Those now held to be discharged on filing a common appearance.

sum or sums of money due or claimed to be due by reason of any contract or agreement; and any person now held to bail or imprisoned, for want of bail, in any such action, suit, or proceeding, shall, on application to the Circuit Court of said District in term time, or to any judge thereof in vacation, be discharged on filing a common appearance.

Approved, February 3, 1853.

Feb. 3, 1853.

Chap. XLI.—*An Act to continue Half-Pay to certain Widows and Orphans.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all widows and orphans who were granted and allowed five years half-pay by the provisions of the act approved the twenty-first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, entitled "An act amending the act granting half-pay to widows or orphans where their husbands or fathers have died of wounds received in the military service of the United States, in case of deceased officers and soldiers of the militia and volunteers, passed July fourth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six," or an act approved the twenty-second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, entitled "An act granting five years half-pay to certain widows and orphans of officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, both regulars and volunteers," be and they are hereby granted a continuance of said half-pay, under like limitations and restrictions, for a further period of five years, to commence at the expiration of the half-pay provided for by the aforesaid acts: *Provided, however*, That in case of the death or marriage of such widow before the expiration of said term of five years, the half-pay for the remainder of the term shall go to the child or children of the deceased officer or soldier, whilst under the age of sixteen years; and in like manner, the child or children of such deceased, when there is no widow, shall be paid no longer than while there is a child or children under the age aforesaid: *And provided further*, That no greater sum shall be allowed in any case to the widow or the child or children of any officer than the half-pay of a Lieutenant-Colonel: *And provided further*, That the act approved the twenty-second of February, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, "granting five years half-pay to certain widows and orphans of officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, both regular and volunteer," be so extended and construed as to embrace the widows and minor heirs of the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the regulars, militia, and volunteers of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, and of the various Indian wars since seventeen hundred and ninety.

Half-pay granted by acts of 1848, ch. 108, or 1836, ch. 362, or 1849, ch. 62, continued for five years.

Provisos.

Act of 1849, ch. 62, extended to other widows and heirs.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the widows of all officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the Revolutionary army, who were married subsequent to January, anno Domini eighteen hundred, shall be entitled to a pension in the same manner as those who were married before that date.

Pensions of widows of revolutionary soldiers.

Approved, February 3, 1853.

Feb. 3, 1853.

Chap. LVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Brevet Brigadier-General Bennett Riley, and to enable him to settle his Accounts with the United States.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the act approved the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, entitled "An act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of public officers, and others who may have received moneys arising from military contributions or otherwise in Mexico," be and they are hereby applied to Brevet Brigadier-General Bennett Riley, in reference to all moneys raised and collected by him, for contributions, penalties, internal assess-

Provisions of Act 1849, ch. 126, to be applied to accounts of General Riley.

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