that no party shall, by virtue of this act, be debarred of his remedy by suit or prosecution until two years from and after the passage of this act.

Approved, March 3, 1863.

March 3, 1863.

Chap. LXXXII. — *An Act to authorize the Brevetting of Volunteer and other Officers in the United States Service.*

Brevet rank of volunteer and other officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to confer brevet rank upon such commissioned officers of the volunteer and other forces in the United States service as have been, or may hereafter be, distinguished by gallant actions or meritorious conduct; which rank shall not entitle them to any increase of pay or emoluments.

Pay, &c., not increased.

Approved, March 3, 1863.

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Chap. LXXXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of certain Persons who have performed the Duties of Assistant Surgeons in Regiments of Cavalry.*

Pay of those acting as assistant surgeons of cavalry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That physicians and surgeons who have since the second day of July last been duly appointed and commissioned as second assistant surgeons in volunteer regiments of cavalry, and as such have been duly mustered into the military service of the United States, and actually performed the duties appertaining to that office, shall be paid therefor in like manner and upon like proof as other assistant surgeons of cavalry: *Provided*, That not more than two assistant surgeons to each regiment shall be allowed and paid for services performed at one and the same time.

Proviso.

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1861, ch. 9. *Ante*, p. 268.

Chap. LXXXIV. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Employment of Volunteers to aid in enforcing the Laws, and protecting Public Property," approved July twenty-two, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.*

Persons discharged within two years of enlistment, by reason of wounds, &c., entitled to bounty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every non-commissioned officer, private, or other person who has been or shall hereafter be discharged from the army of the United States, within two years from the date of their enlistment, by reason of wounds received in battle, shall be entitled to receive the same bounty as is granted or may be granted to the same classes of persons who are discharged after a service of two years; and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this, are hereby repealed.

Repealing clause.

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Chap. LXXXV. — *An Act concerning Letters of Marque, Prizes, and Prize Goods.*

President may issue letters of marque, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all domestic and foreign wars the President of the United States is authorized to issue to private armed vessels of the United States, commissions, or letters of marque and general reprisal in such form as he shall think proper, and under the seal of the United States, and make all needful rules and regulations for the government and conduct thereof, and for the adjudication and disposal of the prizes and salvages made by such vessels: *Provided*, That the authority conferred by this act shall cease and terminate at the end of three years from the passage of this act.

Rules for adjudication, &c., of prizes.

Authority, when to cease.

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