

Accounting officers of Treasury not to allow to officers dismissed and afterward restored under 1865, ch. 79, § 12, vol. xiii, p. 487, more than six months' pay unless officer demanded trial, &c.

SEC. 2. That the accounting officers of the Treasury be, and are hereby, prohibited from making any allowance to any officer of the Navy who has been, or may hereafter be, dismissed from the service and restored to the same under the provisions of the twelfth section of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, entitled "An act to amend the several acts heretofore passed to provide for the enrolling and calling out the national forces, and for other purposes", to exceed more than pay as on leave for six months from the date of dismissal, unless it shall appear that the officer demanded in writing, addressed to the Secretary of the Navy, and continued to demand as often as once in six months, a trial as provided for in said act.

Repeal of part of 1864, ch. 252, vol. xiii, p. 393.

SEC. 3. That so much of the act entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to provide for the education of naval constructors and steam-engineers, and for other purposes", approved July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four", as provides that cadet-engineers, not to exceed fifty in number, shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, is hereby repealed; and cadet-engineers shall hereafter be appointed annually by the Secretary of the Navy, and the number appointed each year shall not exceed twenty-five; and that all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Cadet-engineers to be appointed annually.

Not to exceed twenty-five in number.

Repeal of inconsistent acts.

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1872, ch. 140, vol. xvii, pp. 68, 69.

CHAP. 393.—An act to repeal so much of the act approved May eight, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and for other purposes" as provides for the employment of persons to assist the proper officers of the Government in discovering and collecting moneys withheld and for other purposes.

Repeal of act relating to contracts for discovering and collecting moneys belonging to the United States.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and for other purposes," approved May eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, as provides for the employment by the Secretary of the Treasury, of not more than three persons to assist the proper officers of the Government in discovering and collecting any money belonging to the United States when the same shall be withheld by any person or corporation, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to revoke and annul all contracts for the collection of such taxes made under and by authority of said act.

Contracts to be annulled and revoked.

Court of Claims not to consider claims for damages.

SEC. 2. That the Court of Claims shall have no authority to consider or decide upon any claims for damages by reason of the discontinuance of the contracts aforesaid, or for any profits or per-centages under them.

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CHAP. 394.—An act to legalize entries of public lands under the homestead laws in certain cases.

Certain entries of public lands under homestead laws legalized. 1862, ch. 75, vol. xii, p. 392.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in all cases of entries of public lands heretofore made under the act entitled "An act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," approved May twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, where the affidavit required by section two of said act was made before the clerk of the county of the residence of the person making the entry, without having first made the settlement and improvement required by the provisions of section three of the act entitled "An act amendatory of the homestead law, and for other purposes," approved March twenty-first, eighteen hundred and

1864, ch. 38, vol. xii, p. 35.