SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That before the Secretary of the Treasury shall procure or erect the buildings provided for in the second section of this act, or commence operations under any of the provisions of the same, at San Francisco, State of California, it shall first be his duty to make a contract or contracts, for the erection of said buildings, and procuring the machinery necessary for the operations of said mint, at a sum or sums which shall not, in the whole, exceed the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, which said contract or contracts shall be secured by good and sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the said Secretary of the Treasury and the President of the United States.

Nothing to be done hereunder till buildings and machinery contracted for, at not more than $300,000.

Post. p. 96.

APPROVED, July 3, 1852.

CHAP. LV.—*An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the Punishment of Crimes in the District of Columbia."*

July 3, 1852.

1831, ch. 37. Preamble.

Whereas, it has been represented that so much of the third section of the act to which this act is an amendment, as provides a punishment for the maliciously, wilful, or fraudulent burning of stores, barns, or outhouses not adjoining a dwelling-house, has been construed to apply to the cases of burning such houses only when they contain merchandise, tobacco, grain, or hay, whereby offenders have escaped punishment for burning buildings in which none of said articles were kept,

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, if any person or persons shall maliciously, wilfully, or fraudulently, and with intent to injure or defraud any other person or persons, or body politic or corporate, burn, or set on fire with intent to burn, or attempt to set on fire or burn, any house or outhouse, in the District of Columbia, whether the same be finished or in process of erection, though the said house or outhouse shall not, at the time of such burning or setting on fire, or attempting to set on fire or burn, have any goods, tobacco, hay, or grain therein, nor be adjoining to any dwelling-house, nor be occupied or used for any purpose whatever; he, she, or they, on conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to suffer the same punishment and labor, as is provided in the said third section of the said act to which this is an amendment for the offences therein enumerated.

Penalty for burning or setting on fire with intent to burn or attempting to set on fire or burn any house or outhouse in the District of Colum. with intent to defraud.

1831, ch. 37.

APPROVED, July 3, 1852.

CHAP. LVII.—*An Act making Appropriations for the Payment of Invalid and other Pensions of the United States, for the Year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.*

July 12, 1852.

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, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three:—

Appropriations.

For invalid pensions, under various acts, four hundred thousand dollars.

For pensions for widows and orphans under the acts of July the fourth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and July the twenty-first, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, three hundred and seventy-seven thousand two hundred and forty dollars.

1836, ch. 362. 1848, ch. 108.

For pensions to widows, under the act of seventh July, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, ninety thousand dollars.

1838, ch. 189.

For pensions to widows, under the act of third March, eighteen hundred and forty-three, thirty thousand dollars.

1843, ch. 102.

For pensions to widows, under the acts of the seventeenth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-four, second of February, eighteen hundred and

1844, ch. 102.

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