

masters and crews of foreign vessels in rescuing American citizens from shipwreck, five thousand dollars.

For payment of the sixth annual instalment of the proportion contributed by the United States toward the capitalization of the Scheldt dues, fifty-five thousand five hundred and eighty-four dollars; and for such further sum, not exceeding five thousand dollars, as may be necessary to carry out the stipulations of the treaty between the United States and Belgium.

Scheldt dues.
Vol. xiii. p. 649.

For defraying the expenses of defending claims under the convention with Mexico of July four, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, to be expended under the direction of the Attorney-General, twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Claims under convention with Mexico.
Vol. xv. p. 679.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President is authorized, on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause examinations to be made into the accounts of the consular officers of the United States, and into all matters connected with the business of their said offices, and to that end he may appoint such agent or agents as may be necessary for that purpose; and any agent, when so appointed, shall, for the purpose of making said examinations, have authority to administer oaths and take testimony, and shall have access to all the books and papers of all consular officers. And any agent appointed in this behalf shall be paid for his services a just and reasonable compensation, in addition to his actual necessary expenses, the same to be paid out of the sum appropriated for consular salaries; but no greater sum than ten thousand dollars shall be expended as compensation of such agent or agents in any one year. And the President shall communicate to Congress, at the commencement of every December session, the names of the agents so appointed, and the amount paid to each, together with the reports of such agents; and that any agent or agents appointed under this section shall receive an annual salary of five thousand dollars, in addition to the expenses heretofore allowed, the same to be paid out of the sum appropriated for consular salaries.

Accounts of consular officers and their business to be examined.

Agents to examine and their powers;

their compensation.

Names of agents, &c. to be communicated to Congress.

Salary of agents.

APPROVED, July 11, 1870.

CHAP. CCXXXVIII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Payment of invalid and other Pensions of the United States for the Year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.*

July 11, 1870.

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 the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

Pensions appropriation.

For army invalid pensions, as provided by acts of April twenty-four, eighteen hundred and sixteen, May thirteen, eighteen hundred and forty-six, July fourteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, June six, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and July twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, nine million eight hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Army invalid pensions.
1816, ch. 68.
1846, ch. 16.
1862, ch. 166.
1866, ch. 106.
1868, ch. 264.

For revolutionary pensions, and pensions of widows, children, and mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters of soldiers, as provided by acts of March eighteen, eighteen hundred and eighteen, May fifteen, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, June seven, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, July four, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, July seven, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, March third, eighteen hundred and forty-three, February twenty, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, February two, July twenty-one, and July twenty-nine, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, February three, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, June three, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, July fourteen and seventeen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two,

Revolutionary, pension agents, and expenses of agencies.
1818, ch. 19.
1828, ch. 53.
1832, ch. 126.
1836, ch. 262.
1838, ch. 189.
1843, ch. 102.
1847, ch. 13.
1848, ch. 8,
108, 120.
1853, ch. 41.
1858, ch. 85.

1862, ch. 166,
201.
1864, ch. 183.
1866, ch. 106.
1868, ch. 264.

Navy invalid
pensions.
1800, ch. 33.
1848, ch. 155.
1856, ch. 14.
1866, ch. 106,
235.

Navy pen-
sions;

to be paid from
navy pension
fund.

Estimates, &c.
of claims, &c.
on navy pension
fund, and pay-
ments there-
from.

Artificial
limbs.

1870, ch. 132.
Ante, p. 153.
1870, ch. 179.
Ante, p. 174.

June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, July twenty-five, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and July twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and for compensation to the pension agents and expenses of the agencies, nineteen million six hundred and eighty thousand five hundred and sixty-two dollars.

For navy invalid pensions, as provided by acts of April twenty-three, eighteen hundred, February twenty, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, August eleven, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, April five, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, July fourteen and seventeen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, June six, and July twenty-five, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and July twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and compensation to pension agents and expenses of the agencies, one hundred and forty-seven thousand four hundred and sixty-three dollars.

For navy pensions of widows, children, mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters of sailors and marines, as provided by acts of August eleven, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, July fourteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, July twenty-five, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and July twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, three hundred and thirty-four thousand four hundred and seventy-five dollars: *Provided*, That the navy pensions shall be paid from the navy pension fund, and hereafter it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Navy annually to submit to Congress estimates of the claims and demands chargeable upon and payable out of the naval pension fund; and no payments shall be made therefrom except upon appropriations made by Congress: *And provided further*, That an amount sufficient to pay the expenses of furnishing artificial limbs for soldiers and sailors, provided for by the act approved June seventeenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, may be paid out of the appropriations made by this act.

APPROVED, July 11, 1870.

July 11, 1870.

CHAP. CCXXXIX. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Construction, Preservation, and Repairs of certain Fortifications and other Works of Defense, for the fiscal Year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.*

Appropriation
for fortifications,
&c.

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, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the construction, preservation, and repair of certain fortifications and other works of defense for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

Fort Preble.

For Fort Preble, Fort Gorges, and Fort Scammel, in Portland harbor, Maine, seventy-five thousand dollars.

Fort Independ-
ence.

For Fort Independence, Boston harbor, Massachusetts, fifty-three thousand dollars.

Fort Warren.

For Fort Warren, Boston harbor, Massachusetts, one hundred thousand dollars.

Fort Winthrop.

For Fort Winthrop, Boston harbor, Massachusetts, sixty-nine thousand dollars.

Fort Hamilton.

For Fort Hamilton, and additional batteries, New York harbor, New York, forty-six thousand dollars.

Fort Tompkins.
1864, ch. 211.
Vol. xiii. p. 354.

For fort on the site of Fort Tompkins, Staten island, New York, the unexpended balances of appropriations heretofore made for "casemated battery on Staten Island," are hereby authorized to be transferred and applied.

Fort Schuyler.

For Fort Schuyler, East river, New York, eighty thousand dollars.

Fort on Wil-
lett's point.

For fort on Willett's point, opposite Fort Schuyler, East river, New York, ninety thousand dollars.

Fort Columbus.

For Fort Columbus, Governor's island, New York, fifty-two thousand dollars.