Promotion of non-commissioned officers.

States be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to confer the brevet of second lieutenant upon such meritorious non-commissioned officers, as may, under regulations to be established, be brought before an army board, composed of four officers of rank, specially convened for the purpose, and be found qualified for the duties of commissioned officers; and to attach them to regiments, as supernumerary officers, according to the provisions of the fourth section of the act approved April twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and twelve, entitled "An act making further provision for the corps of engineers."

1812, ch. 72.

Allowance for fatigue duty.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the allowance to soldiers employed at work on fortifications, in surveys, in cutting roads, and other constant labor, of not less than ten days, authorized by the act approved March second, eighteen hundred and nineteen, entitled "An act to regulate the pay of the army when employed on fatigue duty," be increased to twenty-five cents per day for men employed as laborers and teamsters, and forty cents per day, when employed as mechanics, at all stations east of the Rocky Mountains, and to thirty-five cents and fifty cents per day, respectively, when the men are employed at stations west of those mountains.

1819, ch. 45.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

Aug. 4, 1854.

CHAP. CCXLVIII.—*An Act to Repeal the first proviso of the fourth section of the act entitled "An Act granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States," approved September twenty-eighth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.*

1854, ch. 273.

Members of Congress entitled to benefit of act of 1850, ch. 85.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first proviso of the fourth section of the act entitled "An act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States," approved September twenty-eighth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

Aug. 4, 1854.

CHAP. CCXLIX.—*An Act to extend the Right of Pre-emption over Unsurveyed Lands in Minnesota, and for other purposes.*

Preëmption rights in Minnesota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the pre-emption act of fourth September, eighteen hundred and forty-one, and the acts amendatory thereof, shall be extended to the lands in Minnesota Territory, whether surveyed or not; but in all cases where pre-emption is claimed on unsurveyed lands the settler shall file his declaratory statement within three months after the survey has been made and returned, and make proof and payment before the day appointed by the President's proclamation for the commencement of the sale of the lands, including the tract claimed: *Provided, however*, That if, when said lands are surveyed, it is found that two or more persons have settled upon the same quarter section, each shall be permitted to enter his improvement, as near as may be, by legal subdivisions.

1841, ch. 16.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

Aug. 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLXVII.—*An Act making Appropriations for the Support of the Army for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.*

Appropriations.

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 support of the army for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five:

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