

Expenses. troller of the currency, and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury; and the expense of such examination and destruction shall be paid out of any appropriation made by Congress for the special examination of national banks and bank plates.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

March 3, 1873. CHAP. CCLXX. — *An Act to confer upon the Superintendent of the United States Military Academy the Power to convene general Courts-martial.*

Superintendent of the United States Military Academy may convene general courts-martial for, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the superintendent of the United States Military Academy shall have power to convene general courts-martial for the trial of cadets, and to execute the sentences of such courts, except the sentences of suspension and dismissal, subject to the same limitations and conditions now existing as to other general courts-martial

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

March 3, 1873. CHAP. CCLXXI. — *An Act authorizing deputy Collectors and other Officers of the Customs to act as disbursing Agents in certain Cases.*

Collectors, &c., in case of sickness, &c., may with, &c., authorize some officer under them to act as disbursing agents.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in case of the sickness or unavoidable absence of any collector or surveyor of customs from his office, he may with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, authorize some officer or clerk under him to act in his place, and to discharge all the duties required by law of such collector or surveyor in his capacity as disbursing agent: *Provided,* That the official bond given by the principal of the office shall be held to cover and apply to the acts of the person appointed to act in his place in such cases.

Official bond of the principal to cover, &c.

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March 3, 1873. CHAP. CCLXXII. — *An Act to authorize certain Postmasters to deposit public Moneys in national Banks.*

Postmasters in certain places may deposit public money in a national bank.

Such deposits not to draw interest.

Quarterly report of such deposits.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act it shall be lawful for any postmaster, having public money belonging to the government, where there are no designated depositaries, treasurers of mints, or treasurer or assistant treasurers of the United States, within the county, to deposit the same, at his own risk and in his official capacity, in any national bank in the town, city, or county where the said postmaster resides; but no authority or permission is or shall be given for the demand or receipt by the postmaster, or any other person, of interest, directly or indirectly, on any deposit made as herein described; and it shall be the duty of all postmasters who have made any such deposit to report quarterly to the Postmaster-General, the name of the bank where such deposits have been made, and also state the amount which may stand at the time to their credit.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

March 3, 1873. CHAP. CCLXXIII. — *An Act to fix the Compensation of the Deputy Collector of Customs at Saint Paul.*

Compensation of deputy collector at Saint Paul established.

1872, ch. 199, § 2. Ante, p. 157.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the compensation including official emoluments of all kinds of the officer appointed in pursuance of the second section of the act entitled "An act to establish the collection district of Du Luth, and to create Saint Paul, in the collection district of Minnesota, a port of delivery," approved May twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, shall not exceed the sum of two

thousand dollars per annum: *Provided, however,* That said officer may be required, in addition to his duties as such deputy collector, to perform the duties of an inspector of the customs, without additional compensation. Such deputy to act as inspector, if, &c.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

JHAP. CCLXXIV. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to enable honorably discharged Soldiers and Sailors, their Widows and orphan Children, to acquire Homesteads on the public Lands of the United States," and the Amendments thereto.* March 3, 1873.
1872, ch. 85.
Ante, p. 49.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section two of the act entitled "An act to amend an act relating to soldiers' and sailors' homesteads," approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, be amended so as to read as follows: That any person entitled under the provisions of the foregoing sections to enter a homestead, who may have heretofore entered under the homestead laws a quantity of land less than one hundred and sixty acres, shall be permitted to enter so much land as, when added to the quantity previously entered, shall not exceed one hundred and sixty acres. Persons entitled to a homestead, who have heretofore entered less than 160 acres, may make up the difference.
1872, ch. 338, § 2.
Ante, p. 333.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCLXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of the State of Connecticut and other States.* March 3, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed out of any money appropriated to continue the settlement of accounts presented under the act of July twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to pay to the governor of Connecticut, or to his duly-authorized agents, any amounts advanced by the said State in payment of chaplains, extra surgeons, or assistant surgeons employed by said State in said capacities during the late war; the said claims to be settled by the proper accounting officers of the treasury upon vouchers filed: *Provided,* That certificates of actual employment are filed with the accounts. Payment to Connecticut for amounts advanced during the late war for chaplains, extra surgeons, &c. upon proper vouchers.
1861, ch. 21.
Vol. xii. p. 276.

SEC. 2. That when the vouchers of other States for payments made to chaplains, extra surgeons, or assistant surgeons situated similarly with those of Connecticut are filed, the Treasury Department shall adjust and settle them according to the provisions of the foregoing section. Payments to other States, for like claims upon proper vouchers.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCLXXVI. — *An Act to authorize the Interment of honorably discharged Soldiers, Sailors and, Marines in the national Cemeteries of the United States.* March 3, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That honorably discharged soldiers sailors or marines who served during the late war either in the regular or volunteer forces, dying subsequent to the passage of this act may be buried in any national cemetery of the United States free of cost and their graves shall receive the same care and attention as the graves of those already buried. The production of the honorable discharge of the deceased shall be authority for the superintendent of the cemetery to permit the interment. Honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines, hereafter dying, may be buried in national cemeteries.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCLXXVII. — *An Act to encourage the Growth of Timber on western Prairies.* March 3, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who shall plant, protect, and keep in a healthy, growing condition for ten years forty acres of timber, the trees thereon not being more than twelve feet apart each Persons planting, &c., for ten years forty acres of timber on any