

CHAP. 159.—An act approving the action taken by the Secretary of War under the act approved July fifteenth eighteen hundred and seventy, and to provide for repayment of certain moneys paid to officers mustered out of the Army, as supernumerary, but subsequently re-appointed by the President. - March 3, 1875.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the action heretofore taken by the Secretary of War to cause the year's pay and allowances granted by the act approved July fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and for other purposes," to such commissioned officers of the Regular Army as were, under the said act, mustered out of the service of the United States, to be refunded when any of the said officers have been, or shall be, again commissioned in the Regular Army, is hereby approved.

Action of Secretary of War as to one year's pay of officers mustered out and re-appointed.

1870, c. 294, s. 3, v. 16, p. 317.

SEC. 2. That hereafter whenever any person, who was mustered out as a supernumerary officer of the Army with one year's pay and allowances, in addition to the pay and allowances due him at the date of his discharge, under the provisions of the act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the year ending June thirtieth eighteen hundred and seventy-one and for other purposes, approved July fifteenth eighteen hundred and seventy, shall be re-appointed by the President, an officer of the Army, such appointment shall be under and with the express condition, that fifty per cent of such officers pay shall be stopped monthly, until the sum total of the extra years pay and allowances received by him, when mustered out as aforesaid, shall have been refunded to the United States.

Officers mustered out as supernumeraries and re-appointed, to refund the one year's pay.

Monthly stoppages.

Approved, March 3, 1875.

CHAP. 160.—An act to provide for the sale of desert lands in Lassen County, California.

March 3, 1875.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for any citizen of the United States, or any person of requisite age who may be entitled to become a citizen, and who has filed his declaration of intention to become such, to file a declaration with the register and the receiver of the proper land district for the county of Lassen, California, in which any desert land is situated, that he intends to reclaim a tract of desert land situated in said county, not exceeding one section, by conducting water upon the same, so as to reclaim all of said land within the period of two years thereafter; and said declaration shall be under oath and shall describe particularly said section of land, if surveyed, and, if unsurveyed, shall describe the same as nearly as possible without a survey; which said declaration shall be supported by the affidavit of at least two credible witnesses, establishing to the satisfaction of the register or receiver the fact that said lands are of the character described in this act. And at any time within the period of two years after filing said declaration, and upon making satisfactory proof of the reclamation of said tract of land in the manner aforesaid, before the register and the receiver of said land office, such person shall be entitled to enter or locate the reclaimed section, or any part thereof, in the same manner as in cases where public lands of the United States are subject to entry, at a price not exceeding one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, and shall receive a patent therefor.

Declaration of intention to reclaim desert land in Lassen County, California; by whom may be filed.

Form and contents of declaration, how supported.

Right of entry after reclaiming land.

Price.

Desert lands defined.

SEC. 2. That all lands within said county of Lassen, exclusive of timber lands and of mineral lands, which do not produce grass, or which will not, without such reclamation, produce some agricultural crop, shall be deemed desert lands within the meaning of this act.

Approved, March 3, 1875.