any order in imitation of or purporting to be a money-order issued by one postmaster upon another postmaster; or shall falsely alter, or cause or procure to be altered, or willingly aid, or assist in falsely altering, any money-order issued as aforesaid; or shall pass, utter, or publish, or attempt to pass, utter, or publish, as true, any false, forged, or counterfeited order, purporting to be a money-order as aforesaid, knowing the same to be falsely forged or counterfeited; or shall pass, utter, or publish, or attempt to pass, utter, or publish, as true, any falsely altered money-order, issued as aforesaid, knowing the same to be falsely altered, with an intent to defraud, every such person shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of felony, and being thereof convicted, shall be sentenced to be imprisoned and kept at hard labor for a period of not less than three years, nor more than ten years, and be fined in a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

Penalty for altering,

for knowingly uttering.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of carrying on the business of the money-order offices, and keeping and settling their accounts, the Postmaster-General may appoint, in his department, one superintendent of the money-order system, at an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars, and three clerks, to wit: one of class four and two of class three. And the Secretary of the Treasury may, from time to time, appoint in the office of the auditor of the treasury for the post-office department, the necessary clerks, in all not to exceed six, to wit: one of class four and five of class two. And to provide for the compensation of the said superintendent and clerks for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, the sum of seventeen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. And the Postmaster-General is further authorized to cause such additional clerks to be employed in the money-order offices as he may find necessary for conducting the operations of the money-order system, whose compensation shall be paid out of the proceeds of the money-order business: *Provided, however*, That to meet any deficiency that may arise in the amount of such proceeds during the first year, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Superintendent of money-order system and clerks may be appointed.

Salary.

Appropriation.

Additional clerks.

Appropriation.

APPROVED, May 17, 1864.

CHAP. LXXXIX. — *An Act to appoint certain Officers of the Navy.*

May 17, 1864.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for and during the present insurrection, the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, is hereby authorized to appoint acting lieutenant commanders and acting commanders, who shall have the same rate of compensation as is allowed to officers of similar grade in the navy.

Acting lieutenant commanders and commanders may be appointed; — pay.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the proviso in section ten, chapter one hundred and eighty-three, of an act to establish and equalize the grade of line officers of the United States navy, approved July sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and that said section shall read as follows: —

Proviso in § 10 ch. 183, act of 1862 repealed. Vol. xii. p. 584

Substitute therefor.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That any person who shall have received, or shall hereafter receive, a temporary appointment as acting volunteer lieutenant or acting master in the navy, from civil life, authorized by act of congress of July twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, may be confirmed in said appointment in the navy and placed in the line of promotion, from the date of said confirmation, if, upon the recommendation of the President, he receives the thanks of congress for highly meritorious conduct in conflict with the enemy. Seamen distinguishing themselves in battle, or by extraordinary heroism in the line of their profession, may be promoted to forward warrant officers or acting

Acting volunteer lieutenants and masters may be confirmed and put in line of promotion.

Seamen may be promoted and receive a gratuity and medal of honor.

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masters' mates, as they may be best qualified, upon the recommendation of their commanding officer, approved by the flag-officer and the department. Upon such promotion, they shall receive a gratuity of one hundred dollars, and a medal of honor to be prepared by the navy department.

Approved, May 17, 1864.

May 20, 1864.

Chap. XCII. — *An Act to organize a Regiment of Veteran Volunteer Engineers.*

Regiment of veteran volunteer engineers may be enlisted and organized.

1865, ch. 79, § 7. *Post*, p. 488.

1861, ch. 42, § 4. Vol. xii. p. 287.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to enlist, out of any volunteer forces in the army of the Cumberland, that have served, or are now serving, as pioneers, pontoniers, or engineers, to serve wherever required for three years, or during the war, to consist of ten companies, and to have the same organization, pay, and emoluments as are allowed to engineer soldiers under the provisions of the fourth section of an act entitled "An act providing for the better organization of the military establishment," approved August third, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

Officers, appointment, commissions, pay, and allowances.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers of the engineers authorized to be raised under the provisions of the foregoing section shall be appointed and commissioned by the President of the United States, on the recommendation of the commander of the army of the Cumberland, and shall receive the same pay and allowances as engineer officers of similar grade in the regular army.

Approved, May 20, 1864.

May 21, 1864.

Chap. XCIII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Naval Service for the Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and for other Purposes.*

Navy appropriation.

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 they are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-five:—

Pay.

For pay of commission, warrant, and petty officers and seamen, including the engineer corps of the navy, nineteen millions four hundred and twenty-three thousand two hundred and forty-one dollars.

Repair, &c. of vessels.

For repair and maintenance of vessels of the navy, labor, materials, and stores, eleven millions five hundred thousand dollars.

Completion of steam screw sloops.

For the completion of sixteen fast steam screw sloops-of-war, seven millions two hundred thousand dollars.

Vessels for western waters; for naval and blockading purposes.

For the purchase, construction, and repairs of vessels, materials, and labor, for the western waters, four millions of dollars.

For the purchase and charter of vessels for naval and blockading purposes, three millions of dollars.

For extra labor, expense of repairs, and so forth, on foreign stations, six hundred thousand dollars.

Bounty.

For payment of the three months' bounty to seamen and ordinary seamen under the joint resolution of February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, five hundred thousand dollars.

Armored plated vessels.

For the completion of armored plated vessels, three million six hundred thousand dollars.

Hemp and fuel.

For the purchase of hemp and other materials for the navy, seven hundred thousand dollars.

For fuel for the navy, and for the transportation and expenses thereof, three millions eight hundred and forty thousand dollars.

For the equipment of vessels in the navy, viz:—

Equipment.

For the purchase of various articles of equipment, viz: canvas, leather,