masters and crews of foreign vessels in rescuing American citizens from shipwreck, five thousand dollars.

For payment of the sixth annual instalment of the proportion contributed by the United States toward the capitalization of the Scheldt dues, fifty-five thousand five hundred and eighty-four dollars; and for such further sum, not exceeding five thousand dollars, as may be necessary to carry out the stipulations of the treaty between the United States and Belgium.

For defraying the expenses of defending claims under the convention with Mexico of July four, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, to be expended under the direction of the Attorney-General, twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President is authorized, on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause examinations to be made into the accounts of the consular officers of the United States, and into all matters connected with the business of their said offices, and to that end he may appoint such agent or agents as may be necessary for that purpose; and any agent, when so appointed, shall, for the purpose of making said examinations, have authority to administer oaths and take testimony, and shall have access to all the books and papers of all consular officers. And any agent appointed in this behalf shall be paid for his services a just and reasonable compensation, in addition to his actual necessary expenses, the same to be paid out of the sum appropriated for consular salaries; but no greater sum than ten thousand dollars shall be expended as compensation of such agent or agents in any one year. And the President shall communicate to Congress, at the commencement of every December session, the names of the agents so appointed, and the amount paid to each, together with the reports of such agents; and that any agent or agents appointed under this section shall receive an annual salary of five thousand dollars, in addition to the expenses heretofore allowed, the same to be paid out of the sum appropriated for consular salaries.

APPROVED, July 11, 1870.

CHAP. CCXXXVIII. — An Act making Appropriations for the Payment of invalid and other Pensions of the United States for the Year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

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 payment of pensions for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

For army invalid pensions, as provided by acts of April twenty-four, eighteen hundred and sixteen, May thirteen, eighteen hundred and forty-six, July fourteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, June six, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and July twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, nine million eight hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For revolutionary pensions, and pensions of widows, children, and parents, fathers, brothers, and sisters of soldiers, as provided 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 third, eighteen hundred and forty-three, February twenty, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, 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, July fourteen and seventeen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, February six, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and July twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, nine million eight hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For military pensions, as provided by acts of May thirteen, eighteen hundred and eighteen, and March third, eighteen hundred and forty-three, February twenty, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, 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, July fourteen and seventeen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, February six, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and July twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, nine million eight hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars.
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June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, July twenty-five, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and July twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and for compensation to the pension agents and expenses of the agencies, nineteen million six hundred and eighty thousand five hundred and sixty-two dollars.

For navy invalid pensions, as provided by acts of April twenty-third, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, February twenty, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and August eleven, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, April five, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, July fourteen and seventeen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, June six, and July twenty-five, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and July twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and compensation to pension agents and expenses of the agencies, one hundred and forty-seven thousand four hundred and sixty-three dollars.

For navy pensions of widows, children, mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters of sailors and marines, as provided by acts of August eleven, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, July fourteen, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, July fourteen and seventeen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and July twenty-five, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, three hundred and thirty-four thousand four hundred and seventy-five dollars:

Provided, of claims, &c. That the navy pensions shall be paid from the navy pension fund, and hereafter it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Navy annually to submit to Congress estimates of the claims and demands chargeable upon and payable out of the naval pension fund; and no payments shall be made therefrom except upon appropriations made by Congress: And provided further, That an amount sufficient to pay the expenses of furnishing artificial limbs for soldiers and sailors, provided for by the act approved June seventeenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, may be paid out of the appropriations made by this act.

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