CHAP. XXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of the United States Troops who were Sufferers by the recent Disaster to the Steamship San Francisco.* March 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be paid, under the direction of the President, to each of the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, who, on the twenty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, embarked at New York, under orders for California, on the steamship San Francisco, and who was on board that vessel on the occasion of her recent disaster at sea, and to Lieutenant Francis Key Murray, and any other officer or seaman of the United States' navy, who was on board the said steamship, under orders, a sum equal in amount to his pay and allowances for eight months. Payment to certain persons on board the San Francisco.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any such officer, non-commissioned officer, musician, or private, shall have died before receiving such payment, from any cause consequent upon said disaster, his widow, if one survive him, and if not, then his minor children, if any there be, shall be paid a sum equal in amount to six months' pay, and allowances of the deceased. And that the widows and minor children of those officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates, who perished by this disaster, or who died from disease in consequence thereof, shall be allowed pensions in the same manner in all respects as if the said officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates had been killed in battle. In case of death to whom payment is to be made.

APPROVED, March 27, 1854.

CHAP. XXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Settlers on Lands reserved for Railroad Purposes.* March 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every settler on public lands which have been or may be withdrawn from market in consequence of proposed railroads, and who had settled thereon prior to such withdrawal, shall be entitled to preëmption at the ordinary minimum to the lands settled on and cultivated by them: *Provided*, They shall prove up their rights according to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, and pay for the same before the day that may be fixed by the President's proclamation for the restoration of said lands to market. Preëmption rights on lands reserved on account of proposed railroads.

APPROVED, March 27, 1854.

CHAP. XXVI.—*An Act to amend an Act, entitled "An Act to Divide the State of Arkansas into Two Judicial Districts," approved March the third, eighteen hundred and fifty-one.* March 27, 1854. 1851, ch. 24.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon conviction of offenders in the Western Judicial District of the State of Arkansas, for offences to which, punishment by confinement in the penitentiary is annexed, it shall be lawful for the court before whom convictions have or may be had, to sentence convicts to undergo imprisonment in the Penitentiary House of the State situated in the Eastern Judicial District, in the same manner as though the Penitentiary House was situated in the Western Judicial District of the State of Arkansas; and the counties of Sevier and Sebastian in the said State, are hereby added to, and made a part of the said Western Judicial District. Prisoners, where sentenced to. Limits of Western District.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That when any person shall be convicted in the District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, of any offence committed after the passage of this act, the punishment or part of the punishment whereof is imprisonment by the laws now existing, the said punishment or part of the punishment shall be confinement Sentence to hard labor.

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