

of "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to carry into effect, in the States of Alabama and Mississippi, the existing compacts with those States with regard to the five per cent. fund and the school reservations,' approved March third, eighteen hundred and forty-seven," be, and the same are hereby extended, so as to enable the State of Alabama to have three years from the passage of this act in which to make the selections of land authorized by the preceding acts to which this is an amendment.

Three years allowed to State of Alabama to make selection of lands authorized by previous acts.

1847, ch. 64.

APPROVED, February 26, 1849.

CHAP. LXXVII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Payment of Navy Pensions for the Year ending the thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.*

March 2, 1849.

[Obsolete.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

To pay invalid pensions, forty thousand dollars.

To pay the pensions of widows and orphans of officers, seamen, and marines, fifty thousand dollars.

To pay the pensions of invalids who were wounded on board of private armed vessels during the last war with Great Britain, three thousand dollars.

Invalid pensions, \$40,000.  
Widows and orphans, \$50,000.  
Invalids wounded on board private armed vessels, \$3000.

APPROVED, March 2, 1849.

CHAP. LXXVIII. — *An Act declaratory of the Act for the Admission of the State of Iowa into the Union.*

March 2, 1849.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That by the act entitled "An Act for the admission of the State of Iowa into the Union," approved December twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, the United States assented to the application for the support of common schools, as made in the second section of the tenth article of the constitution of said State, of the five per cent. of the net proceeds of the sales of the public lands within the State of Iowa, and of the five hundred thousand acres of land granted to said State by the act of the fourth of September, eighteen hundred and forty-one; said land to be selected in legal subdivisions of not less than three hundred and twenty acres.

Support of common schools in Iowa.  
1846, ch 1.

APPROVED, March 2, 1849.

CHAP. LXXIX. — *An Act to allow Subsistence to certain Arkansas and other Volunteers, who have been Prisoners of War in Mexico.*

March 2, 1849.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper accounting officers of the army of the United States be, and they are hereby, required to pay, in money, to each volunteer of the Arkansas regiment, and to each volunteer of any other corps that has been in the military service of the United States, who has been a prisoner of war in Mexico, the sum of forty cents a day, in lieu of subsistence, during the whole time of his imprisonment.

Money, in lieu of subsistence, to be paid to certain volunteers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the benefits provided by

Benefits of this

act to be extended to legal representatives.

What evidence shall be sufficient.

the first section of this act extend to the legal representatives of said volunteer.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the same evidence as is now required to establish the fact of ordinary service shall be sufficient to establish the fact of imprisonment, and to authorize and require said accounting officers to make the payment provided by the first section of this act, upon application of said volunteer, his authorized agent, or legal representative.

APPROVED, March 2, 1849.

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CHAP. LXXX. — *An Act concerning the Pay Department of the Army.*

Pay department of the army reorganized.

Officers, their rank, pay, emoluments, and tenure of offices.

Disbursing officers of the department to renew their bonds every four years.

Of what officers the pay department shall consist.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the pay department of the army shall consist of a Paymaster-General, who shall have the rank of colonel, and the same pay and allowances as are at present provided by law, and the same tenure of office as the heads of other disbursing departments of the army; two deputy Paymasters-General, with the same rank, pay, and allowances as are now provided by law for such officers, and the same tenure of office as officers of like grade in other disbursing departments of the army; and twenty-five Paymasters, with the same rank, pay, and allowances as are now provided by law for such officers, and the same tenure of office as officers of like grade in other disbursing departments of the army. That it shall be the duty of all disbursing officers of the pay department to renew their bonds, or furnish additional security, at least once in four years, or as much oftener as the President may direct. That the officers of the pay department, provided for by the first section of this act, shall consist of the Paymaster-General, the two deputy Paymasters-General now in commission, the fifteen Paymasters who were in service under the acts in force at the commencement of the war with Mexico, and ten Paymasters to be selected from the additional paymasters now in service, and the thirteen Paymasters authorized by the acts of the seventeenth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-six, and the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

APPROVED, March 2, 1849.

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CHAP. LXXXI. — *An Act to continue the Light at Sand's Point, on Long Island.*

Light at Sand's point, L. I., continued.

1847, ch. 52.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That so much of the fourth section of the act of the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, entitled "An Act authorizing the erection of certain lighthouses, and for other purposes," as requires the light at Sand's Point, on Long Island, to be discontinued, be, and it is hereby, repealed.

APPROVED, March 2, 1849.

March 2, 1849.

CHAP. LXXXII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act for authenticating certain Records," approved February twenty-second, eighteen hundred and forty-nine.*

First section of act for authenticating certain records amended and explained.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the first section of the act entitled "An Act for authenticating certain records," approved February twenty-second, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That it may and shall be lawful for the keepers or persons having the custody of