

officers, one of whom shall be a surgeon, to examine into the condition of the applicant, and to recommend a suitable amount for his relief, and for a specified time, and upon the approval of such recommendation by the Secretary of the Navy and certificate thereof to the commissioner of pensions, the amount shall be paid in the same manner as is provided in this section for the payment to persons disabled by long service in the navy; but no allowance so made shall exceed the rate of a pension for full disability corresponding to the grade of the applicant, nor, if in addition to a pension, exceed one fourth the rate of such pension.

Board to examine applicants.

Limit of allowance.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the commandant of the marine corps shall have the rank and pay of a brigadier-general of the army.

Rank and pay of commandant of marine corps.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the number of midshipmen allowed at the naval academy shall be one for every member and delegate of the House of Representatives, one for the District of Columbia, ten appointed annually at large, and ten to be selected annually from boys enlisted in the navy, and who have been one year in the service on board a naval vessel, should so many be found qualified: *Provided, however*, That the reduction in the number of midshipmen herein provided for shall not affect any already appointed, nor any vacancy already existing: *And provided further*, That so much of the act of July fourteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and of July sixteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, as provides for the number of midshipmen that may be appointed to the naval academy be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Number of midshipmen in Naval Academy.

Reduction not to affect present appointments or vacancies.

Repeal of part of acts 1862, ch. 164, and ch. 183, § 11, vol. xii. pp. 665, 586.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That officers on the retired and reserved lists of the navy shall be entitled to promotion as their several dates upon the active list are promoted; but such promotion shall not entitle them to any pay beyond that to which they were entitled when retired, unless upon active duty, when they shall receive the full pay of their respective grades: *Provided*, That no promotion shall be made to the grade of rear-admiral upon the retired list while there shall be in that grade the full number allowed by law.

Promotion of officers on retired and reserved lists.

Pay. Proviso.

APPROVED, March 2, 1867.

CHAP. CLXXV. — *An Act relating to Brevets in the Army of the United States.*

March 2, 1867.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President is hereby authorized, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to confer brevet rank on officers in the army of the United States, on account of gallant, meritorious, or faithful conduct in the volunteer service, prior to appointment in said army of the United States.

Brevet rank may be conferred on officers in the army for gallant conduct, &c. in the volunteer service.

APPROVED, March 2, 1867.

CHAP. CLXXVI. — *An Act to establish a uniform System of Bankruptcy throughout the United States.*

March 2, 1867.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the several district courts of the United States be, and they hereby are, constituted courts of bankruptcy, and they shall have original jurisdiction in their respective districts in all matters and proceedings in bankruptcy, and they are hereby authorized to hear and adjudicate upon the same according to the provisions of this act. The said courts shall be always open for the transaction of business under this act, and the powers and jurisdiction hereby granted and conferred shall be exercised as well in vacation as in term time, and a judge sitting at chambers shall have the same powers and jurisdiction, including the power of keeping order and of punishing any contempt of his authority, as when sitting in court. And the jurisdiction hereby conferred shall extend to all cases and controversies aris-

District courts of the United States made courts of bankruptcy.

Jurisdiction.

Courts always open.

Authority of judge in term time or vacation.