

tended act of the state of Georgia, passed January the seventh, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, who have not duly released their claims to the United States, so as to entitle them to the indemnification provided by the act of Congress, passed the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled "An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory," and the acts supplementary thereto, shall be allowed further time to execute and file with the commissioners appointed to decide on such claims, good and sufficient legal releases of their claim, as by said acts are required, until the first Monday of March next. And the commissioners aforesaid are hereby authorized and empowered to decide on such claims, and to adjudge to every such claimant or claimants the proportion of indemnification to which he or they may be respectively entitled.

Further time allowed to claimants.

1814, ch. 39.

1815, ch. 24, 96.

Commissioners authorized to send to the counsel employed by them original papers and documents.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners aforesaid shall be, and they are hereby authorized, in all cases where they shall direct suits to be commenced for the recovery of money fraudulently withdrawn from the treasury of Georgia, to transmit to the counsel or attorney appointed to institute and conduct such suits or prosecutions, all original papers or documents in their possession, that may furnish evidence to sustain the same.

Additional compensation to commissioners and their secretary.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be allowed and paid, out of the treasury of the United States, to each of the said commissioners and their secretary, the further sum of one thousand dollars, as a compensation for the additional services required by this act.

APPROVED, April 20, 1816.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. LXIV.—*An Act concerning field officers of the militia.*

April 20, 1816.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That from and after the first day of May next, instead of one lieutenant colonel commandant to each regiment, and one major to each battalion of the militia, as is provided by the act entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States," approved May the eighth, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, there shall be one colonel, one lieutenant colonel and one major to each regiment of the militia, consisting of two battalions. Where there shall be only one battalion, it shall be commanded by a major: *Provided*, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to annul any commission in the militia which may be in force, as granted by authority of any state or territory, in pursuance of the act herein recited, and bearing date prior to the said first day of May next.

Officers of the militia after May 1, 1816.

Act of May 8, 1792, ch. 33.

APPROVED, April 20, 1816.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. LXV.—*An Act respecting the late officers and crew of the sloop of war Wasp.*

April 20, 1816.

[Obsolete.]

Whereas, there is reason to apprehend that the sloop of war Wasp, an armed ship of the United States, and lately commanded by Captain Johnson Blakely, is lost:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That there be allowed and paid to the representatives of Captain Johnson Blakely, and of each of the officers and crew aforesaid, as is hereinafter directed, twelve months' wages; and that there be paid to the aforesaid representatives,

Twelve months' pay allowed to the representatives of Capt. Blakely, his officers and crew.

Fifty thousand dollars to be distributed as prize money.

How the distribution is to be made.

Shares not called for to go into the navy pension fund. Proviso.

Prize agent to be appointed under this act.

and to the survivors of said officers and crew, if such there be, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, to be distributed as prize money for the capture and destruction, by said sloop of war, of the British armed vessels *Reindeer* and *Avon*.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the distribution of said wages and compensation shall be as follows, viz: one third to the widow, and two third parts to the children of the deceased; and in case there be no child, the whole to the widow; and if there be no widow, then to the child or children; and if there be neither widow nor child, then to the parent or parents; and if there be no parent, then to the brothers and sisters; and if there be neither brother nor sister, then such share or shares not claimed as aforesaid, shall be and remain part of the navy pension fund; and the sums aforesaid shall be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, that in all cases in which there shall be only one child, the widow shall have an equal share with the child.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby authorized and required to appoint a prize agent, whose duty it shall be to disburse the moneys aforesaid, or to refund any balance thereof, under such rules and regulations as the said secretary may prescribe; and that all moneys not claimed by virtue of this act within two years from the day when said sums shall be put at the disposal of the said prize agent, shall be deemed and held a part of the navy pension fund.

APPROVED, April 20, 1816.

STATUTE I.

April 24, 1816.

CHAP. LXVII.—*An Act authorizing the President of the United States to lease the saline near the Wabash river, for a term not exceeding seven years.*

The President authorized to lease the United States' saline.

*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 be, and he is hereby authorized to lease the United States' saline, near the Wabash river, for a term not exceeding seven years, from and after the end of the present term, on such conditions as will ensure the working the same most extensively and most advantageously to the United States.

APPROVED, April 24, 1816.

STATUTE I.

April 24, 1816.

CHAP. LXVIII.—*An Act to increase the pensions of invalids in certain cases; for the relief of invalids of the militia; and for the appointment of pension agents in those states where there is no commissioner of loans. (a)*

Rates of pensions apportioned by disabilities.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That all persons, of the ranks hereinafter named, who are now on the military pension roll of the United States, shall, from and after the passage of this act, be entitled to, and receive, for disabilities of the highest degree, the following sums, in lieu of those to which they are now entitled, to wit: a first lieutenant, seventeen dollars; a second lieutenant, fifteen dollars; a third lieutenant, fourteen dollars; an ensign, thirteen dollars; and a non-commissioned officer, musician or private, eight dollars per month; and for disabilities of a degree less than the highest, a sum proportionably less.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all persons of the aforesaid ranks, who may hereafter be placed on the military pension roll of the

(a) Act of March 3, 1817, ch. 64.

Acts of March 3, 1819, ch. 81, 91, 94.