

Promotions.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That promotions shall be made in place of the officers retired under the provisions of this bill as is now provided by law.

"Medals of honor" to be prepared.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and is hereby, authorized to cause two hundred "medals of honor" to be prepared, with suitable emblematic 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, and that the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury, for the purpose of carrying this section into effect.

Appropriation.

Hours of labor in navy yards.

Rate of wages.

Post, p. 587.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the hours of labor in the navy yards of the United States shall be the same as in the private ship yards at or nearest to the post where such navy yard is established, and the wages to be paid to all employés in such yards shall be, as near as may be, the average price paid to employés of the same grade in private ship yards or workshops in or nearest to the same vicinity, to be determined by the commandant of the navy yard.

APPROVED, December 21, 1861.

Dec. 24, 1861.

Post, p. 611.

Duties on

Teas.

Coffee.

Sugar.

Ante, pp. 179, 194.

Proviso.

CHAP. II. — *An Act to increase the Duties on Tea, Coffee, and Sugar.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the date of the passage of this act, in lieu of the duties heretofore imposed by law on articles hereinafter mentioned, there shall be levied, collected, and paid on the goods, wares, and merchandise herein enumerated and provided for, imported from foreign countries, the following duties and rates of duty, that is to say: First. On all teas, twenty cents per pound. Second. On coffee of all kinds, five cents per pound. Third. On raw sugar, commonly called Muscovado or brown sugar, and on sugars not advanced above number twelve, Dutch standard, by claying, boiling, clarifying, or other process, and on sirup of sugar or of sugar cane, and concentrated molasses or concentrated melado, two cents and a half per pound, and on white and clayed sugar, when advanced beyond the raw state, above number twelve, Dutch standard, by clarifying or other process, and not yet refined, three cents per pound; on refined sugars, whether loaf, lump, crushed, or pulverized, five cents per pound; on sugars after being refined, when they are tintured, colored, or in any way adulterated, and on sugar candy, eight cents per pound; on molasses, six cents per gallon: *Provided*, That all sirups of sugar or of sugar cane, concentrated molasses or concentrated melado, entered under the name of molasses, or any other name than sirup of sugar or of sugar cane, concentrated molasses or concentrated melado, shall be liable to forfeiture to the United States, and the same shall be forfeited.

APPROVED, December 24, [1861.]

Dec. 24, 1861.

CHAP. III. — *An Act relative to Courts-Martial in the Army.*

General courts-martial, who may appoint, &c.

Sentences

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in time of war the commander of a division or separate brigade may appoint general courts-martial, and confirm, execute, pardon, and mitigate their sentences, as allowed and restrained in the sixty-fifth and eighty-ninth articles of war to commanders of armies and departments: *Provided*, That sentences of such courts extending to loss of life or dismissal of a commissioned officer shall require the confirmation of the general commanding the army in the field to which the division or brigade belongs: *And provided further*

That when the division or brigade commander shall be the accuser or prosecutor, the court shall be appointed by the next higher commander. Prosecutor not to appoint court.

APPROVED, December 24, 1861.

CHAP. IV. — *An Act to provide for Allotment Certificates among the Volunteer Forces.* Dec. 24, 1861.

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 shall appoint, for each State having volunteers in the United States service, not exceeding three persons, who shall be authorized by the President's commission to visit the several departments of the army in which volunteers from their respective States may be, and there procure from said volunteers from time to time their respective allotments of their pay to their families or friends, duly certified in writing, and by them, or by some commissioned officer of such department, attested in pursuance of such orders as may be made for that purpose by the Secretary of War, and upon which certified allotment the several paymasters shall, at each regular payment to troops, give drafts payable in the city of New York, to the order of such persons to whom said allotments were or may be made. The President to appoint commissioners from each State to procure certified allotments of volunteers from such State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the persons appointed as commissioners to carry into effect the preceding section of this act shall receive no pay or emoluments whatever from the Treasury of the United States. Allotments, how paid.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the fifth section of the act of twelfth June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, giving sutlers a lien upon the soldier's pay, be and the same is hereby repealed; and all regulations giving sutlers rights and privileges beyond the rules and articles of war be, and the same are hereby, abrogated. Commissioners to receive no pay, &c.

APPROVED, December 24, 1861.

CHAP. V. — *An Act making an Appropriation for Gunboats on the Western Rivers.* Dec. 24, 1861.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one million of dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for gunboats on the Western rivers. Sutler's lien on soldier's pay repealed.

1858, ch. 156,
§ 5, vol. xi. p. 336.
Post, p. 371.

Appropriation for gunboats on Western rivers.

APPROVED, December 24, 1861.

CHAP. VI. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Payment of Invalid and other Pensions of the United States for the Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.* January 8, 1862.

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, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the year ending the thirtieth of June eighteen hundred and sixty-three: Appropriation.

For invalid pensions under various acts, six hundred and forty thousand dollars. Invalid pensions.

For pensions under acts of eighteenth March, eighteen hundred and eighteen, fifteenth May, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, and seventh June, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, twenty-five thousand dollars. 1818, ch. 19.
1823, ch. 53.
1832, ch. 126.

For pensions to widows of those who served in the Revolutionary war, under the third section of the act of fourth July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, the acts of seventh July, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, third March, eighteen hundred and forty-three, seventeenth June, eighteen hundred and forty-four, second February and twenty-ninth July, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and second section act of third February, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, two hundred thousand dollars. Pensions to widows.
1836, ch. 362.
1838, ch. 189.
1843, ch. 102.
1844, ch. 144.
1848, ch. 8 & 120
1853, ch. 41.