

with the Government, if in his opinion desirable, at such compensation as he may consider reasonable.

SEC. 3. That for carrying into effect the preceding paragraphs relating to additional hospital and outpatient dispensary facilities there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$17,000,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended. That not to exceed 3 per centum of this sum shall be available for the employment in the District of Columbia and in the field of necessary technical and clerical assistants at the customary rates of compensation, exclusively to aid in the preparation of the plans and specifications for the projects authorized herein and for the supervision of the execution thereof, and for traveling expenses, field-office equipment and supplies in connection therewith.

SEC. 4. That all hospital facilities under the control and jurisdiction of the United States Veterans' Bureau shall be available for veterans of the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, and the Boxer Rebellion, suffering from neuropsychiatric and tubercular ailments and diseases.

Approved, April 20, 1922.

Amount authorized to be appropriated.
Post, p. 507.

Allowance for technical assistance, supplies, etc.

Facilities extended to Spanish War, etc., veterans.

CHAP. 135.—An Act Authorizing the Comptroller General of the United States to allow credits to and relieve certain disbursing officers of the War and Navy Departments in the settlement of certain accounts.

April 21, 1922.
[H. R. 10429.]
[Public, No. 195.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he hereby is authorized, through such officer as he may designate, and within two years from the passage of this Act, (a) to relieve disbursing officers or special disbursing agents of the War and Navy Departments from accountability or responsibility for losses, occurring between April 6, 1917, and November 18, 1921, of funds, or of accounts, papers, records, vouchers, or data pertaining to said funds, for which said officers or agents were accountable or responsible; and (b) to allow credits, in the settlement of accounts of said officers or agents, for payments made in good faith on public account during said period, notwithstanding failure to comply with requirements of existing law or regulations pursuant thereto: *Provided*, That in cases of losses or payments involving more than \$1,000 the Comptroller General shall exercise the authority herein only upon the written recommendation of the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy, which recommendation shall also set forth the facts relative to such loss or payment: *Provided further*, That the Comptroller General in all cases shall certify that the transactions, expenditures, losses, or payments appear to be free from fraud or collusion.

World War service accounts.
Army and Navy disbursing officers relieved from losses incurred in.

Credits for irregular payments.

Proviso.
Requirement if over \$1,000 involved.

Freedom from fraud requisite.

Approved, April 21, 1922.

CHAP. 136.—An Act To advance Major Benjamin S. Berry to the permanent rank of major.

April 21, 1922.
[H. R. 2556.]
[Public, No. 196.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to place Major Benjamin S. Berry, United States Marine Corps, on the lineal list of officers of the Marine Corps, to take rank among the permanent majors of the Marine Corps, next after Lauren S. Willis, United States

Marine Corps.
Benjamin S. Berry advanced on list of majors.