CHAP. CLII. — An Act to amend the Act of the twenty-first December, eighteen hun-
dred and sixty-one, entitled "An Act to further promote the Efficiency of the Navy."

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
of the twenty-first of December, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-
one, entitled "An act to further promote the efficiency of the navy," shall
not be so construed as to retire any officer under the age of sixty-two
years, and whose name shall not have been borne upon the navy register
for a period of forty-five years after he had arrived at the age of sixteen
years.

APPROVED, June 25, 1864.

CHAP. CLIII. — An Act granting Lands to the State of Wisconsin to build a Military
Road to Lake Superior.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and is hereby,
granted to the State of Wisconsin, to aid in the construction of a military
wagon-road from Wausau, Marathon County, Wisconsin, following the
Wisconsin River as far as Skonowang, and from thence, on the most feasi-
ble and direct route, to a point on the state line between the States of
Wisconsin and Michigan, in a direction leading to Ontonagon, on Lake
Superior, every alternate section of public land, not mineral, designated
by odd numbers, for three sections in width on each side of said road.

But in case it shall appear that the United States have, when the line or
route of said road is definitely fixed, sold, reserved, or otherwise disposed
of any section, or any part thereof, granted as aforesaid, or that the right
of preemption or homestead settlement has attached to the same, then it
shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to set apart from the
public lands of the United States, as hereinbefore described, designated
by odd numbers, as near to said even section aforesaid as may be, and the
same shall be located within six miles of said road, so much land as shall
be equal to such lands as the United States have sold or otherwise appro-
priated, or to which the right of preemption or homestead settlement has
attached; which lands, (thus selected in lieu of those sold, reserved, or
otherwise appropriated, and to which the right of preemption or homestead
settlement has attached aforesaid) together with the sections and parts of
sections designated by odd numbers as aforesaid, and approved as
aforesaid, shall be held by the State of Wisconsin for the use and purpose
aforesaid: Provided, That the lands hereby granted shall be exclusively
applied in the construction of that road for and on account of which such
lands are hereby granted, and shall be disposed of only as the work pro-
gresses, and the same shall be applied to no other purpose whatever:
Provided, further, That any and all lands heretofore reserved to the United
States, or granted by any act of congress, or in any other manner by
competent authority, for the purpose of aiding in any object of internal
improvement, or for any other purpose whatsoever, be, and the same are
hereby, reserved and excluded from the operation of this act, except so
far as it may be found necessary to locate the route of said road through
such reserved lands, in which case the right of way only shall be granted.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the said lands hereby granted
to the said state shall be subject to the disposal of the legislature thereof,
for the purposes aforesaid and no other; and the said road shall be, and
remain, a public highway for the use of the government of the United
States, free from tolls or other charge upon the transportation of any
property, troops, or mails of the United States.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the lands hereby granted to
said state shall be disposed of only in the following manner — that is to say,
when the said governor shall certify to the Secretary of the Interior that

Lands, how to be applied.

State legislature to dispose of lands.

Lands, how only to be disposed of.