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Chaplains in  
the volunteer ser-  
vice; rank, pay,  
&c.

CHAP. LIII.—*An Act to amend Section nine of the Act approved July seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled An Act to define the Pay and Emoluments of certain Officers of the Army, 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 rank of chaplain without command, in the regular and volunteer service of the United States, is hereby recognized. Chaplains shall be borne on the field and staff rolls next after the surgeons, and shall wear such uniform as is or may be prescribed by the army regulations, and shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as other officers of the army. They shall be entitled to draw forage for two horses, and, when assigned to hospitals, posts, and forts, they shall be entitled to quarters and fuel within the hospitals, posts, or forts, while they are so assigned, without the privilege of commutation, subject to the same conditions and limitations as are now by law provided in the case of surgeons. When absent from duty with leave, or on account of sickness or other disability, or when held by the enemy as prisoners, they shall be subject to no other diminution or loss of pay and allowances than other officers in the military service are under like circumstances. And chaplains who have been absent from duty, by reason of wounds or sickness, or when held as prisoners in the hands of the enemy, shall be entitled to receive full pay without rations during such absence. In all other respects, the pay of chaplains shall be the same as now provided by law.

Pensions to  
chaplains.

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SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the act approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled, "An act to grant pensions," is hereby so amended as to include chaplains in the regular and volunteer forces of the army: *Provided,* That the pension to which a chaplain shall be entitled for a total disability shall be twenty dollars per month, and all the provisions of the act to which this section is an amendment shall apply to and embrace the widows, children, mothers, and sisters of chaplains of the land forces who have died since the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, or shall die of wounds or disease contracted in the service of the United States, and while such chaplains are or shall be in the line of their duty.

Chaplains to  
make monthly  
reports.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of chaplains in the military service of the United States to make monthly reports to the adjutant-general of the army, through the usual military channels, of the moral condition and general history of the regiments, hospitals, or posts to which they may be attached; and it shall be the duty of all commanders of regiments, hospitals, and posts to render such facilities as will aid in the discharge of the duties assigned to them by the government.

Religious ser-  
vices by chap-  
lains.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all chaplains in the military service of the United States shall hold appropriate religious services at the burial of soldiers who may die in the command to which they are assigned to duty, and it shall be their duty to hold public religious services at least once each Sabbath when practicable.

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CHAP. LIV.—*An Act to appoint an Appraiser and Assistant Appraiser for the Port of Portland, and for other Purposes.*

Appraiser and  
assistant apprais-  
er at Portland,  
Maine.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint an appraiser and assistant appraiser for the port of Portland, Maine, whose duties shall be the same as those of similar officers in other ports; and the ninth section of the act of Congress passed May seventh, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, entitled "An act further to establish the compensation of officers of the customs and to alter certain

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collection districts, and for other purposes," is hereby amended by adding Portland aforesaid to the ports therein enumerated, and the deputy collectors, not exceeding three in number, and the appraiser of said port shall each receive the compensation of two thousand dollars per annum, and the assistant appraiser shall receive a compensation of fifteen hundred dollars per annum.

Pay of deputy collectors, appraiser, and assistant appraisers.

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CHAP. LVIII. — *An Act extending the Time within which the States and Territories may accept the Grant of Lands made by the Act entitled "An Act donating public Lands to the several States and Territories which may provide Colleges for the Benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.*

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any state or territory may accept and shall be entitled to the benefits of the act entitled "An act donating public lands to the several states and territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts," approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, by expressing its acceptance thereof as provided in said act, within two years from the date of the approval of this act, subject, however, to the conditions in said act contained.

States, &c., may accept provisions of act giving public lands for benefit of certain colleges, within two years.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the benefit of the provisions of this act, and of the said act approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, be, and the same are hereby, extended to the state of West Virginia.

West Virginia to have the benefit of this act.

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CHAP. LIX. — *An Act to enable the People of Nebraska to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the Admission of such State into the Union on an equal Footing with the original States.*

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the inhabitants of that portion of the territory of Nebraska included in the boundaries hereinafter designated be, and they are hereby, authorized to form for themselves a constitution and state government, with the name aforesaid, which state, when so formed, shall be admitted into the Union as hereinafter provided.

Nebraska territory made a state.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said state of Nebraska shall consist of all the territory included within the following boundaries, to wit: Commencing at a point formed by the intersection of the western boundary of the state of Missouri with the fortieth degree of north latitude; extending thence due west along said fortieth degree of north latitude to a point formed by its intersection with the twenty-fifth degree of longitude west from Washington; thence north along said twenty-fifth degree of longitude to a point formed by its intersection with the forty-first degree of north latitude; thence west along said forty-first degree of north latitude to a point formed by its intersection with the twenty-seventh degree of longitude west from Washington; thence north along said twenty-seventh degree of west longitude to a point formed by its intersection with the forty-third degree of north latitude; thence east along said forty-third degree of north latitude to the Reya Paha river; thence down the middle of the channel of said river, with its meanderings, to its junction with the Niobrara river; thence down the middle of the channel of said Niobrara river, and following the meanderings thereof, to its junction with the Missouri river; thence down the middle of the channel of said Missouri river, and following the meanderings thereof, to the place of beginning.

Boundaries.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all persons qualified by law to vote for representatives to the general assembly of said territory shall

Who may vote and who be elected to office.