

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.

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STATUTE I.

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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.

United States, shall, according to their ranks and degrees of disabilities, be placed on at the aforesaid rates of pensions in lieu of those heretofore established: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to lessen the pension of any person who, by special provision, is entitled to a higher pension than is herein provided.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws and regulations relating to the admission of the officers and soldiers of the regular army to be placed on the pension roll of the United States shall, and they are hereby declared to relate equally to the officers and soldiers of the militia, whilst in the service of the United States.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary for the department of War be, and he is hereby authorized and required to appoint some fit and proper person in those states and territories where there is no commissioner of loans, and also in the district of Maine, to perform the duties in those states and territories, and in said district respectively, relating to pensions and pensioners, which are now required of said commissioners in their respective states.

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Persons provided for by the first section to be put on the pension bill according to the rates therein prescribed.

Laws and regulations relating to the regular army to extend to the militia.

Secretary of War may appoint persons in lieu of the commissioners of loans, where there are no commissioners.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. LXIX.—*An Act for organizing the general staff, and making further provisions for the army of the United States.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That in addition to the act providing for a military peace establishment, the provisions of the act of March the third, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, for the better organization of the general staff be, and the same are hereby so far established, that the general staff shall in future consist of one adjutant and inspector general of the army, and one adjutant general, one inspector general, three topographical engineers, and one quartermaster general, with one deputy quartermaster general to a division; and an assistant of each to every brigade, which shall supersede the brigade quartermasters and inspectors now existing; and that the apothecary general, as heretofore authorized, be allowed two assistant apothecaries.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the medical staff shall be so extended, that there shall be four hospital surgeons, and eight hospital surgeon's mates to each division, with as many post surgeons as the service may require, not exceeding twelve to each division, who shall receive the same pay and emoluments as hospital surgeon's mates, and that there be three judge advocates to each division, and one chaplain to each brigade of the army, who shall receive the pay and emoluments of major, as heretofore allowed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the pay department shall consist of one paymaster general of the army, with the annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars, and that in addition to regimental paymasters, (a) there be appointed one paymaster to each battalion of the corps of artillery, who, as well as the regimental paymasters, in addition to the regular and punctual payment of their respective regiments or corps, shall discharge the duties of district paymasters within such district as shall from time to time be assigned them by the paymaster general, under the direction of the Secretary of War. *Provided*, That regimental and battalion paymasters may be taken either from the subalterns of the army, or citizens, and appointed by the President of the United States. *Provided also*, That regimental and battalion paymasters shall receive the pay and emoluments of major, and shall each be allowed a capable non-

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Repealed by act of April 14, 1818, ch. 61.

See act of March 3, 1815, ch. 78.

Act of March 3, 1813, ch. 52.

Provisions of a former act re-enacted—some supplemental provisions established.

Act of March 2, 1821, ch. 13.

Act of March 3, 1815, ch. 78.

Act of May 8, 1820, ch. 75.

Medical staff.

Judge advocates and chaplain.

Pay department.

Proviso.

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(a) *Paymaster in the army of the United States.*—A paymaster in the army of the United States, appointed under the act of Congress passed April 24, 1816, is entitled to the pay and emoluments of a major of infantry, and not to that of a major of cavalry. *Wetmore v. The United States*, 10 Peters, 647.