For clerk hire, office rent, and other expenses of the office of the American consul at London, one thousand four hundred dollars.

For the expenses of intercourse with the Barbary Powers, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That, in case the sum appropriated for any object of contingencies should be found more than sufficient to meet the expense thereby contemplated, the surplus may be applied, under the direction of the head of the proper department, to supply the deficiency of any other item in the same department or office: Provided, That the expenditure for newspapers and periodicals shall not exceed the amount specifically appropriated to that object by this act, except in the State Department.

APPROVED, December 24, 1842.

CHAP. III.—An act to amend the act establishing a district court of the United States at Wheeling, Virginia. (a)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter two annual terms of the district court for the western district of Virginia be holden at the city of Wheeling, commencing on the twenty-fifth March and the twenty-fifth of October, in lieu of one term of the said district court now directed to be held at Wheeling.

APPROVED, January 20, 1843.

CHAP. IV.—An act to continue the office of Commissioner of Pensions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the office of Commissioner of Pensions shall be, and the same is hereby continued until the fourth of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That a Commissioner of Pensions shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the consent of the Senate, and that he shall execute, under the direction of the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, such duties in relation to the various pension laws as may be prescribed by the President: and also such duties in relation to the laws granting military bounty lands as may be assigned to him by the Secretary of War with the sanction of the President.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioner shall receive an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars, and shall have the privilege of sending and receiving letters and packets by mail free of postage.

APPROVED, January 20, 1843.

CHAP. XX.—An act to re-enact and continue in operation the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States. (b)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled, "An act to extend for a longer period the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States," approved the twenty-seventh May, eighteen hundred and forty, and the several acts therein mentioned, shall be, and the same are hereby, re-enacted and continued in force for three years from and after the expiration of the said first-mentioned act, and until the cases which may be depending

(a) See notes of the acts relating to the District Courts of Virginia, vol. 3, 479.
(b) See notes to the act of March 2, 1831, chap. 62.