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For revolutionary pensions and pensions of widows, children, mothers, and sisters of soldiers as provided for by acts of March eighteen, eighteen hundred and eighteen, May fifteen, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, June seven, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, July four, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, July seven, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, March three, eighteen hundred and forty-three, June seven, eighteen hundred and forty-four, February two, July twenty-one, and July twenty-nine, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, February three, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, June three, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, and July fourteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, two millions five hundred thousand dollars.

APPROVED, February 7, 1866.

CHAP. VIII. — An Act to regulate the Registering of Vessels.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, That no ship or vessel, which has been recorded or registered as an American vessel, pursuant to law, and which shall have been licensed or otherwise authorized to sail under a foreign flag, and to have the protection of any foreign government during the existence of the rebellion, shall be deemed or registered as an American vessel, or shall have the rights and privileges of American vessels, except under the provisions of an act of Congress authorizing such registry.

APPROVED, February 10, 1866.

CHAP. IX. — An Act granting the Franking Privilege to Mary Lincoln.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, That all letters and packets carried by post, to and from Mary Lincoln, widow of the late Abraham Lincoln, be conveyed free of postage during her natural life.

APPROVED, February 10, 1866.

CHAP. X. — An Act authorizing an Increase of the clerical Force in the Post Office Department.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, That, in addition to the clerical force now authorized by law in the Post Office Department, the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint and employ four clerks of class one, seven of class two, fourteen of class three, and four of class four; and said clerks shall be paid until the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, February 16, 1866.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, That an act entitled “An act to prevent the spread of foreign diseases among the cattle of the United States,” approved December eighteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, That the importation of neat cattle and the hides of neat cattle from any foreign country into the United States is hereby prohibited: Provided, however, That the opera-