

CHAP. XXXII. — *An Act to provide for the Payment of Pensions.*

Feb. 5, 1867.

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 shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to establish agencies for the payment of pensions granted by the United States, wherever, in his judgment, the public interests and the convenience of the pensioners require, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint all pension agents, who shall hold their offices for the term of four years and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified, and who shall give bond, with good and sufficient sureties, for such amount and in such form as the Secretary of the Interior may approve: *Provided,* That the number of pension agencies in any State or Territory shall, in no case, be increased hereafter so as to exceed three, and that no such agency shall be established in addition to those now existing in any State or Territory in which the whole amount of pensions paid during the fiscal year next preceding shall not have exceeded the sum of five hundred thousand dollars: *And provided further,* That the term of office of all pension agents appointed since the first day of July, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-six, shall expire at the end of thirty days from the passage of this act; and the commissions of all other pension agents now in office shall continue for four years from the passage of this act, unless such agents are sooner removed.

Agencies for payment of pensions may be established.

Pension agents, their appointment, term of office, bond.

Limit of number of pension agencies in any State or Territory.

Official term of present pension agents.

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CHAP. XXXIV. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to receive into the Treasury the residuary Legacy of James Smithson, to authorize the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to apply the Income of the said Legacy, and for other Purposes.*

Feb. 8, 1867.

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 is hereby, authorized and directed to receive into the Treasury, on the same terms as the original bequest, the residuary legacy of James Smithson, now in United States bonds, in the hands of said Secretary, namely: twenty-six thousand two hundred and ten dollars and sixty-three cents, together with such other sums as the regents may from time to time see fit to deposit, not exceeding, with the original bequest, the sum of one million dollars.

Residuary legacy of James Smithson may be received on same terms as the original bequest.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the increase which has accrued, or which may hereafter accrue, from said residuary legacy, shall be applied by the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution in the same manner as the interest on the original bequest, in accordance with the provisions of the act of August tenth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, establishing said Institution.

Interest of such legacy, how to be applied.

1846, ch. 178.
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CHAP. XXXVI. — *An Act for the Admission of the State of Nebraska into the Union.*

Feb. 9, 1867

WHEREAS, on the *twenty-first* [nineteenth] day of *March*, [April], anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-four, Congress passed an act to enable the people of Nebraska to form a constitution and State government, and offered to admit said State, when so formed, into the Union, upon compliance with certain conditions therein specified; and whereas it appears that the said people have adopted a constitution which, upon due examination, is found to conform to the provisions and comply with the conditions of said act, and to be republican in its form of government, and that they now ask for admission into the Union: Therefore—

Preamble.
1864, ch. 59.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the constitution and State government which the people of Nebraska have formed for themselves be,

Nebraska declared to be one