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CHAP. XIX. — An Act for the better Organization of the Marine Corps.

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, the United States Marine Corps shall consist of the following officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, viz.: One colonel commandant, one colonel, two lieutenant-colonels, four majors, one adjutant and inspector, one paymaster, one quartermaster, two assistant quartermasters, twenty captains, thirty first lieutenants, thirty second lieutenants, one sergeant-major, one quartermaster-sergeant, one drum-major, one principal musician, two hundred sergeants, two hundred and twenty corporals, thirty musicians for band, sixty drummers, sixty fifers, and twenty-five hundred privates.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the commissions of the officers now in the marine corps shall not be vacated by this act; and that the President of the United States may, during the recess of the Senate, first by promotions, and then by selections, appoint the officers hereby authorized, which appointments shall be submitted to the Senate, at their next session, for their advice and consent.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the appointment of commissioned officers to be made under the provisions of this act shall be of persons between the ages of twenty and twenty-five years, and [they] shall be subjected, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, to an examination as to their qualifications for the service to which they are to be appointed.

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CHAP. XX. — An Act relative to the Revenue Marine, to fix the Compensation of the Officers thereof, and for other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the compensation of the officers of the revenue cutters shall be at the following rates, to wit:

DUTY PAY.

Captains, eighteen hundred dollars per annum.
First lieutenants, fourteen hundred dollars per annum.
Second lieutenants, twelve hundred dollars per annum.
Third lieutenants, nine hundred dollars per annum.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR WAITING ORDERS PAY.

Captains, twelve hundred dollars per annum.
First lieutenants, one thousand dollars per annum.
Second lieutenants, eight hundred dollars per annum.
Third lieutenants, seven hundred dollars per annum.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the number of officers for each revenue vessel shall be one captain and three lieutenants, first, second, and third; and of a steam-vessel, one engineer, and one assistant engineer, and such number of petty officers and men as in the opinion of the Secretary of the Treasury may be required to make the vessels efficient for the duties required of them: Provided, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall have the power to assign any greater number of officers than is herein prescribed should the nature of the service to which any vessel may be assigned in his opinion require it.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury may, at his discretion, dispose of any of the vessels now belonging to the revenue marine which, in his opinion, are unsuitable for service, and to

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