regions where a proper location would place the said Vigil and St. Vrain claims, and that the expense of the same shall be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; yet, before the confirmation of the said act of June twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty, shall become legally effective, the said Vigil and St. Vrain, or their legal representatives, shall pay the cost of so much of said surveys as enures to their benefit respectively, and that all settlers of the said third class, whose claims may be adjusted as valid, shall have the right to enter their improvements by a strict compliance with the pre-emption or homestead laws.

Cost thereof.

Improvements of certain settlers.

Plats to claimants.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That upon the adjustment of the Vigil and St. Vrain claims according to the provisions of this act, it shall be the duty of the surveyor-general of the district to furnish proper approved plats to said claimants, or their legal representatives, and so in like manner to said derivative claimants, which shall be evidence of title, the same to be done according to such instructions as may be given by the commissioner of the general land office.

Surveyor-general to give notice that the survey is being made.

Claimants to select and locate claims within, &c. three months, or be held to have abandoned them.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That immediately upon running the lines as provided in section second of this act, the surveyor-general of said district shall notify the said Vigil and St. Vrain, or their agents or legal representatives, of the fact of such survey being made, and said claimants shall, within three months after notice of such survey, select and locate their said claims in accordance with such survey and the provisions of this act and of the act to which this is amendatory, so far as the same is not changed by this act, and shall within said time furnish the surveyor-general with the description of such location, specifying the lines of the same. And the party failing to make such selection and location, in such manner and within such time, shall be deemed and held to have abandoned their claim, and their rights and equities under this act, and the act to which this is amendatory, shall cease and terminate.

No suit to be brought if, &c.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That in case of the neglect or refusal of the said Vigil and St. Vrain, or either of them, to accept of the provisions of this act, and the act to which this is amendatory, and to locate their said claims, as provided therein, no suit shall be brought or proceedings instituted in any of the courts of the United States, by such party or by any one claiming through or under them, to establish or enforce said claims, or for any cause of action founded upon the same, after six months from the passage of this act.

Approved, February 25, 1869.

March 1, 1869.

CHAP. XLVIII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Naval Service for the Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy.*

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 seventy:

Pay of officers and seamen.

For pay of commission, warrant, and petty officers and seamen, seven millions of dollars.

Bureau of yards and docks.

Bureau of Yards and Docks. — For contingent expenses that may accrue for the following purposes, viz:

For freight and transportation; for printing, advertising, and stationery; for books, models, and drawings; for the purchase and repair of fire-engines; for machinery of every description; for purchase and maintenance of oxen and horses, and driving teams; for carts, timber-wheels, and workmen's tools; for telegrams and postage of letters on public service; for furniture for government offices and houses; for candles, oil, and gas; for cleaning and clearing up yards; for flags, awnings, and packing-boxes;

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for rent of landings; for tolls and ferriages; for water-tax, and for rent of stores, eight hundred thousand dollars.

Navy Yard at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. — For the necessary repairs of all kinds, fifty thousand dollars. Navy Yard at Portsmouth;

Navy Yard at Boston. — For repairs of buildings, and repairs of all kinds, one hundred thousand dollars. Boston;

Navy Yard at New York. — For repairs of all kinds, one hundred thousand dollars. New York;

Navy Yard at Philadelphia. — For repairs of all kinds, twenty-five thousand dollars. Philadelphia;

Navy Yard at Washington. — For repairs of all kinds, fifty thousand dollars. Washington;

Navy Yard at Norfolk. — For preservation of the yard and the necessary repairs of all kinds, thirty thousand dollars. Norfolk;

Navy Yard at Pensacola. — For preservation of the yard and the necessary repairs of all kinds, thirty thousand dollars. Pensacola;

Navy Yard at Mare Island. — For repairs of all kinds, sixty thousand dollars. Mare Island.

Naval Station at Sackett's Harbor. — For repairs and the general care of the public property, one thousand dollars. Naval station at Sackett's Harbor;

Naval Station at Mound City, Illinois. — For necessary repairs of all kinds, five thousand dollars. Mound City.

Naval Asylum at Philadelphia. — For furniture and repairs of same, one thousand dollars. Naval Asylum.

For house-cleaning and whitewashing, eight hundred dollars.

For furnaces, grates, and ranges, six hundred dollars.

For gas and water rent, one thousand two hundred dollars.

For general improvement and repairs, five thousand dollars.

For cemetery, five hundred dollars.

For support of beneficiaries, fifty-four thousand dollars: *Provided*, That this appropriation and all amounts hereafter appropriated for the support of the naval asylum at Philadelphia, the beneficiaries therein, the pay of officers, repairs, contingent and other expenses, shall be charged to and paid from the income of the naval pension fund. Appropriations for naval asylum to be paid from income of naval pension fund.

For pay of superintendents and the civil establishment at the several navy yards and stations under the control of the bureau of yards and docks, and at the Navy Asylum, fifty thousand dollars. Civil establishment at navy yards.

Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting. — For the purchase of hemp and other material for the navy; for the purchase of coal and the transportation and other expenses thereon; for the purchase of various articles of equipment, viz: wire rope and machinery for its manufacture, hides, cordage, canvas, leather, iron cables and anchors, furniture, galleys, and hose, and for the payment of labor for equipping vessels, and manufacture of articles in the navy yards pertaining to this bureau, eight hundred thousand dollars. Bureau of equipment and recruiting;

For expenses that may accrue for the following purposes, viz:

For freight and transportation of materials and stores for bureau of equipment and recruiting, expenses of recruiting, transportation of enlisted men, printing, postage, advertising, telegraphing, and stationery for the bureau, apprehension of deserters, assistance to vessels in distress, two hundred thousand dollars.

For the pay of superintendents and the civil establishment at the several navy yards under this bureau, eighteen thousand dollars.

Bureau of Navigation. — For navigation apparatus and supplies, and for purposes incidental to navigation, viz: of navigation.

For pay of the civil establishment under this bureau at the several navy yards, twelve thousand dollars.

For local and foreign pilotage and towage for vessels of war, fifty thousand dollars.

Bureau of navigation.

For text-books, stationery, instruments, and furniture used in instructing naval apprentices, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For services and materials for correcting compasses on board of vessels, and for testing compasses on shore, three thousand dollars.

For nautical and astronomical instruments, for nautical books, maps, and charts, and sailing directions, and for repairs of nautical instruments for vessels of war, ten thousand dollars.

For books for libraries of ships of war, three thousand dollars.

For navy signals and apparatus, other than signal flags, namely, signal lanterns, lights, rockets, and apparatus of all kinds for signal purposes, for drawings and engravings for signal books, six thousand dollars.

For compass fittings, including binnacles, pedestals, and other appurtenances of ships' compasses, to be made in the yards, three thousand dollars.

For appliances for measuring ships' way and sounding, as logs, log lines, log reels, log paper, and sand glasses, for leads, lead reels, lead lines, armings for leads, and other sounding apparatus, and for running lights, (side and head lanterns prescribed by law,) three thousand dollars.

For lamps and lanterns of all kinds for binnacles, standard compasses, and tops, for lamps for cabins, ward-room, and other quarters for officers, and for decks, holds, and store-rooms, and for lamp-wicks, chimneys, shades, and other appendages, six thousand dollars.

For bunting and other material for flags, and for making and repairing flags of all kinds for the navy, three thousand dollars.

For oil for vessels of war, candles, chimneys, wick, and soap, other than for engineer department, forty thousand dollars.

For commanders' and navigators' stationery for vessels of war, five thousand dollars.

For musical instruments and music of flag-ships for vessels of war, one thousand dollars.

For freight and transportation of navigation materials, instruments, books, and stores, postage on public letters, telegraphing on public business, advertising for proposals, packing-boxes and material, blank-books, forms, and stationery at navigation offices, eight thousand dollars.

For preparing and publishing maps, charts, nautical books, and other hydrographic information, twenty thousand dollars.

Naval academy.

For expenses of naval academy, viz:

For pay of professors and others, sixty thousand dollars.

For pay of watchmen and others, forty-five thousand two hundred and ninety-four dollars.

For contingent expenses, sixty-one thousand four hundred and fifty dollars.

For necessary repairs of quarters, eight thousand six hundred and eighty dollars.

For support of department of steam enginery, and for pay of mechanics and laborers, five thousand dollars.

Naval observatory.

For expenses of naval observatory, viz:

For wages of one instrument-maker, one messenger, one porter, and three watchmen; for keeping grounds in order and repairs to buildings and enclosures; for fuel, light, and office-furniture, and for stationery, chemicals for batteries, postage, and freight, and contingent, thirteen thousand five hundred dollars.

For salary of clerk, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For salary of three aids, four thousand dollars.

American nautical almanac.

For preparing for publication the American nautical almanac, namely: for pay of computers and clerk, twenty thousand five hundred dollars.

Eclipse of the sun.

For observation of the eclipse of the sun in August, under the direction of the superintendent of the nautical almanac, five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

For office expenses, one thousand dollars.

For erecting suitable frame building and mounting transit circle in it, five thousand dollars. Transit circle.

For payment of expenses of visitors to the naval academy, two thousand dollars. Visitors to naval academy.

For deepening the entrance to the harbor of Midway Islands, in the Pacific ocean, so as to afford a safe rendezvous and port of refuge and resort for the naval and merchant vessels of the United States, fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, if, in his judgment, after a preliminary examination, he shall deem such expenditure expedient. Harbor of Midway Islands in the Pacific.

Bureau of Ordnance. — For guns, gun-carriages, shot, shell, magazine and laboratory stores, and equipments of all kinds; for gunpowder, small arms, equipments, and ammunition; for fuel and materials necessary in carrying on the mechanical branches of the ordnance department at the navy yards and stations, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Bureau of ordnance.

For pay of the superintendents and the civil establishment at the several navy yards under this bureau, fifteen thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses, one thousand dollars.

That the officer in charge of ordnance and gunnery experiments at the Washington navy yard shall receive the same and no greater pay than the officers of the same grade performing other shore duty. Pay of officer in charge of ordnance, &c. at Washington navy yard.

Bureau of Construction and Repairs. — For preservation of wood and iron vessels and ships in ordinary, and for those that are on the stocks; vessels for the naval academy; for purchase of material and stores of all kinds; labor in navy yard; transportation of material, repair of vessels, and maintenance of the navy afloat, two millions five hundred thousand dollars. Bureau of construction and repairs;

For pay of superintendents and the civil establishment at the several navy yards under this bureau, thirty thousand dollars.

Bureau of Steam Engineering. — For pay of the superintendents and the civil establishment at the several navy yards under this bureau, twenty-four thousand dollars. steam engineering;

For stores and materials, tools; for repairs of machinery of steamers, boilers, instruments, and labor at navy yards and repairs of the machinery, and purchase of stores and materials for vessels of squadrons on foreign stations; and for transportation of materials, six hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Bureau of Provisions and Clothing. — For pay of the civil establishment at the several navy yards under this bureau, and at the naval asylum, twenty-six thousand dollars. provisions and clothing;

For provisions and clothing, one million five hundred thousand dollars.

To meet the demands upon the bureau for freight and transportation of stores, for candles, fuel; for tools and repairing same at eight inspections; for books and blanks; for stationery; for furniture and repairs of same in offices of paymasters and inspectors; for telegrams and postage; tolls and ferriages; and for ice, seventy-five thousand dollars.

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. — For necessary repairs and improvements of hospitals and appendages, including roads, wharves, walls, out-houses, sidewalks, fences, gardens, farms, painting, glazing, blacksmiths', plumbers', and masons' work, and for furniture, thirty thousand dollars. medicine and surgery.

For pay of the civil establishment under this bureau at the several navy hospitals and navy yards, fifty thousand dollars.

Marine Corps. — For pay of officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, clerks, messengers, steward, nurse, and servants; for rations and clothing for officers' servants, additional rations to officers for five years' service, for undrawn clothing, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Marine corps.

For *pensions*, [provisions,] one hundred and fifty-six thousand six hundred and seventy-two dollars. Provisions, clothing, fuel.

Marine corps. For clothing, one hundred and twenty-nine thousand four hundred and twenty-five dollars.

For fuel, twenty-six thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Military stores. For military stores, viz: Pay of mechanics; repair of arms; purchase of accoutrements; ordnance stores, flags, drums, fifes, and other instruments, seven thousand dollars.

Transportation. For transportation of officers, their servants, troops, and for expenses of recruiting, twelve thousand dollars.

Repairs and rents. For repair of barracks and rent of offices where there are no public buildings, ten thousand dollars.

Contingencies. For contingencies, viz: Freight; ferriage; toll; cartage; wharfage; purchase and repair of boats; compensation of judge advocates per diem for attending courts-martial, courts of inquiry, and for constant labor; house-rent in lieu of quarters, and commutation for quarters to officers on shipboard; burial of deceased marines; printing, stationery, postage, telegraphing; apprehension of deserters; oil, candles, gas; repairs of gas and water fixtures; water rent, forage, straw, barrack furniture; furniture for officers' quarters; bed sacks, wrapping paper, oil-cloth, crash, rope, twine, spades, shovels, axes, picks, carpenters' tools; keep of a horse for the messenger; repairs to fire-engines; purchase and repair of engine hose; purchase of lumber for benches, mess-tables, bunks; repairs to public carryall; purchase and repair of harness; purchase and repair of handcarts and wheelbarrows; scavengering, purchase and repair of galleys, cooking stoves, ranges; stoves where there are no grates; gravel for parade grounds; repair of pumps; furniture for staff and commanding officers; brushes, brooms, buckets, paving, and for other purposes, fifty thousand dollars.

Additional pay to seamen, &c. doing duty of firemen or coal-heavers. Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That each and every seaman, ordinary seaman, or landsman who shall perform the duty of a fireman or coal-heaver on board of any vessel of war shall be entitled to and shall receive a compensation at the rate of thirty-three cents per day for the time they shall thus be employed as firemen and coal-heavers, and which shall be in addition to their compensation as seamen, ordinary seamen, or landsmen, as aforesaid.

Salary of secretary of the naval academy established. 1852, ch. 109. Vol. x. p. 100. Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the first section of the "Act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three," as declares that the salary of the secretary of the naval academy shall be twelve hundred and fifty dollars per annum be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and the salary of said secretary, from and after the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, shall be at the rate of fourteen hundred dollars per annum.

Law authorizing the selection of enlisted apprentices for midshipmen repealed. 1867, ch. 174, § 8. Vol. xiv. p. 517. Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the eighth section of an act entitled "An act to amend certain acts in relation to the navy," approved March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and of any other act authorizing the annual selection of ten enlisted apprentices for appointment as midshipmen to the naval academy, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Approved, March 1, 1869.

March 1, 1869.

CHAP. XLIX. — *An Act to restrict and regulate the Franking Privilege.*

Franking privilege to be exercised only by the written autograph signature upon the matter franked. Other mail *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That it shall not be lawful for any officer of the government, member of Congress, or other person entitled by law to the franking privilege to exercise said privilege otherwise than by his or her written autograph signature upon the matter franked; and all letters or other mail matter not thus franked by the written signature of a person entitled by law to exercise said privilege, shall be charged