of other prize property, which shall be in full for his expenses as well as their services; and in case no such scale shall be established, they shall be entitled to receive such compensation as the court shall deem just under the circumstances of each case.

SEC. 23. And be it further enacted, That in any case of capture heretofore made, or that may hereafter be made, by for captors. vessels of the navy, the Secretary of the Navy may employ special counsel for captors, when, in his judgment, the services of such special counsel are needed in the particular case, for the due protection of the interests of the captors and of the navy pension fund; and under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, such counsel may institute and prosecute such proceedings in the case as may be necessary and proper for the protection of such interests. The court may allow such Compensation. compensation as it shall deem just under the circumstances of each ease to special counsel for captors, not being the district attorney or any of his assistants, whether appointed by a department of the government or by the captors, for services actually rendered in the cause, to be paid as costs, in How to be paid whole or in part, either from the entire fund or from the portion awarded to the captors; but no such allowance shall be made except for services rendered on matters as to which the party the counsel represents has an adverse interest to the United States, or an interest otherwise proper in the opinion of the court to be represented by special counsel, or for services rendered in a contestation between parties claiming to participate in the distribution of the proceeds.

SEC. 24. And be it further enacted, That fees of special Fees of special counsel in prize cases incurred or authorized by any depart-time circumstanment of the government, or for the defence of captors against eas be wanted demands for damages made by claimants in the district court, not paid by claimants, nor from the prize fund in the partieular cause, and audited and allowed by the department incurring or authorizing them, and by the Solicitor of the Treasury, shall be a charge upon and paid out of the funds a propriated for defraying the expenses of suits in which the United States is a party or interested.

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SEC. 25. And be it further entered. That whenever the Payment of tees court shall allow fees to any witness in a prize cause or fees taking evidence for taking evidence out of the district in which the court sits, out or the district. and there is no money subject to its order in the cause, the same shall be paid by the marshal, and shall be repaid to him from any money deposited to the order of the court in said

cause; and any amount not so repaid, the marshal shall be allowed as witness fees paid by him in cases in which the United States is a party.

Delivery of prize ants.

SEC. 26. And be it further enacted. That no prize property property to claim-shall be delivered to the claimants on stipulation, deposit, or other security, except where there has been a decree of restitution, and the captors have appealed therefrom, or where the court, after a full hearing on the preparatory proofs, has refused to condemn the property on those proofs, and has given the captors leave to take further proofs, or where the claimant of any property shall satisfy the court that the same has a peculiar and intrinsic value to him, independent of its market value. In any of these cases, the court may deliver the property on stipulation or deposit of its value, if it shall be satisfied that the rights and interests of the United States and captors, or of other claimants, will not be prejudiced thereby, a satisfactory appraisement being first made, with an opportunity given to the district attorney and naval prize commissioner to be heard as to the appointment of appraisers. And any money deposited in lieu of stipulation, and all money collected on a stipulation, not being costs, shall be deposited with the assistant treasurer in the same manner as proceeds of a sale.

Requirements in

SEC. 27. And be it further enacted, That whenever any the case of captured vessel, arms, munitions, or other material shall be for the ase of the taken for the use of the government before it comes into the government begovernment being country of a prize court, it shall be surveyed, appraised, and the custody of the inventoried by persons as competent and impartial as can be obtained, and the survey, appraisement, and inventory shall be sent to the court in which proceedings are to be had; and if taken afterwards, sufficient notice shall first be given to enable the court to have the property appraised for the protection of the rights of the claimants and captors. In all cases of prize property heretofore taken for or appropriated to the use of the government, or that shall hereafter be so taken or appropriated, the department for whose use it was or shall be taken or appropriated shall deposit the value thereof with the assistant treasurer of the United States nearest to the place of the session of the court, subject to the order of the court in the cause.

Proceedings In be sent into court.

SEC. 28. And be it further enacted, That in case of any case of captured property that has capture heretofore made, or that shall hereafter be made, if, not been or cannot by reason of its condition, or because the whole has been appropriated to the use of the United States, no part of the captured property has been or can be sent in for adjudication, or if the captured property be entirely lost or destroyed, proceedings for adjudication may be commenced in any district the Secretary of the Navy may designate. And in any such case the proceeds of anything sold, or the value of anything taken or appropriated for the use of the government, shall be deposited with the assistant treasurer in or nearest to that

district, subject to the order of the court in the cause. when no property can be sent in for adjudication, the Secretary of the Navy shall not, within three months after any capture, designate a district for the institution of proceedings, the captors may institute proceedings, for adjudication in any district. And if, in any case of capture, no proceedings for adjudication shall be commenced within a reasonable time, any parties claiming the captured property may, in any district court, as a court of prize, move for a monition to show cause why such proceedings shall not be commenced, or institute an original suit in such court for restitution, and the monition issued in either case shall be served on the attorney of the United States for the district, and on the Secretary of the Navy, as well as on such other persons as the court shall order to be notified.

SEC. 29. And be it further enacted, That when any vessel Award and proor other property shall have been captured by any force hoscourt in the case of the court in the case of the United States and shall be recaptured, and it shall vessels or proper appear to the court that the same had not been condemned as the town been captured by any prize before its recapture, by any competent authority, the force hostile to the court shall award a meet and competent sum as salvage, tured before its according to the circumstances of each case; and if the condemnation as captured property belonged to the United States, it shall tent authority. be restored to the United States, and there shall be paid from the treasury of the United States the salvage, costs. and expenses ordered by the court; and if the recaptured property belonged to persons residing within or under the protection of the United States, the court shall adjudge the property to be restored to its owners upon their claim, on the payment of such sum as the court may award as salvage, costs, and expenses; and if the recaptured property belonged to any person permanently resident within the territory and under the protection of any foreign prince, government, or state in amity with the United States; and by the law or usage of such prince, government, or state, the property of a citizen of the United States would be restored under like circumstances of recapture, it shall be adjudged to be restored to such owner upon his claim, upon such terms as by the law or usage of such prince, government, or state would be required of a citizen of the United States under like circumstances of recapture; and when no such law or usage shall be known, it shall be adjudged to be restored upon the payment of such salvage, costs, and expenses as the court shall order: Provided, That nothing in this act shall be construed to contravene any treaty of the United States. And the whole amount awarded as salvage shall be decreed to the captors, and no part to the United States, and shall be distributed as in the case of proceeds of property condemned as prize.

SEC. 30. And be it further enacted, That if it shall ap- Transfer of prize pear to the court, in the case of any prize property ordered ther district than to be sold, that it will be for the interest of all parties to have that in which it

to be sold.

was condemned, it sold in another district, the court may direct the marshal to transfer the same to the district selected by the court for the sale, and to insure the same with proper orders as to the time and manner of selling the same. And it shall be the du'y of the marshal so to transfer the property, and keep and sell the same in like manner as if the property were in his own district; and he shall deposit the gross proceeds of the sale with the assistant treasurer nearest to the place of sale, subject to the order of the court in which the adjudication thereon is pending; and the necessary expense attending the insuring, transferring, receiving, keeping, and selling the said property shall be a charge thereupon and upon the proceeds thereof; and whenever any such expense is paid in advance by the marshal, and he shall not be repaid from the proceeds, any amount not so repaid he shall be allowed as in case of expenses incurred in suits in which the United States is a party. The Secretary of the Navy may, in like manner, either by a general regulation or special direction in any cause, require a marshal to transfer any prize property from the district in which the judicial proceedings are pending to any other district for sale, and the same proceedings shall be had as if such transfer had been made by order of the court, as hereinbefore provided.

Persons wilfully doing any act with

Sec. 31. And be it further enacted, That if any person intent to defraud shall wilfully do any act, or aid, assist, or advise in the doing intent to corrand small willing do any act, or aid, assist, or advise in the doing or nay captor or any act relating to the bringing in, custody, preservation, claimant of prize sale, or other disposition of any property captured as prize, or property, subject to punishment and relating to any documents or papers connected with the property or to any deposition or other document or paper connected with the proceedings, with intent to defraud, delay, or injure the United States, or any captor or claimant of such property, he shall, on conviction, be punished by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Term "vessels of the navy" defined.

SEC. 32. And be it further enacted, That in the term "vessels of the navy" shall be included, for the purposes of this act, all armed vessels officered and manucd by the United States, and under the control of the department of the Navy.

SEC. 33. And be it further enacted, That the provisions Provisions of this act applicable to all captures made of this act shall be applied to all captures made as prize by by authority of U. authority of the United States, or adopted and ratified by S., and to all prize proceedings pends the President of the United States.

SEC. 34. And be it further enacted, That this act shall

apply to all prize proceedings now pending.

Repealing sec-

SEC. 35. And be it further enacted, That the act entitled "An act providing for salvage in cases of recapture," approved on the third day of March, in the year eighteen hundred, and the act entitled "An act in addition to the act concerning letters of marque, prizes, and prize goods," approved on the twenty-seventh day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and thirteen, and the act entitled "An act in addition to an act entitled An act in relation to the navy pension fund," approved on the sixteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and sixteen, and an act entitled "An act to facilitate judicial proceedings in adjudications upon captured property and for the better administration of the law of prize," approved on the twenty-fifth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and the second, sixth, and twelfth sections of an act entitled "An act for the better government of the navy of the United States," approved on the seventeenth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and the act entitled "An act further to regulate proceedings in prize cases and to amend various acts of Congress in relation thereto," approved on the third day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Approved June 30, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 306.)

AN ACT to provide for the efficiency of the navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Isased men from any person enlisted in the military service of the United States the military service who shall apply to the Navy Department to be transferred vice to the mary to the navy or marine corps shall, if his application be ap-corps proved by the President of the United States, be transferred to the navy or marine corps to serve the residue of his term of enlistment therein, subject to the laws and regulations for the government of the navy: Provided, That such transfer Proviso. shall not release the transferred person from any indebtedness to the government, nor without the consent of the President of the United States, from any penalty incurred for a breach of military law.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That any seamen or Transfer of draft-mariner, or person who may have served as such, drafted into are seamen or mariner. the military service, may, by order of the President of the riners to the naval United States, be transferred to the naval service, to serve service. therein, subject to the laws and regulations for the government of the navy, for the term or residue of the term for which he was drafted.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That all enlistments Dalistments to into the naval service or marine corps during the present war be credited to apshall be credited to the appropriate township, precinct, or dis-ships, &c. trict, in the same manner as enlistments for the army.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That persons hereafter Persons enlistenlisted into the naval service or marine corps during the rine corps to represent war shall be entitled to receive the same bounty as if ceive bounty.

Repealing clause, enlisted in the army,\* And the resolution approved February twenty-four, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "A resolution relative to the transfer of persons in the military service to the naval service," is hereby repealed: Provided, nevertheless, That such some as may have been paid as bounty to persons transferred from the military to the naval service or marine corps shall be charged to and paid out of the proper naval appropriation, or appropriation for

Approved July 1, 1884. (Vol. 13, p. 342.)

the marine corns.

AN ACT to compensate the officers and crew of the iron-clad grational Essex for the destruction of the relad ram Arkansas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of off the United States of America in Congr as assembled, That cers and erest of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of the Navy to pay to the officers and crew of the iron-clad gunboat Essex, for the destruction of the rebel ram Arkansas, the bounty provided by the fourth section of the act entitled "An act for the better government of the navy of the United States," approved July seventeen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

Approved July 1, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 342.)

AN ACT prescribing the punishment for entiring or niding seasoen to desert the mand service of the United States.

Parit enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That fine in antising or any person who shall entire or procure, or attempt or endeaning samen to ver to entire or procure any scanem or other person in the desert from the inval service of the United States, or who has been recruited for such service, to desert therefrom, or who shall in anywise aid or assist any such scannan or other person in deserting, or in attempting to desert from said naval service, or who shall harbor, conceal, protect, or in anywise assist any such scannan or other person who may have deserted from said naval service, knowing him to have deserted therefrom, or who shall refuse to give up and deliver such person on the

Every volunteer who is accepted and mustered into the service for a term of one year, unless sooner discharged, shall receive, and be paid by the United States, a bounty of one hundred dollars; and it for a term of two years, unless sooner discharged, a bounty of two handred dollars; and if for a term of three years, unless sooner discharget, a bounty of three hundred dollars; one-third of which bounty shall be paid to the soldier at the time of his being mustered into the service, one-third at the expiration of one-half of his term of service, and on third at the expiration of his term of service. And in case of his death while he service, the residue of his bounty unpaid shall be paid to his widow, if he shall have lot a widow, self not, to his children, or if there be none, to his mether, if sha be a widow, self of duly 4, 1844, 1

derived of any officer authorized to receive him, shall be punished by imprisonment not less than six months nor more than three years, and by fine of not more than two thousand dollars, to be enforced in any court of the United States having jurisdiction.

Argroved July 1, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 342.)

3 RESOLUTION regulating the investment of the naval pension fund,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That Secretary of Nather Secretary of the Navy, as trustee of the navel pension have pension fund, be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause for investicing to be important to invest it in reto be invested in the registered securities of the United States, gistered securities on the first day of January and the first day of July of each of the U. States. year, so much of the said fund then in the treasury of the United States as may not be required for the payment of saval pensions for the then current fiscal year; and, upon the requisition of the said Secretary, so much of the said fund as may not be required for such payment of pensions accruing luring the current fiscal year shall be held in the treasury on the days aforesaid in each year subject to his order for the purpose of such immediate investment; and the interest, payadde in coin, upon the said securities in which the said fund shall be invested shall be so paid, when due, to the order of the Secretary of the Navy, and he is hereby authorized and directed to exchange the amount of such inferest, when paid In coin, for so much of the legal currency of the United States as may be obtained therefor at the current rates of premium in gold, and to deposit the said interest so converted in the reasury to the credit of the said naval pension fund: Pro- Not to interfere rided. That nothing herein contained shall be construed to with payment of interfere with the payment of naval pensions under the super-Secretary of the vision of the Secretary of the Interior as now regulated by law. Interior.

Approved July 1, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 414.)

AN ACT making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the govcrament for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and Government sequired to set apart from the pay of any officer of the navy beginning to the in or of the marine corps, who may be under treatment by his Pertion of pay order in the government hospital for the insane, such a port of immates to be tion of the monthly pay of said officer as may be needed for comfort.

his personal use and comfort in addition to the ordinary resources of that establishment.

Superintendent to recommend the 201001101

The superintendent of the government hospital for the insone shall recommend the portion of the pay of such officer of the pavy or of the marine corps that shall be set apart in the manner and for the purpose hereinbefore described; but the Secretary of the Navy may, in lds discretion, increase or

to be paid, and to ahom.

How the suger reduce the rum so recommended to be set apart. The said cum set apart for the personal benefit of any officer of the navy or of the works corps under treatment in the governwith hospital for the insane, by order of the Sceretary of the Navy, shall be paid to the soid superintendent of that institution by the paymaster having charge of the said officer's accounts; and the receipt of said superintendent for the sum which he is authorized by the Secretary of the Navy to draw from the said payents for shall be equivalent to the receipt of the legal quardi in of said efficer or to that of the officer him-

superintend at self. The said superintendent shall disburse the money thus

so disburse and account for it in countries and account for it in quarterly statements to the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury.

Approved July 2, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 344.)

AN ACT to authorize assimilated rank to be given to the warrant officers of the United States navy, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Assimilated rank of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to certain warrant the President of the United States is hereby authorized, if in his judgment it shall be conducive to the interests of the service, to give assimilated rank to the warrant officers of the navy, viz: boatswains, gunners, carpenters, and sailmakers, as follows: After five years of service, to rank with ensigns; and after ten years' service, to rank with masters.

Establishment of

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That, from and after title of certain cf. the passage of this act, the officers named in the preceding section shall be known as "warrant officers in the naval service of the United States," and shall be so entered upon the Naval Register.

Expenses of the paid.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That in all cases where detention of prise it has been or may be found necessary, during the present war, to detain in confinement persons found on board of captured vessels, the expenses of the detention of such persons, when not chargeable to the proceeds of prize or other fund, shall be paid out of the appropriation for defraying the expenses of suits in which the United States are concerned, and that the expenses of prisoners sentenced by naval court-martial to confinement in a penitentiary shall be defrayed from the same fund.

SEC. 1. And be it further caucted. That the following Additional cheriaddition be made to the cherical force now authorized by Liw Department in the Navy Department:

Bureau of Provisions and Clathing, two clerks of the third

class and two of the first class.

Bureau of Ordnance, one clerk of the third class.

Bareau of Equipment and Recruiting, one clerk of the second class and one clerk of the first class.

Approved July 2, 1834, (Vol. 13, p. 373.)

AN M I for the a left of seamer and others borne on the make of ve sels weeked or lest in the naval service.

Be it enacted by the Secrete and House of Representatives. of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are Treasury to the a hereby, authorized, under the direction of the Secretary of the day, in certain Navy in settling the agency of the date. Navy, in settling the accounts of seamen and others, not office descor week of cers, borne on the books of any vessel in the navy which shall accounts of offi have been weeked, or which shall have been unheard from cers and senance. so long that her wreck may be presumed, or which shall have been destroyed or lost, with the rolls and papers necessary to a regular and exact settlement of such accounts, to fix a day when such w.cck, destruction, or loss shall be deemed and taken to have occurred.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the proper action of paymes counting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, ter to be assumed authorized, in settling the accounts of the petty officers, sea- is a basis for commen, and others, not officers, on board of any vessel in the cases. employ of the United States which, by any casualty, or in action with the enemy, has been or may be sunk or otherwise destroyed, together with the rolls and papers necessary to the exact ascertainment of the several accounts of the same at the date of such loss, to assume the last quarterly return of the paymaster of any such vessel as the basis for the computation of the subsequent credits to those on board to the date of such loss, if there be no official evidence to the contrary. Where In the absence such quarterly return has, from any cause, not been made, the return principles said accounting officers are hereby authorized to adjust and of equity and justice to govern.

Settle said accounts on principles of equity and justice; and Compensation to allow and pay to each person, not an officer, employed on for loss of personal a vessel so sunk or otherwise destroyed, and whose personal effects have been lost, a sum not exceeding sixty dollars as compensation for loss of his personal effects.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That in case of the How payments death of such petty officer, seaman, or other person, not an ease of the death officer, such payment shall be made to the widow, child, or of petry officers, children, father, mother, brothers, and sisters, (jointly,) in that we. order of preference, under such rules as the Second Comptroller

of the Treasury may prescribe; such credits and gratuity to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved July 4, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 389.)

AN ACT making an appropriation for testing submarine inventions.

for testing automatine inventions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriation of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of twenty five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of testing submarine batteries and other inventions, to be applied under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy to experiment upon such devices for submarine operations as may be recommended as worthy of practical test by a commission of competent naval officers and scientific men, now or hereafter to be organized for their examination.

Approved July 4, 1861. (Vol. 13, p. 392.)

AN ACT to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to provide for the education of naval constructors and steam engineers, and for other

Education

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives wof the United States of America in Congress assembled, That aval constructors the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to provide, by regulations to be issued by him, for the education of such midshipmen or others at the Naval Academy as show a peculiar aptitude therefor as naval constructors, or eivil and steam engineers, and may form a separate class for this purpose, to be styled eadet engineers, or otherwise afford to such persons all proper facilities for such a scientific mechanical education as will fit them for such professions.

To be appointed or warranted.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That, upon the recommendation of the academic board, such persons connected with the scientific and mechanical class as graduate therein with credit, may be immediately appointed as assistant naval constructors or warranted as engineers.

Appointment of cadet engineers.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That cadet engineers, not to exceed fifty in number, shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy: Provided, That no person, other than midshipmen, shall be eligible for such appointment who shall not produce satisfactory evidence of mechanical skill and proficiency, and that he has been employed at least two years in the actual fabrication of steam machinery.

Age, qualifien-

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That cadet engineers, when appointed, shall be under eighteen years of age, and shall have passed a mental and physical examination. They shall be admitted to the Naval Academy, where they shall be examined from time to time according to the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy; and if found deficient Dismissal for de at any examination, or dismissed for misconduct, they shall duet. not be continued in the academy or in the service, except upon recommendation of the academic board.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That the academic course Academic course of cadet engineers shall be two years, and their pay the same and pay.

as that of midshipmen.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the number of Number of enchief engineers shall not exceed one for each first and second gineers allowed for rate vessel in the navy, with such first, second, and third each vessel. assistant engineers, or those acting as such, as the wants of the service actually require. And that from and after the passage of this act the annual pay of the engineer officers of the navy, on the active list, shall be as follows: Every chief Payor engineers. engineer on duty, for the first five years after the date of his commission, two thousand two hundred dollars. For the second five years after the date of his commission, two thousand five hundred dollars. For the third five years after the date of his commission, two thousand eight hundred dollars. After fifteen years after the date of his commission, three thousand dollars. Every chief engineer on leave or waiting orders, for the first five years after the date of his commission, one thousand five hundred dollars. For the second five years after the date of his commission, one thousand six hundred dollars. For the third five years after the date of his commission, one thousand seven hundred dollars. After fifteen years after the date of his commission, one thousand eight hundred dollars. Every first assistant engineer on duty, one thousand five hundred dollars. While on leave or waiting orders, one thousand one hundred dollars. Every second assistant engineer on duty, one thousand two hundred dollars. While on leave or waiting orders, nine hundred dollars. third assistant engineer on duty, one thousand dollars. on leave or waiting orders, eight hundred dollars. SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That section two of

joint resolution "authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to adjust the equitable claims of contractors for naval supplies, and regulating contracts with the Navy Department," approved March three, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding to the same the following proviso, viz: Provided, That where articles are Rejection of exadvertised and bid for in classes, and, in the judgment of the tieles under conhead of the department, any one or more articles appear to track be bid for at excessive or unreasonable prices, exceeding ten per centum above their fair market value, he shall be authorized to reject such bid.

Approved July 4, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 393.)

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AN ACT supplementary to an act entitled "An act to grant pensions," approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives by whom bien of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That nial examination the bienuial examinations of pensioners required by an act approved March three, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, may be made by one surgeon only, provided he is a surgeon of the army or navy, or an examining surgeon duly appointed by the Commissioner of Pensions; nor shall the biennial certificate of two unappointed civil surgeons be accepted in any case, except upon satisfactory evidence that an examination by a commissioned or duly appointed surgeon is impracticable.

Tees paid to exmaining surgeons to he propriation.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That all fees paid to surgeons refinded examining surgeons for biennial examinations, or for examinafrom pension up tions especially ordered, as provided by the eighth section of the act to grant pensions, approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, shall be refunded by the agent for paying pensions in the district within which the pensioner or claimant resides, out of any money appropriated for the payment of peusions, under such regulations as the Commissioner of Pensions may prescribe.

Before whom declarations shall be made,

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That declarations of ucciarations of pension claimants shall be made before a court of record, or before some officer thereof having custody of its seal, said officer being hereby fully authorized and empowered to administer and certify any oath or affirmation relating to any pension or application therefor: Provided, That the Commissioner of Pensions may designate, in localities more than twenty-five miles distant from any place at which such a court is holden, persons duly qualified to administer oaths. before whom decreations may be made and testimony taken. SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That section twelve of

Clerks in Pengovernment Office,

son Office may be the act to grant pensions, approved July fourteen, eighteen detailed to investi. gate frauds on hundred and sixty-two, is hereby repealed. And the Comgovernment narugh Pension missioner of Pensions is an horized and empowered to detail, from time to time, clerks in his office to investigate suspected attempts at fraud on the government through the Pension Office, and to aid in prosecuting any persons so offending, with such additional compensation as is customary in cases of special service.

Increased pen-

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That all persons now sions in certain by law entitled to a less pension than hereafter specified, who shall have lost both feet in the military service of the United States and in the line of duty, shall be entitled to a pension of twenty dollars per month; and those who, under the same conditions, have lost both hands or both eyes, shall be entitled to a pension of twenty-five dollars per month. \*

\* See act of March 3, 1865, as to the rate of pensions to persons who have lost one foot and one hand in the military service of the United States and in the line of duty.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That no pension claim commercement we on file unless prosecuted to a successful issue within applications are now on file, unless prosecuted to a successful issue within applications are three years from the passage of this act, and no claim here delayed more than three years. after filed, not thus prosecuted to a successful issue within five years from the date of such filing, shall be admitted without satisfactory record evidence from the War Department to establish the same; and in every case in which a claim for pension shall have been filed for more than three years after the discharge or decease of the party on whose account the claim is made, the pension, if allowed, shall commence from the date of filing the last paper in said case by the party prosecuting the same.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That on the remarriage volumes pension of any widow receiving a pension, such pension shall termi-ter marriage. nate, and shall not be renewed should she again become a widow.

SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, That examining surspecial examining geons, duly appointed by the Commissioner of Pensions, may nations of pension errors. be required by him, from time to time, as he shall deem for the interests of the government, to make special examinations of pensioners on the rolls of their respective districts, and such examinations shall have precedence over previous examinations, whether special or biennial. But when injustice is alleged to have been done by any examination so ordered, the Commissioner of Pensions may, at his discretion select a board of three duly appointed examining surgeons, who shall meet at a place to be designated by him, and shall review such cases as may be ordered before them on appeal from any special examination as aforesaid, and the decision of such board shall be final on the question so submitted thereto. The compensation of all such surgeons shall not exceed that Compensation to which has been customardy allowed in such cases, and shall surgeons. be paid out of any appropriations made for the payment of pensions, in the same manner as the ordinary fees of appointed

surgeons are or may be authorized to be paid. Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, That those persons, not Volunteers, not listed collisions in the amount who reductioned for the time enlisted, disabled enlisted soldiers in the army, who volunteered for the time by worms, to have being to serve with any regularly organized military or naval benefits of pension force of the United States or subore parameters of laws. force of the United States, or where persons otherwise volunteered and rendered service in any engagement with rebels or Indians since the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, shall, if they have been disabled in consequence of wounds received in battle, in such temporary service, be entitled to the same benefits of the pension laws as those who have been regularly mustered into the United States service. And the widows, or other dependents, of any such persons as and dependents. may have been killed in the temporary service aforesaid

shall be entitled to pensions in the since managers they would have been had such persons been larly mustered: Pro- Claimstobs previded, That no claim under this section shall be valid unless sented within presented and presented to a superior full in the tarre years. presented and prosecuted to a successful issue within three

years from and after the passage of this act. All such claims shall be adjudicated under such special rules and regulations as the Commissioner of Pensions may prescribe, most effectually to guard against fraud.

Any person en-

SEC. 10. And be it further enacted, That if any person titled to an invalid entitled to an invalid pension under the provisions of the act while application granting pensions, approved July fourteen, eighteen hundred is pending, his wind girty true has aliced an about home from discretification. dow. dec., to re and sixty-two, has died, or shall hereafter die, while an application for such pension is pending, and having a widow or dependent relative entitled to receive a pension by reman of his service and death, as provided in said act, then the pension to such widow or other person shall commence from the date at which the decedent's invalid pension would have commenced had he survived, subject to ... conditions of this act, and the act to which this is amendatory.

Enlisted soldiers. mustered in.

and dependents.

SEC. 11. And be it further enacted, That all enlisted soldisabled, to have diers in the army who shall have become disabled in the serlaws, though not vice, whether they shall have been regularly mustered in or not, shall be entitled to the same benefits of the pension laws as those who have been regularly mustered into the United Their widows States service; and the widows or other dependents entitled to pensions by law, as prescribed by the act of July fourteen. eighteen hundred and sixty two, of any such soldier who may have been killed, or shall have died, or shall hereafter die, by reason of any wound received or disease contracted while in said service and in the line of duty, shall be entitled to the same pension as though such soldier had been regularly mustered into the service.

Fees of pension agents and attorneys.

SEC. 12. And be it further enacted, That the fees of agents and attorneys for making out and causing to be executed the papers necessary to establish a claim for a pension, bounty, and other allowance before the Pension Office, under this act, shall not exceed the following rates: For making out and causing to be duly executed a declaration by the applicant, with the necessary affidavits, and forwarding the same to the Pension Office, with the requisite correspondence, ten dollars; which sum shall be received by such agent or attorney in full for all services in obtaining such pension, and shall not be demanded or received in whole or in part until such pension shall be obtained; and the sixth and seventh sections of an act entitled "An act to grant pensions," approved July fourteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, are hereby repealed.

Penalty upon agent, &c., who er fees, &c.

SEC. 13. And be it further enacted, That any agent or shall receive great attorney who shall, directly or indirectly, demand or receive any greater compensation for his services under this act than is prescribed in the preceding section of this act, or who shall contract, or agree to prosecute, any claim for a pension, bounty, or other allowance, under this act, on the condition that he shall receive a per centum upon any portion of the amount of such claim, or who shall wrongfully withhold from a pensioner or other claimant the whole or any part of the

pension or claim allowed and due to such pensioner or claimant, shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemennor, and upon conviction thereof shall, for every such offence, be fined not exceeding three hundred dollars, or imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both, according to the circumstances and aggravations of the offence.

SEC. 14. And be it further enacted, That the widows and widows, &c., of children of colored soldiers who have been, or who may be may receive pen hereafter, killed, or who have died, or may hereafter die, of sions. wounds received in battle, or who have died, or may hereafter die, of disease contracted in the military service of the United States, and in the line of duty, shall be entitled to receive the pensions now provided by law, without other proof of marriage than that the parties had habitually recognized each other as man and wife, and lived together as such for a definite period next preceding the soldier's enlistment, not less than two years, to be shown by the affidavits of credible witnesses: Provided, however, That such widow and children are free persons: Provided further, That if such parties resided in any State in which their marriage may have proved as usual. been legally solemnized, the usual evidence shall be required.

Marriage to be

SEC. 15. And be it further enacted, That all acts and parts Repeal of incon of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby sistent laws. repealed.

Approved July 4, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 387.)

A RESGLUTION tendering the thanks of Congress to Captain John A. Winslow, United States navy, and to the officers and men under his command, en board the United States steamer Kearsarge, in her conflict with the piratical craft the Alabama, in compliance with the President's recommendation to Congress of the fifth of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Resolved by the Senute and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Thanks to Capt. the thanks of Congress are due, and are hereby tendered, to and officers and Captain John A. Winslow, of the United States navy, and erow of the Kear to the officers patty officers seemen and maxings of the to the officers, petty officers, seamen and marines of the United States steamer Kearsarge, for the skill and gallantry exhibited by him and the officers and men under his command in the brilliant action on the nineteenth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, between that ship and the piratical craft Alabama, a vessel superior to his own in tonnage, in guns, and in the number of her crew.

Approved December 20, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 565.)

A RESOLUTION tendering the thanks of Congress to Lieutenant William B. Cushing, of the United States navy, and to the officers and men who assisted him in his gallant and perilous achievement in destroying the rebel steamer Albemarle, in compliance with the President's recommendation to Congress of the fifth of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of Thanks to Liont. the United States of America in Congress assembled, That W. B. Cushing and the thanks of Congress are due, and are hereby tendered, to men under his Lieutenant William B. Cushing, of the United States navy, and to the officers and men under his command, for the skill and gallantry exhibited by them in the destruction of the rebel iron-clad steamer Albemarle, at Plymouth, North Carolina, on the night of the twenty-seventh of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Approved December 20, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 565.)

AN ACT to establish the grade of vice-admiral in the United States navy.

Vice-admiral.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint one vice-admiral, who shall be selected from the list of active rear-admirals, and who shall be the ranking officer in the navy of the United States, and whose relative rank with officers of the army shall be that of lieutenant general in the army.

Selection.

Rank. Pay.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the pay of the vice-admiral of the navy shall be seven thousand dollars when at sea, six thousand dollars when on shore duty, and

five thousand dollars when waiting orders.

Not subject to be retired.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the first section of an act approved December twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, entitled "An act further to promote the efficiency of the navy," shall not be so construed as to apply to any one holding a commission as vice-admiral in the navy. Approved December 21, 1864. (Vol. 13, p. 420.)

AN ACT to provide for an advance of rank to officers of the navy and marine corps for distinguished merit.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Advancement of of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That officers of marine any officer of the navy or marine corps, by and with the nous conduct in advice and consent of the Senate, may be advanced not exbattle. ceeding thirty numbers in rank, for having exhibited eminent and conspicuous conduct in battle, or extraordinary heroism.

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SEC. 2. And be it jurther enacted, That any officer of Promotion of efficers of navy and the navy or marine corps, either of volunteers or otherwise, marine corps nonwho shall be nominated to a higher grade by the provisions insted to a higher of the first section of this act, or of that of section nine of an act entitled "An act to establish and equalize the grades of line officers of the United States navy," approved July sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, shall be promoted, notwithstanding the number of said grade may be full, but no further promotions shall take place in that grade, except Restriction. for like cause, until the number is reduced to that provided by law.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That all acts or parts Repealing clause. of acts which are inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved January 24, 1865. (Vol. 13, p. 424.)

AN ACT to prevent officers of the army and navy, and other persons engaged in the military and haval service of the United States, from interfering in elections in the States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Troopsoraraed it shall not be lawful for any military or naval officer of the breaght to the United States, or other person engaged in the civil, military, places of election. or naval service of the United States, to order, bring, keep, or have under his authority or control, any troops or armed men at the place where any general or special election is held in any State of the United States of America, unless it shall be necessary to repel the armed enemies of the United States, or to keep the peace at the polls. And that it shall not be officers of the lawful for any officer of the army or navy of the United to prescribe the States to prescribe or fix, or attempt to prescribe or fix qualifications of by proclamation, order, or otherwise, the qualifications of with elections voters in any State of the United States of America, or in any manner to interfere with the freedom of any election in any State, or with the exercise of the free right of suffrage in any State of the United States. Any officer of the army Penalty for vision of the Tritted States, on other persons of the Army Penalty for vision of this second to the Army Penalty for vision of the second to the Army Penalty for vision of the A or navy of the United States, or other person engaged in the non. civil, military, or naval service of the United States, who violates this section of this act, shall, for every such offence, be liable to indictment as for a misdemeanor, in any court of the United States having jurisdiction to hear, try, and determine cases of misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall pay a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, and suffer imprisonment in the penitentiary not less than three months, nor more than five years, at the discretion of the court trying the same; and any person convicted as aforesaid shall, moreover, be disqualified from holding any office of honor, profit. or trust under the government of the United States: Pro-

Nothing in this rided, That nothing herein entained shall be so construed cers, soldiers, sail as to prevent any officers, soldiers, sailors, or marines from ors, and marines exercising the right of suffrage in any election district to from exercising which he may belong, if otherwise qualified, according to the laws of the State in which he shall offer to vote.

Persons in military or mayal ser-VI e

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted. That any officer or per-Preventing son in the military or naval service of the United States who qualified voters shall order or advise, or who shall, directly or indirectly, by the right of suf force, threat, menace, intimidation or otherwise, prevent or frage, or interfer-ing with the offi, attempt to prevent any qualified voter of any State of the cers of elections. United States of America from freely exercising the right of ac. liable to in-dictment, trial, ac, suffrage at any general or special election in any State of the United States, or who shall in like manner compel, or attempt to compel, any officer of an election in any such State to receive a vote from a person not legally qualified to vote, or who shall impose or attempt to impose any rules or regulations for conducting such election different from those prescribed by law, or interfere in any manner with any officer of said election in the discharge of his duties, shall for any such offence be liable to indictment as for a misdemeanor, in any court of the United States having jurisdiction to hear, fry, and determine cases of misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not exceeding five thousand dollars, and suffer imprisonment in the penitentiary not exceeding five years, at the discretion of the court trying the same; and any person convicted as aforesaid shall, moreover, be disqualified from holding any office of honor, profit, or trust, under the government of the United States.

Approved February 25, 1865. (Vol. 13, p. 437.)

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the admeasur". ment of tonnage of ships and vessels of the United States," approved May axth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Measurement of of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That tonnage. the act entitled "An act to regulate the admeasurement of tonnage of ships and vessels of the United States," approved May sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, shall be so construed that no part of any ship or vessel shall be admeasured or registered for tonnage that is used for cabins or staterooms, and constructed entirely above the first deck, which is not a deck to the hull.

Approved February 28, 1865. (Vol. 13, p. 444.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and additional appropriations for the current fiscal year,

Navy Department.—For compensation of the Secretary of Secretary's office. the Navy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, chief clerk, and the clerks, messenger, assistant messenger, and laborers, in his office, including four clerks of class four, and one laborer, at an annual salary of seven hundred and twenty dollars per annum, which are hereby authorized to be appointed, fiftyfive thousand eight hundred dollars,

For compensation of the chief of the Bureau of Equipment Equipment and and Recruiting, chief clerk, and the clerks, messenger, and Recruiting. laborer in his office, including one clerk of class three and one clerk of class one, which are hereby authorized to be appointed, sixteen thousand four hundred and twenty dollars.

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For con pensation of the chief of the Bureau of Construction. tion and Kepair, chief clerk, and the clerks, draughtsman, messenger, and laborer, in his office, including one additional temporary clerk of class two, which is hereby authorized to be appointed, eighteen thousand and twenty dollars.

For Bureau of

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That from and after salaries of Asthe commencement of the next fiscal year the salary of each &c. of the Assistant Secretaries of the executive departments, the Assistant Attorney General, and the three Assistant Postmasters General, shall be three thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

Approved March 2, 1865. (Vol. 13, p. 445.)

AN ACT making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That no midshipman Midshipmen not shall be appointed for any district not represented in Congress, from unrepresent ed districts.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That so much of the Bunting for the provise of the act of third March, eighteen hundred and may-how it may forty-three, entitled "An act making appropriations for the be procured. naval service for the half calendar year, beginning the first of January and ending the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-four," as requires that provisions and all other materials, of every name and nature, for the use of the navy, be furnished by contract with the lowest bidder, after advertisement, shall be, and the same is

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shall be void.

hereby, so far modified that it shall not apply to bunting delivered for the use of the army and navy; that it shall be lawful for the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Treasury to enter into contract for bunting of American manufacture, as their respective services require, for a period not exceeding one year, and at a price not exceeding that at which an article of equal quality can be imported.

Approved March 2, 1865. (Vol. 13, p. 462.)

AN ACT to establish the office of Solicitor and Naval Judge Advocate.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives and of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Judge Advocate the President be; and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for service Department thorized. during the rebellion and one year thereafter, an officer in the

Navy Department, to be called the "Solicitor and Naval Judge Advocate General," at an annual salary of three thousand five hundred dollars, and that, until the close of the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, the salary herein provided for shall be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the fees for record Pees for record in naval courts in naval courts-martial shall not in any one case exceed the sum of two hundred dollars.

> 'Approved March 2, 1865. (Vol. 13, p. 468.)

AN ACT to amend the several acts heretofore passed to provide for the enrolling and calling out the national forces, and for other purposes.

SEC. 12. And be it further enacted, That in case any Officers in the military or naval service dismissed officer of the military or naval service who may be hereafter by authority of dismissed by authority of the President shall make an appli-President may cation in writing for a trial, setting forth under oath that he has been wrongfully and unjustly dismissed, the President shall, as soon as the necessities of the public service may permit, convene a court-martial to try such officer on the charges on which he was dismissed. And if such courtmartial shall not award dismissal or death as the punishment

When dismissal of such officer, the order of dismissal shall be void. the court-martial aforesaid shall not be convened for the trial of such officer within six months from the presentation of his application for trial, the sentence of dismissal shall be void.

Penalty for en-SEC. 17. And be it further enacted, That any recruiting listing insane and improper agent, substitute broker, or other person who, for pay or other persons. profit, shall enlist, or cause to be enlisted, as a volunteer or

substitute, any insane person, or convict, or person under indictment for a felony, or who is held to bail to answer for a felony, or person in a condition of intoxication, or a deserter from the military or naval service, or any minor between the ages of sixteen and eighteen years, without the consent of his parents or guardian, or any minor under the age of sixteen years, knowing him, in either case before mentioned, to be such, or who shall defraud or illegally deprive any volunteer or substitute of any portion of the State, local, or United States bounty, to which he may be entitled, shall, upon conviction in any court of competent jurisdiction, be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars nor less than two hundred dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding two years and not less than three mont's, or both, in the discretion of the court aforesaid.

Sec. 18. And be it further enucted, That any officer who Penalty formus shall muster into the military or nave. service of the United tering in deserters and other improp-States any deserter from said service, or insane person, or er persons. person in a condition of intoxic tion, or any minor between the ages of sixteen and eighteen years, without the consent of his parents or guardian, or any minor under the age of sixteen years, knowing him to be such, shall, upon conviction by any court-martial, be dishonorably dismissed the service of the United States.

SEC. 21. And be it further enacted, That, in addition to Additional penthe other lawful penalties of the crime of desertion from the alties for the crime of desertion. SEC. 21. And be it further enacted, That, in addition to military or naval service, all persons who have deserted the military or naval service of the United States, who shall not return to said service or report themselves to a provost marshal within sixty days after the proclamation hereinafter mentioned, shall be deemed and taken to have voluntarily relinquished and forfeited their rights of citizenship and their rights to become citizens; and such deserters shall be forever incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under the United States, or of exercising any rights of citizens thereof; and all persons who shall hereafter desert the military or naval service, and all persons who, being duly enrolled, shall depart the jurisdiction of the district in which he is enrolled, or go beyond the limits of the United States, with intent to avoid any draft into the military or naval service, duly ordered, shall be liable to the penalties of this section. And the President is hereby authorized and required forth- Pardon to desertwith, on the passage of this act, to issue his proclamation ers. setting forth the provisions of this section, in which proclamation the President is requested to notify all deserters returning within sixty days as aforesaid that they shall be pardoned, on condition of returning to their regiments and companies, or to such other organizations as they may be as-

signed to, until they shall have served for a period of time equal to their original term of enlistment.

Approved March 3, 1865. (Vol. 13, p. 487.)

AN ACT to prevent the enlistment of persons charged with crime in the District of Columbia, as substitutes, or as volunteers in the army or navy, and to prevent frauds at the District jail, in the city of Washington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Persons charged of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, with crime in the from and after the passage of this act, it shall be unlawful for callisted into the any person, with knowledge of the fact, to present or offer to naval service, &c. any recruiting agent or officer, or any muster-in officer in the United States military or naval service, either as a volunteer or as a substitute for any person, any person charged with the commission of any criminal offence, and confined or held on bail for the trial of such offence, within the District of Columbia; and it shall in like manner be unlawful for any person, in any way or manner, to abet, aid, or assist in procuring the offer or acceptance of any person so charged or held for trial, or released on bail and awaiting trial, either as a volunteer or as a substitute for any person drafted or liable to draft in the military or naval service of the United States, whether the person so drafted or liable to draft shall be a resident of the Penalty for District of Columbia, or shall reside clsewhere. And any knowingly offend person who shall knowingly offend against the provisions of provisions of this this section, or either of such provisions, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof before a court of competent jurisdiction in said District, be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred and fifty dollars and not more than one thousand dollars, and by imprisonment in the District prison for a term not less than six months nor more than one year.

Officers, guards,

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That any officer or the attachés, or em. District jail, of the District of Columbia, or any guard thereof, ployés of the Dis. District jail, of the District of Columbia, or any guard thereof, trict jail forbidden or any attaché or employé connected with said jail, who shall to demand or receive compensal demand, or directly or indirectly receive, any compensation, tion, fees, rewards, fee, reward, or gratuity for any information given in respect or gratuities, &c. to any prisoner confined therein, or awaiting trial upon bail, to any prisoner confined therein, or awaiting trial upon bail, or for any service, assistance, or influence rendered, given, or exerted, with any view, intent, or purpose of having such person thus charged or held for trial, or held on bail to await trial, taken, offered, or used either as a volunteer or as a substitute for any other in the military or naval service, or who shall corruptly receive, for any act done by virtue of his office or employment, any fee, compensation, reward, or gratuity, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction thereof in any district court of competent juris-

diction, be punished by a fine of not less than two lundred Punishment for and fifty dollars and not more than one thousand dollars, and by imprisonment in the District prison for a term not less than three months nor more than one year.

Approved March 3, 1865. (Vol. 13, p. 498.)

AN ACT supplementary to the several acts relating to pensions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Prohibition no invalid pensioner now or hereafter in the service of the pensions and sala United States shall be entitled to draw a pension for any ties at the same thus. period of time during which he is or shall be entitled to the time. full pay or salary which an able-bodied person discharging like duties to the government is allowed by law.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That acting assistant or Benefits of pencontract surgeons disabled by any wound received or disease of to netting assistant. contracted while actually performing the duties of assistant and and contract surgeons or acting assistant surgeons with any military forces dows, &c. in the field or in transitu shall be entitled to the benefits of the pension laws in the same manner as if they had actually been mustered into the service with the rank of assistant surgeon; and the widows, minor children, or the dependents of acting assistant surgeons dying while performing the duty aforesaid, shall in like manner be entitled to the same benefits of the pension laws as if the deceased had been actually mustered into the service as assistant surgeons.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That all persons now Rate of pension by law entitled to a less pension than hereafter specified, who for loss of one foot shall have lost one foot and one hand in the military service of the United States, and in the line of his [their | duty, shall

be entitled to twenty dollars per month.\*

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, 'That if any officer or Pensions to the other person named in the first section of an act entitled "An drenof officers and act to grant pensions," approved July fourteen, eighteen hun-other persons who dred and sixty-two, has died since the fourth day of March, due from wounds eighteen hundred and sixty-one, or shall hereafter die by or disease received reason of any wound received or disease contracted while in the service. The service of the United States, and in the line of duty, his widow, or if there be no widow, of in case of her death or marriage without payment to her of any part of the pension hereinafter mentioned, his child or children, under sixteen years of age, shall be entitled to receive the same pension as the husband or father would have been entitled to under said act had he been totally disabled, to commence from the death of the husband or father, and to continue to the widow during

<sup>\*</sup> See section 5 of act of July 4, 1864, as to rate of pensions to those who have lost both feet, or both hands, or both eyes.

her widowhood, or to the child or children until they severally Commencement attain to the age of sixteen years, and no longer: Provided, of pension to chil. That when such pension has been or shall hereafter be paid to the widow, such child or children shall only be entitled to receive the pension, to commence from the death or marriage of Tenth section of such widow, and [to] continue as aforesaid: Provided further, act of July 14, '62, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to repeal or

modify the tenth section of an act entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to grant pensions,' approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two," approved July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; and said section is hereby declared to be in full force and effect in all cases arising under this act to which said section is applicable, saving and excepting such cases as are embraced in the preceding proviso.

Approved March 3, 1865. (Vol. 13, p. 499.)

AN ACT to incorporate a national military and naval asylum for the relief of the totally disabled officers and men of the volunteer forces of the United States.

Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Body corporate of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Ülysses S. Grant, David G. Farragut, Hannibal Hamlin, Andrew Johnson, Salmon P. Chase, Edwin M. Stanton, Gideon Welles, John A. Dix, George Bancroft, William T. Sherman, John A. Andrew, Andrew G. Curtin, Oliver P. Morton, Benjamin F. Butler, George G. Meade, John Brough, Nathaniel P. Banks, Joseph Hooker, Samuel R. Curtis, Rich. J. Oglesby, David Tod, Henry Ward Beecher, Ambrose E. Burnside, John A. Logan, Daniel S. Dickinson, William A. Buckingham, Carl Schurz, Oliver O. Howard, Hamilton Fish, Frank Sigel, Francis Wayland, Austin Blair, Thomas C. Fletcher, Robert Breckinridge, Lovell H. Rousseau, Horace Greeley, George H. Stuart, Joseph Henry, John G. Barnard, Henry J. Raymond, William B. Astor, James Gordon Bennett, H. W. Halleck, William E. Dodge, William M. Evarts, James T. Brady, Gerritt Smith, Reuben E. Fenton, Bellamy Storer, George P. McIlvain, Galusha A. Grow, Henry W. Bellows, J. S. C. Abbött, Jay Copke, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Israel Washburn, jr., Ichabod Goodwin, Frederick Smyth, John Z. Goodrich, Charles Henry Davis, William Claffin, J. Wiley Edmonds, Amos A. Lawrence, Edward S. Tobey, Thomas Russell, Charles G. Loring, George B. Upton, Charles G. Greene, J. M. S. Williams, George G. Stannard, Henry M. Rice, Grenville M. Dodge, Morton McMichael, Thomas Webster, James M. Scovel, Nathaniel B. Baker, Richard J. Field, Henry C. Carey, John W. Forney, Bishop M. Simpson, G. S. Griffith, William Henry Channing, James E. Yeatman, Dwight Durkee, A. T. Stewart, Barnabas Hobbs, Montgomery

Blair, Joseph R. Barnes, E. B. Ward, Henry Benham, Frank Moore, Alfred Lee, Edward Solomon, Thomas C. Bryan, B. B. French, Samuel J. Crawford, James T. Pratt, Alfred H. Terry, Edward Tompkins, Moses F. Odell, and their successors, duly chosen, are hereby constituted and created a body corporate in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the said corporation hereby constituted shall consist of one hundred members. members. They shall have power to fill all vacancies created by death, resignation, or otherwise, and to make by-laws, rules, and regulations: Provided, That such by-laws, rules, and regu-Rules and regulations are not repugnant to the Constitution or laws of the lations.

To consist of 100

Vacancies.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the business of Management of the business of the said corporation shall be managed by a board of twelve corporation. directors, who shall elect from their number a president, two vice-presidents, and a secretary; and seven of the directors, of whom the president or one of the vice-presidents shall be one, shall form a quorum for the transaction of business at

any special meeting of the board of directors.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the board of directors shall have authority to procure for early use, at a sylum. suitable place, a site for a military asylum for officers and men of the volunteer forces of the United States who have been or may hereafter be totally disabled by wounds received or sickness contracted while in the line of their duty during the present rebellion; and to have the necessary buildings Erection of neerected, having due regard to the health of the location, facility cessary buildings. of access, and competency to accommodate the persons provided for in this act.

Sec. 5. And he it further enacted, That, for the establishment and support of this asylum, there shall be appropriated porting the asyall stoppages or fines adjudged against volunteer officers, hum. soldiers, or seamen, by sentence of courts-martial or military commission, over and above the amounts necessary for the reimbursement of the government or of individuals, all forfeitures on account of desertion from the volunteer service, and all moneys due deceased volunteer officers, soldiers, or seamen, which now are or may be unclaimed for three years after the death of such officers, soldiers, or seamen, to be repaid upon the demand of the heirs or legal representatives of such deceased officers, soldiers, or seamen. And the said directors are hereby authorized to receive all donations of nations money or property made by any person or persons for the benefit of the asylum, and to hold or dispose of the same for its sole and exclusive use.

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SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That the selection of Power of the dithe site for the said asylum, and the plan of the buildings, and the rules and regulations for the general and internal direction of the asylum, shall be made by the directors; and they may do all other acts necessary for the government and

When site is to interests of the same as hereby authorized: Provided, however, be selected. That no selection of a site for said asylum, or adoption of any plan of buildings, shall be agreed upon until after the sum of half a million of dollars shall have been first subscribed or

Officerswhom to consist.

donated and paid into the treasury of said corporation.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That the officers of the asylum shall consist of a governor, a deputy governor, a secretary, and a treasurer; and such officers shall be appointed from the pensioned officers of the volunteer service, and they may be appointed and removed from time to time, as the interests of the institution may require, by the board of directors.

Who shall be beneficiaries.

SEC. S. And be it further enacted, That the following persons only shall be entitled to the benefits of the asylum, and may be admitted thereto upon the recommendation of the board of directors, namely: all volunteer officers, soldiers, and seamen who have served during the present war, who have been or who may be totally disabled by wounds received or sickness contracted in the line of their duty; and such persons on becoming inmates of this asylum shall assign thereto their pensions during the time they shall remain therein and receive its benefits.

Duty of the directors.

SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That the directors shall make an annual report of the condition of the asylum to the War Department, which shall be communicated to Congress on the first Monday of every January after the passage of this act; and it shall be the duty of the said directors to examine and audit the accounts of the treasurer of this asylum quarterly, and to visit and inspect them at least six times a year.

Inmates to be

SEC. 10. And be it further enacted, That all inmates of subject to the rules and articles of the asylum shall be, and they are hereby made, subject to the rules and articles of war, and will be governed thereby in the same manner as if they were in the army or navy of the United States.

SEC. 11. And be it further enacted, That Congress may, at any time hereafter, alter, amend, or repeal this act. Approved March 3, 1865. (Vol. 13, p. 509.)

AN ACT in relation to the Naval Observatory.

· Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives Superletendent of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the first section of the act of third of August, tory.

one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight,\* entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fortynine," as requires that the superintendent of the Naval Observatory at Washington city shall be a captain, commander, or lieutenant in the navy, be, and is hereby, repealed; and no officer of the navy employed as superintendent shall receive other than the shore duty pay of his grade.

Eligibility.

Approved March 3, 1865. (Vol. 13, p. 533.)

AN ACT to increase the pay of midshipmen and others.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Pay of midship-midshipmen, after their final academic examination, and until motion to ensigns their promotion to the grade of ensign, shall be paid at the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum while on sea service.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That acting master's Master's mates to mates shall be styled mates, and the Secretary of the Navy be styled mates. is hereby authorized to increase their pay to a sum not exceeding sixty dollars per month.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That hereafter mates Rating of mates. may be rated, under authority of the Secretary of the Navy from seamen and ordinary seamen who have enlisted in the naval service for not less than two years, and such rating of an enlisted man, or his appointment as an officer, shall not

discharge him from his enlistment. SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That no person apportant entitled to pointed or rated an officer or clerk in the navy shall receive bounty.

any bounty while holding an appointment.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That all acts or parts of acts which are inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That acting passed Appointment assistant surgeons and acting surgeons may be appointed in surgeons, &c. the same manner as acting assistant surgeons are now appointed, who shall receive the compensation of their respective grades.

Approved March 3, 1865. (Vol. 13, p. 539.)

\* The following is the portion of the act referred to:

"For the pay of the superintendent of the Naval Observatory at Washington city, who shall be a captain, commander, or lieutenant in the navy, three thousand dollars, which shall be the salary per annum of said superintendent. And the provision in the act entitled 'An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight,' which is in these words, viz: 'including three thousand dollars for pay of the superintendent, who shall be either a captain, commander, or lieutenant in the navy,' shall be construed to apply to the superintendent of said Naval Observatory, and shall take effect from and

after the passage of that act."

The effect of the act of March 3, 1865, is to allow the selection of other than an officer of the navy as superintendent of the Observatory, to receive a salary of \$3,000 per the selection of the payof his orange. annum, or of any suitable officer of the navy, to receive the shore duty pay of his grade.

A RESOLUTION tendering the thanks of Congress to Rear-Admiral David D. Porter, and to the officers, petty officers, seamen, and marines under his command, for their gallantry and good conduct in the recent capture of Fort Fisher.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of Admiral D. D. the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Porter and his the thanks of Congress are hereby presented to Rear-Admiral command for capture of Fort Fish. David D. Porter, and to the officers, petty officers, seamen, er, and other services.

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Admiral D. D. Porter, and to the officers, petty officers, seamen, er, and the brilliant and decisive victory by which that important work has been captured from the rebel forces and placed in the possession and under the authority of the United States, and for their long and faithful services and unwavering devotion to the cause of the country in the midst of the greatest difficulties and dangers.

Resolution to be communicated.

SEC. 2. And be it further resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate this resolution to Admiral Porter, and through him to the officers, seamen, and marines under his command.

Approved January 24, 1865. (Vol. 13, p. 566.)

A RESOLUTION to encourage the employment of disabled and discharged soldiers.

Employment of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That honorably dispersons honorably discharged from the military or naval serand sallors reconvice by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness mended.

incurred in the line of duty should be preferred for appointments to civil offices, provided they shall be found to possess the business capacity necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of such offices.

SEC. 2. And be it further resolved, That, in grateful recognition of the services, sacrifices, and sufferings of persons honorably discharged from the military and naval service of the country, by reason of wounds, disease, or the expiration of terms of enlistment, it is respectfully recommended to bankers, merchants, manufacturers, mechanics, farmers, and persons engaged in industrial pursuits, to give them the preference for appointments to remunerative situations and employments.

Approved March 3, 1865. (Vol. 13, p. 571.)

A RESOLUTION to encourage enlistments and to promote the efficiency of the military forces of the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of Freedom to the the United States of America in Congress assembled. That, wives and children of certain persons for the purpose of encouraging enlistments and promoting the

efficiency of the military and naval forces of the United that have been or States, it is hereby enacted that the wife and children, if any may be mustered he have, of any person that has been, or may be mustered or may service of into the military or naval service of the United States shall, the United States. from and after the passage of this act, be forever free, any law, usage, or custom whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding; and in determining who is or was the wife and How such relations are the children of the enlisted person herein mentioned, termined. evidence that he and the woman claimed to be his wife have cohabited together, or associated as husband and wife, and so continued to cohabit or associate at the time of the enlistment, or evidence that a form or ceremony of marriage, whether such marriage was or was not authorized or recognized by law, has been entered into or celebrated by them, and that the parties thereto thereafter lived together, or associated or cohabited as husband and wife, and so continued to live, cohabit, or associate at the time of the enlistment, shall be deemed sufficient proof of marriage for the purposes of this act, and the children born of any such marriage shall be deemed and taken to be the children embraced within the provisions of this act, whether such marriage shall or shall not have been dissolved at the time of such enlistment.

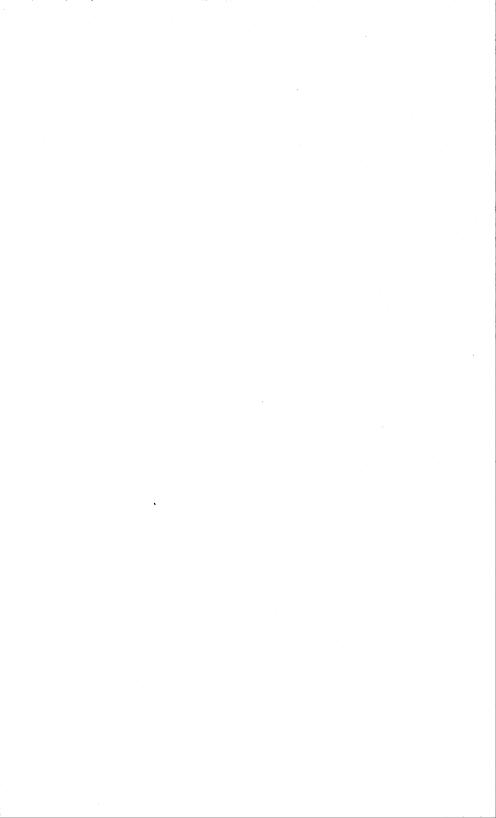
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A RESOLUTION to authorize and direct an inventory of articles in the quartermasters' depots of the United States, and in possession of the naval storekeepers of the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Quartermasters' the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, directed to cause a inspected, &c. strict inspection to be made of the quartermasters' department, as soon as practicable after the passage of this resolution, and a comparison to be made between the reports of the officers in charge of the quartermasters' depots at New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Saint Louis, and Louisville, and the articles on hand.

SEC. 2. And be it further resolved, That the Secretary of Inventory of all the Navy, in like manner, be directed to cause an inventory 8, in the possest to be made of all the property of the United States in possion of naval storescession of the several naval storekeepers of the United made. States.

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