seniority at the time, upon a list in the Navy Register, to be entitled the reserved list; and those so placed on the reserved list shall receive the leave of absence pay, or the furlough pay, to which they may be entitled when so placed, according to the report of the board and approval of the President, and shall be ineligible to further promotion, but shall be subject to the orders of the Navy Department at all times for duty; and vacancies created in the active service list by placing officers on the reserved list, shall be filled by regular promotion in the order of rank or seniority. And officers who may be promoted to fill the vacancies created by the reserved list shall, while unemployed, receive only the "leave of absence" or "waiting orders" pay to which they would have been entitled if such promotion had not been made; but when employed at sea, or on other duty, they shall receive, in addition to such "leave of absence" or "waiting orders" pay, the difference between the "waiting orders" or "leave of absence" pay and the lowest sea-service pay of the grade to which they may be so promoted: *Provided*, That this scrutiny and reservation of officers shall extend only to the grades of captain, commander, lieutenant, masters, and passed midshipmen: *And provided, further*, That all vacancies occurring in the grade of masters shall be filled by the promotion of the senior passed midshipmen, to be entitled masters in the line of promotion, who when promoted shall receive the pay allowed by law to masters; that the number of masters in the line of promotion shall not exceed sixty, and that nothing in this act contained shall be held or construed to authorize any increase of the aggregate pay of the said grades, or of the naval service, as now allowed by law.

Promotion of those not on reserved list.

Pay of officers.

Provisos.

Masters.

Pay of officers.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to restrict, apply to, or impair the regular promotion of officers in the service list of the navy who may be at any time entitled to promotion — consequent upon deaths, dismissals, or resignations, in the naval service, — nor in any manner to abridge or impair the right of the Secretary of the Navy to place any officers upon furlough.

Restriction of operation of this act.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to increase the aggregate number of officers, and that all laws or clauses of laws, so far as they conflict with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Number of officers not to be increased.

APPROVED, February 28, 1855.

CHAP. CXXVIII.—*An Act making an Appropriation for Military Defences at Proctor's Landing, in Louisiana.*

Feb. 28, 1855.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, in the purchase of a site, and the erection and completion of such military defences, as may be deemed expedient, at Proctor's Landing, at the terminus of the Mexican Gulf railway, in the State of Louisiana.

Appropriation for defences at Proctor's Landing.

APPROVED, February 28, 1855.

CHAP. CXXIX.—*An Act to provide for the Payment of such Creditors of the late Republic of Texas as are comprehended in the Act of Congress of September nine, eighteen hundred and fifty.*

Feb. 28, 1855.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in lieu of the sum of five millions of dollars, payable to the State of Texas, in five per cent. stock of the United States, by the act entitled "An act proposing to the State of Texas the establishment of her northern and western boundaries,

Payment to creditors of Texas in lieu of the payment provided by act of 1850, ch. 49.

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