

ACTS OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the district of Columbia, on Monday, the 2d day of December, 1839, and ended the 21st day of July, 1840.

MARTIN VAN BUREN, President. RICHARD M. JOHNSON, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate. ROBERT M. T. HUNTER, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. I.—*An Act making appropriations, in part, for the support of Government for the year eighteen hundred and forty.*

Jan. 8, 1840.

[Obsolete.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury, viz :

For pay and mileage of members of Congress and delegates, four hundred thousand dollars.

Members of Congress.

For pay of the officers and clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Officers of the Senate and H. of Reps.

For stationery, fuel, printing, and all other incidental and contingent expenses of the Senate, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Expenses of Senate.

For stationery, fuel, printing, and all other incidental and contingent expenses of the House of Representatives, one hundred thousand dollars.

Expenses of H. of Reps.

For arrears of printing, lithographing, and engraving, ordered by the House of Representatives during the third session of the twenty-fifth Congress, and for the payment of which that Congress did not make the necessary appropriations, a sum not to exceed fifty thousand dollars.

Arrears for printing, &c.

APPROVED, January 8, 1840.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. II.—*An Act making appropriations for the payment of the Revolutionary and the other pensioners of the United States, for the year eighteen hundred and forty.*

Feb. 22, 1840.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, in addition to former appropriations, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the pensioners of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty.

For the Revolutionary pensioners, under the act of the eighteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, one hundred and twelve thousand one hundred and thirty-two dollars.

Revolutionary pensioners. 1818, ch. 19.

For pensions to widows, and orphans, under the act of the fourth of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, twenty-three thousand six hundred and seventy-six dollars.

Widows and orphans. 1836, ch. 362.

Five years' pensions to widows.

For five years' pensions to widows, under the act of the seventh of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, eight hundred and sixty-three thousand five hundred and forty dollars.

Half-pay pensioners.

For half-pay pensioners, payable through the office of the Third Auditor, ten thousand dollars.

Arrearages.

For arrearages, payable through the Third Auditor's office, fifteen hundred dollars.

Pension agents authorized to administer oaths.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the several agents for paying pensions, now in office, or hereafter to be appointed, shall be, and they are hereby, authorized to administer all oaths required to be administered to pensioners, attorneys of pensioners or others, in the course of the preparation of papers for the payment of pensions under any of the laws of Congress; and that the said agents, for the administration of every oath and the proper certificate thereof, shall be, and are hereby, authorized to charge, and shall be entitled to receive, from the person to whom the oath is administered, the same compensation which, by the laws of the State in which the agent is located, is allowed to State officers for administering similar oaths and certifying the same.

Compensation.

APPROVED, February 22, 1840.

STATUTE I.

Feb. 26, 1840.

Act of March 3, 1839, ch. 80.
Act of Sept. 1, 1841, ch. 15.
Resolution, Sept. 1, 1841.
Resolution, April 14, 1842.
Enumeration, when to commence.

CHAP. III.—*An Act to amend the act "to provide for taking the sixth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," approved March third, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the enumeration shall commence on the first day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and forty, and shall be completed and closed within five calendar months thereafter. The several assistants shall within five months, and on or before the first day of November, eighteen hundred and forty, deliver to the marshals, by whom they shall be appointed, two copies of the returns of the enumeration and statistical tables, and the marshals respectively, shall, on or before the first day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and forty, transmit to the Secretary of State one copy of the several returns and statistical tables, and also the aggregate amount of each description of persons within their respective districts or territories, and an aggregate also of the statistical information obtained within said districts.

One copy to be transmitted to Sec. of State.

Transient persons.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in the enumeration of transient persons, the name of every person who shall be an inhabitant of any district or territory without a settled place of residence, shall be inserted in the column of the schedule which is allotted for the heads of families in the division where he or she shall be on the said first day of June, eighteen hundred and forty.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the compensation of the marshal of Missouri shall be three hundred dollars.

Compensation to assistants.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in lieu of the five dollars heretofore provided as compensation to the assistant for each of the two correct copies of the schedules containing the number of inhabitants within his division to be set up in two of the most public places within the same, that there be allowed for said copies, and each assistant shall be entitled to receive, at the rate of five dollars for ten sheets, or in that proportion for a less number, and at the rate of thirty cents for every sheet over ten in the copy of the return. And in all cases, where the assistants to the marshals shall have performed the duties and made the returns required by the thirteenth section of the act for taking the sixth census, they shall be allowed therefor a sum equal to twenty per centum on the allowance made to them respectively, for the enumeration.

Allowance to assistants for making returns.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the copies of returns and