private entry at the minimum price as he may select: *Provided*, That before receiving such new land, it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, that the land so allotted and patented to said soldier is unfit for cultivation, and that said soldier has never disposed of his interest in said land by any sale of his own, and that the same has not been taken or disposed of for his debts due to any individual, and that he shall release all his interest in the same to the United States in such way as said Commissioner shall prescribe, — and such surrender and location shall be made within five years from the passage of this act. Proviso.

APPROVED, January 7, 1853.

CHAP. IX. — *An Act for the Construction of Military Roads in Oregon Territory.* Jan. 7, 1853.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby appropriated, for the construction of military roads in the Territory of Oregon, to wit: for the construction of a road from Stilacoomb, on Puget's Sound to Fort Walla-Walla, twenty thousand dollars; and for the construction of a road from the mouth of Myrtle Creek, on the Umpqua River, to Camp Stuart, in Rogue River Valley, twenty thousand dollars; the said roads to be constructed under the direction of the Secretary of War, pursuant to contracts to be made by him. Appropriation for military roads in Oregon.

APPROVED, January 7, 1853.

CHAP. XVIII. — *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-four.* Jan. 20, 1853.

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-four;

For invalid pensions under various acts, four hundred and eighty thousand dollars;

For pensions to widows and orphans under the acts of July the fourth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and July the twenty-first, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, twenty-eight thousand dollars; 1836, ch. 362. 1848, ch. 108.

For pensions to widows under the act of seventh July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, ninety thousand dollars; 1838, ch. 189.

For pensions to widows under the act of third March one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, thirty thousand dollars; 1843, ch. 102.

For pensions to widows under the acts of the seventeenth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, second of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and twenty-ninth of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, two hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars; 1844, ch. 102. 1848, ch. 8. 1848, ch. 120.

For half-pay pensions to widows and orphans provided for by the eleventh section of an Act, approved January the twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, and the first and second sections of An Act, approved the sixteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, in addition to an unexpended balance, ten thousand dollars. 1813, ch. 16. 1816, ch. 55.

APPROVED, January 20, 1853.

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