under any or all of the various acts of Congress granting the same, shall not exceed in any case the sum of twenty-five dollars. It shall be the duty of the agent or attorney of record in the prosecution of the case to cause to be filed with the commissioner of pensions, for his approval, duplicate articles of agreement, without additional cost to the claimant, setting forth the fee agreed upon by the parties, and which agreement shall be executed in presence of and certified by some officer competent to administer oaths. In all cases where application is made for pension or bounty land, and no agreement is filed with and approved by the commissioner as herein provided, the fee shall be ten dollars and no more.

cuting claim for pensions or bounty land, not to exceed $25 in each case.

Agreement for amount of fee to be filed with commissioner of pensions; if not, fee to be only $10.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That any agent or attorney who shall directly or indirectly contract for, demand, receive, or retain any greater compensation for his services as such agent or attorney, in any claim for pension or bounty land, than is prescribed or allowed under the provisions of the preceding section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall, for every such offense, be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding five years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Penalty upon attorneys for contracting for, demanding, receiving, &c. greater pay than herein allowed.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioner of pensions shall forward the certificate of pension, granted in any case, to the agent for paying pensions where said certificate shall be made payable, and at the same time forward therewith one of the articles of agreement filed in the case and approved by the commissioner, setting forth the fee agreed upon between the claimant and the attorney or agent, and where no agreement is on file, as hereinbefore provided, he shall direct that a fee of ten dollars only be paid said agent or attorney.

Certificate of pension to be sent to agent where pension is payable, and agreement for fee. If no agreement, &c.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the agent paying such pension to deduct from the amount due the pensioner the amount of fee so agreed upon or directed by the commissioner to be paid where no agreement is filed and approved, and to forward or cause to be forwarded to the agent or attorney of record named in the said agreement, or, in case there is no agreement, to the agent prosecuting the case, the amount of the proper fee, deducting therefrom the sum of thirty cents in payment of his services in forwarding the same.

Pension agent to deduct agreed and approved fee from pension, and send amount of fee to attorney, less, &c.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts and part of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Repealing clause.

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CHAP. CCXXVI. — *An Act to declare the Construction of Section fifty-five of an Act entitled "An Act to provide a national Currency secured by a Pledge of United States Bonds, and to provide for the Circulation and Redemption thereof," approved June three, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and the Acts amendatory thereof, and to amend the same.*

July 8, 1870.
1864, ch. 106, § 55.
Vol. xiii. p. 116.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section fifty-five of the act entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof." approved June three, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and all acts amendatory of said section, shall be construed to apply to every president, director, cashier, teller, clerk, or agent of any banking association, whether organized under the aforesaid act or under the act entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved February twenty-five, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

Penalty upon officers, &c. of banking associations for embezzlement of funds.
1863, ch. 58.
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