

stitution of the United States, and paying the amount of said tax and penalty, with interest thereon from the date of the said proclamation of the President mentioned in the second section of this act, at the rate of fifteen per centum per annum, together with the expenses of the sale and subsequent proceedings, to be determined by said commissioners, may redeem said lots of land from said sale; and any purchaser under the same having paid moneys, Treasury notes, or other certificates of indebtedness of the United States, shall, upon such redemption being made, be entitled to have the same, with the interest accruing after said sale, returned to him by the said commissioners, upon surrendering up the certificates of sale: *And provided further*, That if the owner of said lots of ground shall be a minor, a non-resident alien or loyal citizen beyond seas, a person of unsound mind, or under a legal disability, the guardian, trustee, or other person having charge of the person or estate of such person, may redeem the same at any time within two years after the sale thereof, and in the manner above provided, and with like effect: *And provided further*, That at such sale any tracts, parcels, or lots of land which may be selected under the direction of the President for Government use, for war, military, naval, revenue, charitable, educational, or police purposes, may, at said sale, be bid in by said commissioners, under the direction of the President, for, and struck off to the United States: *And provided further*, That the certificate of said commissioners shall only be affected as evidence of the regularity and validity of sale by establishing the fact that said property was not subject to taxes, or that the taxes had been paid previous to sale, or that the property had been redeemed according to the provisions of this act.

Proceedings for redemption.

Redemption where the owner is a minor or under disability.

Certain tracts may be bid off for Government use.

Certificate of commissioners, how alone impeached.

APPROVED, February 6, 1863.

CHAP. XXII. — *An Act to increase the clerical and other Force of the Quartermaster-General's Office, and for other Purposes.*

February 7, 1863.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there shall be added to the clerical and other force in the office of the Quartermaster-General, to be appointed by the Secretary of War, four clerks of class four, and ninety clerks of class one; also, thirty copyists and six laborers, at an annual compensation of six hundred dollars each.

Clerical force in the office of the Quartermaster-General increased.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in settling the accounts of the commanding officer of a company for clothing and other military supplies, the affidavit of any such officer may be received to show the loss of vouchers, or company books, or any matter or circumstance tending to prove that any apparent deficiency was occasioned by unavoidable accident, or lost in actual service, without any fault on his part, or that the whole or any part of such clothing and supplies had been properly and legally used and appropriated; and such affidavit may be considered as evidence to establish the facts set forth, with or without other evidence, as may seem to the Secretary of War just and proper under the circumstances of the case.

Affidavit of commander of a company may be received to show loss of vouchers, &c.

APPROVED, February 7, 1863.

CHAP. XXIII. — *An Act to authorize the Raising of a Volunteer Force for the better Defence of Kentucky.*

February 7, 1863.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Governor of the State of Kentucky, by the consent and under the direction of the President of the United States, shall have power to raise and organize into regiments a volunteer force not exceeding twenty thousand, rank and file, to be raised within the State of Kentucky, to serve for the term of twelve

The Governor of Kentucky may raise a volunteer force not exceeding 20,000.

Term of service.

Where and how to be employed.

months, to be employed within the limits of Kentucky in repelling invasion, suppressing insurrection, and guarding and protecting the public property: *Provided*, That at any time it may be necessary, in the discretion of the President of the United States, these troops may be employed out of the limits of Kentucky against the enemies of the United States.

Officers, how appointed and commissioned. Pay.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the regimental and company officers shall be appointed and commissioned by the State of Kentucky according to the laws thereof: *Provided*, That the officers of said regiments shall be entitled to pay only when the regiments or companies are filled, as now required by law, and while in actual service.

To be mustered into the service of the United States,

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the regiments, when raised and officered as aforesaid, shall be mustered into the service of the United States, and be subject to the command of the President of the United States.

and subject to the articles of war.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers and soldiers thus enrolled and mustered into service shall be subject to the rules and articles of war, and shall be placed on the same footing as other volunteers in the service of the United States as to pay, subsistence, clothing, and other emoluments, except bounty, for and during the time they may be in actual service.

Pay, subsistence, &c.

Two regiments may be mounted riflemen.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That a portion of this volunteer corps, not exceeding two regiments, may, when necessary, in the opinion of the President of the United States, be mounted and armed as mounted riflemen.

President may make regulations.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the President shall have power to make such other regulations in regard to the organization and service of this force as he shall deem expedient for the interest of the service.

These volunteers may become three years' volunteers.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That, by and with the consent of the President of the United States, the volunteers authorized to be raised by this act, or any portion of them, may be attached to and become part of the body of the three years' volunteers, according to such rules and regulations as the President of the United States may prescribe.

APPROVED, February 7, 1863.

February 7, 1863. CHAP. XXIV.—*An Act to provide for the Protection of Overland Emigrants to the States and Territories of the Pacific.*

Appropriation for overland emigrants to the States, &c., of the Pacific, for those on the route from Fort Abercrombie by Fort Benton.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That for the protection of emigrants by the overland routes to the States and Territories of the Pacific the sum of thirty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War: *Provided*, That ten thousand dollars of said appropriation shall be applied to the protection of emigrants on the route from Fort Abercrombie by Fort Benton.

APPROVED, February 7, 1863.

February 9, 1863. CHAP. XXV.—*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 hundred and sixty-three.*

Army appropriation.

*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 support of the army for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four:

Recruiting service.

For expenses of recruiting, transportation of recruits, and compensation to citizen surgeons for medical attendance, two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.