lieutenants, acting paymasters, acting assistant surgeons, acting masters and masters' mates, are hereby ratified and confirmed as temporary acting appointments, until the return of the vessels in which they are respectively employed, or until the suppression of the present insurrection, as may be deemed necessary; and the rate of compensation allowed for the several grades specified is hereby legalized and approved.

Secretary of Navy confirmed, &c.

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SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing act, and to suppress piracy, and render more effective the closing of the ports of the insurgents, there be appropriated and placed at the disposal of the Navy Department the sum of three millions of dollars.

Appropriation.

APPROVED, July 24, 1861.

CHAP. XIV. — *An Act for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Officers, Seamen, and Marines of the United States Sloop-of-war Levant, and for other Purposes.*

July 24, 1861.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of fixing the time at which shall commence the pensions under the existing laws, of the widows and orphan children of the officers, seamen, marines, and others in service, who were lost in the United States sloop-of-war Levant, as well as the time to which the pay of said officers, seamen, marines, and others in the service, shall be allowed, the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, shall be deemed and taken to be the day on which the said sloop-of-war Levant foundered at sea.

The Levant to be deemed as lost June 30, 1861, for certain purposes.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the widow, or child, or children, and in case there shall be no widow, or child, or children, (as aforesaid,) then the parent or parents, and if there be no parents, the brothers and sisters of the officers, seamen, marines, and others in service, who were lost in said sloop-of-war Levant, including captain's clerk and assistant draughtsman, shall be entitled to and receive, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to twelve months' pay of their respective deceased relations aforesaid, in addition to the pay due to the said deceased at the date of the loss of said vessel.

Additional pay to widows and children, &c. of those lost.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department be, and are hereby, authorized and directed to settle the accounts of Andrew J. Watson, late purser in the navy, who was lost in the sloop-of-war Levant, with all his accounts and vouchers for expenditures and payments made by him, and with all the money, stores, and supplies procured for the use of said vessel and to allow him a credit for whatever sum appears to be due from him on the books of the Department.

Accounts of Andrew J. Watson to be settled.

APPROVED, July 24, 1861.

CHAP. XV. — *An Act for the Relief of certain Musicians and Soldiers stationed at Fort Sumter, in South Carolina.*

July 24, 1861.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of eleven hundred and fifty dollars to remunerate soldiers and members of the band stationed at Fort Sumter, in South Carolina, for losses of private property incurred in the removal from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter, on the evening of December twenty-six, eighteen hundred and sixty; said sum to be distributed as follows, namely: To the band, four hundred dollars; to company E, first artillery, five hundred dollars; to company H, first artillery, two hundred and fifty dollars; and to be divided among the members of said band and

Certain musicians and soldiers at Fort Sumter to be paid for losses of private property.

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