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July 26, 1876.

CHAP. 234.—An act to amend the act entitled "An act to amend and supplement an act entitled 'An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States' approved March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and for other purposes," approved June twenty-second, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

1874, ch. 390, 18 Stat., 178, Amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twelve of said act be, and the same is hereby, amended as follows: After the word "committed," in line forty-four, insert: "*Provided also*, That no voluntary assignment by a debtor or debtors of all his or their property, heretofore or hereafter made in good faith for the benefit of all his or their creditors, ratably and without creating any preference, and valid according to the law of the State where made, shall of itself, in the event of his or their being subsequently adjudicated bankrupts in a proceeding of involuntary bankruptcy, be a bar to the discharge of such debtor or debtors." That section fifty-one hundred and eight of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows: At any time after the expiration of six months from the adjudication of bankruptcy, or if no debts have been proved against the bankrupt, or if no assets have come to the hands of the assignee, at any time after the expiration of sixty days, and before the final disposition of the cause, the bankrupt may apply to the court for a discharge from his debts. This section shall apply in all cases heretofore or hereafter commenced.

Voluntary assignment not to bar discharge.

R. S., 5108, p. 991, Amended.

When bankrupt may apply for discharge.

Approved, July 26, 1876.

July 29, 1876.

CHAP. 239.—An act to amend an act approved May eight, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, in regard to leave of absence of Army officers.

1874, ch. 154, 18 Stat., 43, Amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an act approved May eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, in regard to leave of absence of Army officers, be, and the same is hereby, so amended that all officers on duty shall be allowed, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, sixty days' leave of absence without deduction of pay or allowance: *Provided*, That the same be taken once in two years: *And provided further*, That the leave of absence may be extended to three months, if taken once only in three years, or four months if taken only once in four years.

Leaves of absence to Army officers.

Proviso.

This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, July 29, 1876.

July 31, 1876.

CHAP. 246.—An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, and for other purposes.

Post, p. 344.

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, for the objects hereinafter expressed, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, namely:

Appropriations for sundry civil expenses.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Payment to widows of deceased members—

The following sums are hereby appropriated to pay the widows of late members of the present Congress, in conformity with the direction of the House of Representatives, namely:

H. H. Starkweather.

To enable the Clerk of the House to pay the widow of Henry H. Starkweather, two thousand five hundred dollars.

James Buffinton.

To pay the widow of James Buffinton, in addition to the amount already received by her, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one dollars and seventy-seven cents.