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CHAP. XXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of certain Soldiers and Sailors therein designated.*

Certain soldiers and sailors not to be deemed deserters from the army or navy, so as to lose their citizenship.

Forfeitures of pay, &c. not remitted.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no soldier or sailor shall be taken or held to be a deserter from the army or navy who faithfully served according to his enlistment until the nineteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and who, without proper authority or leave first obtained, did quit his command or refuse to serve after said date; but nothing herein contained shall operate as a remission of any forfeiture incurred by any such soldier or sailor of his pay, bounty, pension, or other allowances, but this act shall be construed solely as a removal of any disability such soldier or sailor may have incurred by the loss of his citizenship in consequence of his desertion.

Approved, July 19, 1867.

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CHAP. XXIX. — *An Act to establish certain Post-Roads.*

Post roads established in Maine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following be established as post routes:

MAINE.

From Kennebunk, via Kennebunkport, to Cape Neddick.
From Biddeford to Saco Pool.

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1867, ch. 153. Vol. xiv. p. 428. *Ante*, p. 2. *Post*, pp. 29, 30.

CHAP. XXX. — *An Act supplementary to an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the more efficient Government of the Rebel States," passed on the second day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and the Act supplementary thereto, passed on the twenty-third day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.*

Meaning of chap. 153 of acts of 1867, &c. declared.

Governments in certain rebel states declared not to be legal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is hereby declared to have been the true intent and meaning of the act of the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, entitled "An act to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel States," and of the act supplementary thereto, passed on the twenty-third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, that the governments then existing in the rebel States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, Texas, and Arkansas were not legal State governments; and that thereafter said governments, if continued, were to be continued subject in all respects to the military commanders of the respective districts, and to the paramount authority of Congress.

Commander of district may suspend or remove any civil or military officer, subject, &c. and may appoint to the vacancy.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the commander of any district named in said act shall have power, subject to the disapproval of the General of the army of the United States, and to have effect till disapproved, whenever in the opinion of such commander the proper administration of said act shall require it, to suspend or remove from office, or from the performance of official duties and the exercise of official powers, any officer or person holding or exercising, or professing to hold or exercise, any civil or military office or duty in such district under any power, election, appointment or authority derived from, or granted by, or claimed under, any so-called State or the government thereof, or any municipal or other division thereof, and upon such suspension or removal such commander, subject to the disapproval of the General as aforesaid, shall have power to provide from time to time for the performance of the said duties of such officer or person so suspended or removed, by the detail of some competent officer or soldier of the army, or by the appointment of some other person, to perform the same, and to fill vacancies occasioned by death, resignation, or otherwise.

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