

masters' mates, as they may be best qualified, upon the recommendation of their commanding officer, approved by the flag-officer and the department. Upon such promotion, they shall receive a gratuity of one hundred dollars, and a medal of honor to be prepared by the navy department.

APPROVED, May 17, 1864.

May 20, 1864.

CHAP. XCII. — *An Act to organize a Regiment of Veteran Volunteer Engineers.*

Regiment of veteran volunteer engineers may be enlisted and organized.

1865, ch. 79,

§ 7. Post, p. 488.

1861, ch. 42,

§ 4. Vol. xii. p. 287.

Officers, appointment, commissions, pay, and allowances.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to enlist, out of any volunteer forces in the army of the Cumberland, that have served, or are now serving, as pioneers, pontoniers, or engineers, to serve wherever required for three years, or during the war, to consist of ten companies, and to have the same organization, pay, and emoluments as are allowed to engineer soldiers under the provisions of the fourth section of an act entitled "An act providing for the better organization of the military establishment," approved August third, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the officers of the engineers authorized to be raised under the provisions of the foregoing section shall be appointed and commissioned by the President of the United States, on the recommendation of the commander of the army of the Cumberland; and shall receive the same pay and allowances as engineer officers of similar grade in the regular army:

APPROVED, May 20, 1864.

May 21, 1864.

CHAP. XCIII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Naval Service for the Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and for other Purposes.*

Navy appropriation.

*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 they are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-five:—

Pay.

For pay of commission, warrant, and petty officers and seamen, including the engineer corps of the navy, nineteen millions four hundred and twenty-three thousand two hundred and forty-one dollars.

Repair, &c. of vessels.

For repair and maintenance of vessels of the navy, labor, materials, and stores, eleven millions five hundred thousand dollars.

Completion of steam screw sloops.

For the completion of sixteen fast steam screw sloops-of-war, seven millions two hundred thousand dollars.

Vessels for western waters; for naval and blockading purposes.

For the purchase, construction, and repairs of vessels, materials, and labor, for the western waters, four millions of dollars.

For the purchase and charter of vessels for naval and blockading purposes, three millions of dollars.

For extra labor, expense of repairs, and so forth, on foreign stations, six hundred thousand dollars.

Bounty.

For payment of the three months' bounty to seamen and ordinary seamen under the joint resolution of February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, five hundred thousand dollars.

Armored plated vessels.

For the completion of armored plated vessels, three million six hundred thousand dollars.

Hemp and fuel.

For the purchase of hemp and other materials for the navy, seven hundred thousand dollars.

For fuel for the navy, and for the transportation and expenses thereof, three millions eight hundred and forty thousand dollars.

For the equipment of vessels in the navy, viz:—

Equipment.

For the purchase of various articles of equipment, viz: canvas, leather,