seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, shall be extended for the
term of one year, without compliance with the conditions prescribed
by the Act entitled "An Act to regulate and improve the civil service,"
approved January sixteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, pro-
vided they are otherwise competent.
SEC. 4. That the appropriations herein made for the officers, clerks,
and persons employed in the public service shall not be available for
the compensation of any persons permanently incapacitated for per-
forming such service. The establishment of a civil pension roll or an
honorable service roll, or the exemption of any of the officers, clerks,
and persons in the public service from the existing laws respecting
employment in such service, is hereby prohibited: Provided, That the
thirty days' annual leave of absence with pay in any one year to clerks
and employees in the several Executive Departments authorized by
existing law shall be exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays.
SEC. 5. That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with this Act are
repealed.
Approved, February 24, 1899.

March 25, 1899.

CHAP. 189.—An Act For the relief of certain homestead settlers in Florida.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That any qualified homestead
claimant who was in good faith actually occupying a homestead claim
under the laws of the United States in the State of Florida in the month
of September, anno Domini eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and who
was by, through, or on account of a storm which passed through said
State during said month driven from or compelled to leave and to remain
away from such homestead, may within one year from the passage of
this Act return to such homestead claim and proceed to perfect title
thereto as though absence therefrom had not occurred.
Approved, February 25, 1899.

February 25, 1899.

CHAP. 190.—An Act Authorizing the President to appoint additional cadets at
large at the United States Naval Academy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he
is hereby, authorized and empowered to appoint during the present
fiscal year five cadets at large at the United States Naval Academy,
to be in addition to the number heretofore authorized by law, said
appointments to be subject to the conditions and requirements of
existing laws and regulations.
Approved, February 25, 1899.

February 25, 1899.

CHAP. 191.—An Act To permit volunteer regiments to retain their colors.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be,
and he is hereby, authorized to permit volunteer regiments, on being
mustered out of the service of the United States, to retain all of their
regimental colors. Said colors shall be turned over to the State
authorities to which said regiments belong, and the regimental quar-
termaster in making his returns may, in lieu of said colors and in full
release therefor, file with the proper official of the War Department a
receipt from the quartermaster-general of said State that said colors
have been delivered to said State authorities.
Approved, February 25, 1899.