Egbert Thompson, Samuel R. Franklin, John H. Russell and others.

Captain Egbert Thompson in rank next below Captain Thomas G. Corbin; to promote Commander Samuel R. Franklin to take rank next after Commander James S. Thornton; to restore Commander Edward Y. McCauley to his original rank, next after Commander W. D. Whiting; to restore Commanders John H. Russell, A. W. Johnson, P. C. Johnson, John Watters, A. E. K. Benham, Austin Pendergrast, and W. P. McCann, respectively, to their original places on the navy list.

Approved, May 28, 1872.

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CHAP CCXXVII.—*An Act to restore Lazarus L. Reamey to the Navy of the United States as a Midshipman.*

Lazarus L. Reamey may be restored to the navy as, &c., if, &c.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized, if in his opinion the good of the service will be promoted thereby, to restore Lazarus L. Reamey to the navy of the United States as a midshipman at the foot of the class of eighteen hundred and seventy, of which he was a member at the time of his resignation.

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CHAP. CCXXVIII,—*An Act to provide for furnishing Trusses to disabled Soldiers.*

Trusses to be furnished to Union soldiers, ruptured in line of duty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every soldier of the Union army who was ruptured while in the line of duty, during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, shall be entitled to receive a single or double truss of such style as may be designated by the Surgeon-General of the United States army as the best suited for such disability.

Applications therefor, how to be made.

Sec. 2. That application for such truss shall be made by the ruptured soldier to an examining surgeon for pensions, whose duty it shall be to examine such applicant, and for every such applicant, found to have a rupture or hernia, shall prepare and forward to the Surgeon-General an application for such truss, without charge to the soldier.

Surgeon-General to purchase the trusses.

Sec. 3. That the Surgeon-General of the United States army is hereby authorized and directed to purchase and procure the number of trusses which may be required for distribution to such disabled soldiers, at a price not greater than the same are sold to the trade at wholesale; and

Cost, and how paid.

the cost of the same shall be paid, upon the requisition of the Surgeon-General, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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CHAP. CCXXIX.—*An Act to provide for the Completion of three Volumes of Wilkes's United States Exploring Expedition.*

Three unfinished volumes of Wilkes's U. S. exploring expedition to be completed and published.

See *Post*, p. 362.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the joint committee on the library be, and they are hereby, authorized to contract for the completion of three unfinished volumes of the United States Exploring Expedition of the years eighteen hundred and thirty-eight to eighteen hundred and forty-two, to consist of physics and hydrography of the expedition by Charles Wilkes, and the volume of botany of the expedition by John Torrey and others; said publication to be made in the same style as the volumes heretofore published, and distributed in the same manner: *Provided*,

Limit to cost.

That no more than nine thousand dollars shall in any case be required to finish said volumes.

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