

SEC. 23. *And be it further enacted*, That all the ports, harbors, shores, and waters of the main land of the Territory aforesaid shall constitute a collection district, to be called the District of Oregon; and a port of entry shall be established at Astoria, near the mouth of the Columbia River, and a collector of customs shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to reside at such port of entry.

Collection district of Oregon established, and collector to be appointed.

SEC. 24. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to establish such ports of delivery in the district created by this act, not exceeding two in number, (one of which shall be located on *Fuget's Sound*,) as he may deem expedient, and may appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, surveyors to reside thereat.

Ports of delivery, and

Surveyors to be appointed.

SEC. 25. *And be it further enacted*, That the collector of said district shall be allowed a compensation of one thousand dollars per annum, and the fees allowed by law; and the compensation of any surveyor appointed in pursuance of this act shall not exceed five hundred dollars per annum, including in said sum the fees allowed by law; and the amount collected by any of said surveyors, for fees in any one year, exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars, shall be accounted for and paid into the treasury of the United States.

Compensation of collector and surveyors.

SEC. 26. *And be it further enacted*, That the revenue laws of the United States be, and are hereby, extended over the Territory of Oregon.

Revenue laws extended over said Territory.

SEC. 27. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, for the construction of lighthouses at Cape Disappointment and New Dungeness; and for the construction and anchoring of the requisite number of buoys, to indicate the channels at the mouth of the Columbia River, and the approaches to the harbor of Astoria; the said buoys to be placed and anchored under the direction of such persons as the Secretary of the Treasury shall appoint.

Appropriation for lighthouses and buoys in Oregon.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

CHAP. CLXXVIII. — *An Act for the Payment of the Fourth Regiment in the Second Brigade of the Third Division of the Vermont Militia, for Services at the Battle of Plattsburg.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

*Be it enacted 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 are hereby, authorized and directed to adjust and settle the claims for one month's services of the officers and soldiers of the fourth regiment in the second brigade of the third division of the militia of the State of Vermont, who served at the battle of Plattsburg on the eleventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, for their military services on that occasion, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Claims of certain officers and soldiers of Vermont militia to be adjusted and settled.

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CHAP. CLXXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Officers, Seamen, and Marines of the Brig-of-War Somers.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

WHEREAS the United States brig-of-war Somers was foundered at sea, in the offing of the harbor of Vera Cruz, while engaged, under very

hazardous circumstances, in the prosecution of hostilities against an enemy of this republic: Therefore,

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the widows, if any such there be, and in case there be no widow, the child or children, and if there be no child, then the parent or parents, and if there are no parents, to the brothers and sisters who were minors and under the age of eighteen years at the time of said loss of the officers, seamen, and marines who were in the service of the United States, and lost in the United States brig-of-war Somers, 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.

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CHAP. CLXXX.—*An Act in Relation to Military Land Warrants.*

Location of certain military land warrants authorized.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any non-commissioned officer, musician, or private, or his widow or heirs, who shall receive and hold in his own right a land warrant, issued by the government of the United States for military service, may locate the same in *on* legal subdivision, on any public land subject to private entry, taking said land at the price at which the same is subject to private entry, and reckoning the warrant at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre for the number of acres therein contained, and paying the balance, if any, in money; but no claim shall exist on the government to pay for any balance on said warrant in money.

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