SEC. 10. And be it further enacted, That before the Secretary of the Treasury shall procure or erect the buildings provided for in the second section of this act, or commence operations under any of the provisions of the same, at San Francisco, State of California, it shall first be his duty to make a contract or contracts, for the erection of said buildings, and procuring the machinery necessary for the operations of said mint, at a sum or sums which shall not, in the whole, exceed the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, which said contract or contracts shall be secured by good and sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the said Secretary of the Treasury and the President of the United States.

Approved, July 3, 1852.


Whereas, it has been represented that so much of the third section of the act to which this act is an amendment, as provides a punishment for the maliciously, wilful, or fraudulent burning of stores, barns, or outhouses not adjoining a dwelling-house, has been construed to apply to the cases of burning such houses only when they contain merchandise, tobacco, grain, or hay, whereby offenders have escaped punishment for burning buildings in which none of said articles were kept,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, if any person or persons shall maliciously, wilfully, or fraudulently, and with intent to injure or defraud any other person or persons, or body politic or corporate, burn, or set on fire with intent to burn, or attempt to set on fire or burn, any house or outhouse, in the District of Columbia, whether the same be finished or in process of erection, though the said house or outhouse shall not, at the time of such burning or setting on fire, or attempting to set on fire or burn, have any goods, tobacco, hay, or grain therein, nor be adjoining to any dwelling-house, nor be occupied or used for any purpose whatever; he, she, or they, on conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to suffer the same punishment and labor, as is provided in the said third section of the said act to which this is an amendment for the offences therein enumerated.

Approved, July 3, 1852.

Chap. LVII.—An Act making Appropriations for the Payment of Invalid and other Pensions of the United States, for the Year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

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 pensions, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three:—

For invalid pensions, under various acts, four hundred thousand dollars.
For pensions for widows and orphans under the acts of July the fourth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and July the twenty-first, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, three hundred and seventy-seven thousand two hundred and forty dollars.
For pensions to widows, under the act of seventh July, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, ninety thousand dollars.
For pensions to widows, under the act of third March, eighteen hundred and forty-three, thirty thousand dollars.
For pensions to widows, under the acts of the seventeenth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-four, second of February, eighteen hundred and
1848, ch. 8. forty-eight, and twenty-ninth of July, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, four hundred and sixty-four thousand dollars.

For half-pay pensions to widows and orphans, provided for by the eleventh section of an act approved January the twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and thirteen, and the first section of an act approved the sixteenth of April, eighteen hundred and sixteen, payable through the office of the third auditor of the treasury, in addition to an unexpended balance, five thousand dollars.

APPROVED, July 12, 1852.

July 12, 1852. CHAP. LVIII.—An Act to supply a Deficiency to the State of Indiana in a Township of Land granted to said State for the use of a State University, by an Act of Congress approved nineteenth of April, eighteen hundred and sixteen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be supplied to the State of Indiana, for the sole and exclusive use of the State University, an equal number of acres of land found to be deficient in the original grant, and which has been otherwise appropriated by Congress, amounting to four thousand one hundred and sixty-six acres, and that said lands be selected, under the direction of the governor of the State, from any lands now in market in said State belonging to the United States, the proceeds of which shall be appropriated solely to the use of said State University, and shall never be diverted to any other purpose whatever.

APPROVED, July 12, 1852.

July 12, 1852. CHAP. LIX.—An Act to release from Reservation, and restore to the Mass of Public Lands, certain Lands in the State of Arkansas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the several tracts of land in the State of Arkansas, heretofore reserved for the satisfaction of military bounties for war of 1812 to be sold.

Provided, That the person who may, at the date of this act, be an actual settler on any one of said tracts, and who, but for the reservation thereof, might have claimed the right of preemption thereto, under act of fourth September, eighteen hundred and forty-one, be, and is hereby authorized to enter the same, or any subdivision thereof, upon making proof of said right, and paying the minimum price per acre, within a year after the passage of this act, or prior to the day fixed for the public sale of the tract.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That all sales of said land, or location thereof by military warrants, (other than those of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve,) which have been inadvertently permitted to be made, and which are in all other respects fair and regular, except as embracing reserved land not offered at public sale, be, and the same are hereby confirmed, and patents thereon which have been issued shall be as legal and valid as if said lands had been released from reservation, and offered at public sale prior to such sales or locations.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That all of said warrants which have not been satisfied, may be located on any of the public lands subject to private entry at the time of the location of the same.

APPROVED, July 12, 1852.