

President may
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for the United
States;

his pay.

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1870, ch. 251, § 4.
Post, p. 250.

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es, how to be
obtained.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint a suitable person as agent on behalf of the United States to attend the commissioners, to present and support claims on behalf of this government, to answer claims made upon it, and to represent it generally in all matters connected with the investigation and decision thereof; the compensation of such agent, not to exceed four thousand dollars, shall be determined and allowed by the President; and the President is hereby authorized to make [such] provision for the contingent expenses of the commission and for the advances contemplated by the sixth article of the convention as to him shall appear reasonable and proper. The salaries, expenses, advances, and the compensation to be paid to the umpire, when determined, shall be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioner on the part of the United States, in conjunction with the commissioner on the part of Mexico, is hereby authorized to make all needful rules and regulations for conducting the business of the commission; such rules and regulations not contravening the Constitution of the United States, the provisions of this act, or the convention.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of State is hereby authorized and required to transmit to the commissioner on the part of the United States such papers and records relating to the commission as he may deem proper, or as may be called for by the commissioners; and at the termination of the commission all the records, documents, and other papers which have been brought before the commissioners, or which may be in possession of their secretaries, shall be deposited in the Department of State: *Provided*, That this section shall not be so construed as to prevent the commissioner on the part of Mexico from depositing in the department certified copies or duplicates of papers produced on behalf of his government instead of originals.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That upon suggestion by either party that a witness whose testimony is deemed important refuses or is unwilling to testify, it shall be competent for the board of commissioners to issue a commission to some suitable person to take the testimony of such witness, who, if in the United States, may be compelled to appear and testify before such commissioners in the same manner as is now provided by law in the case of commissions issued from the courts of the United States.

APPROVED, April 7, 1869.

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1868, ch. 48.
Vol. xv. p. 61.

Sections one
and six of act of
1868, ch. 48, to
continue in force
one year;

rest of act re-
pealed.

CHAP. XIII. — *An Act to continue in Force an Act entitled "An Act to extend the Charter of Washington City," and so forth.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first and sixth sections of the act entitled "An act to extend the charter of Washington city, also to regulate the selection of officers, and for other purposes," of the twenty-sixth [twenty-eighth] of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, be, and the same are hereby, continued in force for the period of one year and until Congress shall otherwise determine; and that all the other sections of said act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, April 7, 1869.

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Commissioner
to continue
freedmen's hos-
pitals at Rich-
mond, Vicks-
burg, District of
Columbia.

CHAP. XIV. — *An Act relating to Freedmen's Hospitals.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioner of the bureau of refugees and freedmen is authorized and directed to continue the freedmen's hospitals at Richmond, Virginia; Vicksburg, Mississippi; and in the District of Columbia, including the asylum for aged and infirm

freedmen and for orphan children: *Provided*, That the expense thereof shall be paid by the commissioner out of moneys heretofore appropriated for the use of the bureau: *And provided further*, That said hospitals shall be discontinued as soon as may be practicable in the discretion of the President of the United States.

APPROVED, April 7, 1869.

Expenses.

Hospitals to be discontinued as soon as, &c.

CHAP. XV. — *An Act making Appropriations to supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for the Service of Government for the fiscal Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and additional Appropriations for the Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy, and for other Purposes.* April 10, 1869.

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 the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the service of the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, for the objects hereinafter expressed, namely:

Deficiency appropriation for 1869.

Treasury Department. — For the pay of superintendent, watchmen, laborers, and all other employees in the treasury building, and the five other buildings occupied for the use of the Treasury Department under the charge of said superintendent, thirty-three thousand seven hundred and ninety-five dollars.

Treasury Department.
Treasury buildings.

For lighting the above six buildings, three thousand two hundred and five dollars.

For incidental expenses of the said buildings, three thousand dollars.

For furniture and repairs of furniture, ten thousand dollars.

For salary of temporary clerks in the Treasury Department, at such rates as the Secretary of the Treasury may deem just and reasonable, thirty-five thousand dollars.

Furniture.
Temporary clerks.

For salaries and expenses of collectors, assessors, assistant assessors, supervisors, and detectives, together with the expenses of carrying into effect the various provisions of the several acts providing internal revenue, excepting items otherwise provided for, two millions of dollars.

Collectors, &c. of internal revenue.

For detecting and bringing to trial and punishment persons guilty of violating the internal revenue laws or conniving at the same, in cases where such expenses are not otherwise provided for by law, fifty thousand dollars.

Detection and conviction of persons violating internal revenue laws.

Post-Office Department. — To supply the deficiency (caused by the defalcation of E. B. Olmstead, disbursing clerk) in the appropriations for blank-books and stationery, fuel and lights for the general post-office building, including the sixth auditor's office, repairs of the building, furniture, papering, painting, fitting up permanent cases for filing papers; for pay of engineer, foreman, and laborers; for library purposes, telegrams, and for miscellaneous items, forty-seven thousand dollars.

Post-Office Department.
Defalcation of E. B. Olmstead.

For temporary clerks for quarter ending thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, thirteen thousand and eighty dollars.

Temporary clerks.

For temporary clerks' salaries for the month of March, seven thousand five hundred dollars. And the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to turn over to the Post-Office Department, which shall receive and use the same, the envelopes printed in the Treasury Department for the dead-letter office.

Envelopes for dead-letter office.

House of Representatives. — For compensation of the document file clerk, authorized by resolution of February twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, the sum of six hundred dollars.

House of Representatives.
Document file clerk.

That the resolution of the House of Representatives of March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, giving Daniel Buck compensation for preparing list of appropriations, and so forth, is hereby extended to his successor in office; and that there be, and is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, such a sum as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the said resolution.

Preparing list of appropriations.