

CHAP. CLXXXIX.—*An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.*

STATUTE II.  
July 7, 1838.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That if any person who served in the war of the Revolution, in the manner specified in the act passed the seventh day of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, entitled "An act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," have died, leaving a widow, whose marriage took place after the expiration of the last period of his service, and before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, such widow shall be entitled to receive, for and during the term of five years from the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, the annuity or pension which might have been allowed to her husband in virtue of said act, if living at the time it was passed; *Provided,* That in the event of the marriage of such widow, said annuity or pension shall be discontinued.

Post, p. 584.  
Five years' pension grante to certain widows of officers and soldiers, &c.  
Act of June 7, 1832, ch. 126.

Proviso.  
1842, ch. 191.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That no pledge, mortgage, sale, assignment, or transfer of any right, claim, or interest, in any annuity, half pay, or pension, granted by this act, shall be valid, nor shall the half pay, annuity, or pension, granted by this act, or any former act of Congress, be liable to attachment, levy, or seizure, by any process in law, or equity, but shall enure wholly to the personal benefit of the pensioner or annuitant entitled to the same; and that before a warrant shall be delivered to any person acting for or in behalf of any one entitled to money under this act, such person shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, to be administered by the proper accounting officer, and put on file, that he has no interest in said money, by any pledge, mortgage, transfer, agreement, understanding, or arrangement, and that he does not know or believe that the same has been so disposed of to any other person.

No pledge, mortgage, &c. of the half pay or pension to be valid.

Not liable to be seized or attached.

Oath to be taken by an attorney before the delivery of the warrant.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of War shall adopt such regulations and forms of evidence, in relation to applications and payments under this act as the President of the United States may prescribe.

Regulations.

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CHAP. CXC.—*An Act making appropriations for certain roads in the Territory of Wisconsin.*

[Obsolete.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby appropriated for the construction of roads in the Territory of Wisconsin, to wit: For the construction of a road from Fort Howard at Green Bay, by Milwaukee and Racine, to the Northern boundary line of the State of Illinois, in the direction of Chicago in that State, to be expended in the Territory of Wisconsin, fifteen thousand dollars. For the construction of a road from the town of Milwaukee on Lake Michigan, by way of Madison, the permanent seat of Government of the said Territory, to a point opposite the town of Dubuque on the Mississippi river, ten thousand dollars. For the construction of the necessary bridges and removing obstructions in the mail road from the northern line of Missouri, through the original counties of Des Moines and Dubuque, to some suitable point on the Mississippi river between Prairie du Chien and Dubuque, ten thousand dollars. For the completion of the military road from Fort Crawford, by Winnebago, to Fort Howard at Green Bay, five thousand dollars. The said roads shall be constructed under the direction of the Secretary of War, pursuant to contracts to be made by him:

From Fort Howard to the northern boundary line of Illinois.

From Milwaukee to the Mississippi.

From the northern line of Missouri to the Mississippi.

Fort Crawford to Ft. Howard. To be constructed under direction, &c.

Proviso.

Survey for improvement of navigation of Rock river.

Survey of Des Moines and Iowa rivers.

A railroad from Milwaukee to Dubuque.

*Provided always*, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to imply that the United States are pledged or in any manner bound to make any appropriation in future, to make, or construct, said roads, or any part or portion of them. For the survey, with the view to the improvement of the navigation of Rock river, from the Illinois line, as far up the same as the contemplated point of intersection with the Milwaukee and Rock river canal, and also of the Haven of the said river, next below Lake Kuskhenong to Madison, the seat of Government of the Territory of Wisconsin, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars. For the survey of the Des Moines and Iowa rivers, with a view to the improvement of their navigation, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars. For a survey and estimate of the cost of a railroad from Milwaukee to Dubuque, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

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CHAP. CXCI.—*An Act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam.* (a)

Owners of steamboats to make a new enrolment and take out a new license.

Shall not transport goods, &c. or passengers, without a new license.

Penalty for violation of this section.

How recoverable.

District judge to appoint persons to inspect the boilers and machinery.

Their qualifications and duties.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That it shall be the duty of all owners of steamboats, or vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam, on or before the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, to make a new enrolment of the same, under the existing laws of the United States, and take out from the collector or surveyor of the port, as the case may be, where such vessel is enrolled, a new license, under such conditions as are now imposed by law, and as shall be imposed by this act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for the owner, master, or captain of any steamboat or vessel propelled in whole or in part by steam, to transport any goods, wares, and merchandise, or passengers, in or upon the bays, lakes, rivers, or other navigable waters of the United States, from and after the said first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight; without having first obtained, from the proper officer, a license under the existing laws, and without having complied with the conditions imposed by this act; and for each and every violation of this section, the owner or owners of said vessel shall forfeit and pay to the United States the sum of five hundred dollars, one-half for the use of the informer; and for which sum or sums the steamboat or vessel so engaged shall be liable, and may be seized and proceeded against summarily, by way of libel, in any district court of the United States having jurisdiction of the offence.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the district judge of the United States, within whose district any ports of entry or delivery may be, on the navigable waters, bays, lakes, and rivers of the United States, upon the application of the master or owner of any steamboat or vessel propelled in whole or in part by steam, to appoint, from time to time, one or more persons skilled and competent to make inspections of such boats and vessels, and of the boilers and machinery employed in the same, who shall not be interested in the manufacture of steam engines, steamboat boilers, or other machinery belonging to steam vessels, whose duty it shall be to make such inspection when called upon for that purpose, and to give to the owner or master of such boat or vessel duplicate certificates of such inspection;

(a) An act authorizing the appointment of persons to test the usefulness of inventions to improve and render safe the boilers of steam engines against explosions; June 28, 1838, chap. 147.

An act to modify the act entitled, "An act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam," approved July 7, 1838; March 3, 1843, chap. 94. Additional act. 1852, ch. 106.