President authorized to organize the volunteer companies into battalions, &c. &c.

When.

In the mean time they are not exempt from militia duty.

President authorized to have the volunteers compensated for certain injuries and losses.

Volunteers may be placed on pension list in certain cases.

Proportionable rates of pension.

Proviso.

Heirs and representatives of volunteers entitled to land.

Volunteers, upon being discharged entitled to personal equipments of muskets, &c.

Appropriation.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is authorized, to organize the companies so tendering their service as aforesaid, into battalions, squadrons, regiments, brigades and divisions, as soon as the number of volunteers shall render such organization, in his judgment, expedient; but, until called into actual service, such companies are not to be considered as exempt from the performance of militia duty, as is required by law, in like manner as before the passage of this act.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in case any volunteer above mentioned, while in actual service, shall sustain any damage, by injury done to his horse, or such other equipment as shall have been furnished at his own expense, or by loss of the same, without any fault or negligence on his part, a reasonable sum, to be ascertained in such manner as the President of the United States may direct, shall be allowed and paid to such volunteer, for each and every such loss or damage.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That if any officer, non-commissioned officer, musician or private, shall be disabled by wounds or otherwise, while in the line of his duty in public service, he shall be placed on the list of invalid pensioners of the United States, at such rate of pension, and under such regulations as are, or may be directed by law: *Provided always*, that the compensation to be allowed for such wounds or disabilities, to a commissioned officer, shall not exceed, for the highest rate of disability, half the monthly pay of such officer, at the time of his being wounded or disabled, and that no officer shall receive more than the half pay of a lieutenant-colonel: and that the rate of pension to non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates, shall not exceed five dollars per month: *And provided also*, that all inferior disabilities shall entitle the person so disabled to receive an allowance proportionate to the highest disability.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the heirs and representatives of any non-commissioned officer or soldier, who may be killed in action, or die in the actual service of the United States, shall be entitled to receive one hundred and sixty acres of land; to be designated, surveyed and laid off at the public expense, in such manner, and upon such terms and conditions as may be provided by law.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That upon the discharge of any non-commissioned officer or soldier, who shall have been accepted under the provisions of this act, and shall have been in actual service for a period not less than one month, and shall have obtained from the commanding officer of his company, battalion or regiment, a certificate that he had faithfully performed his duty while in service, such non-commissioned officer or soldier, if attached to the artillery or infantry, shall be presented with a musket, bayonet, and other personal equipments; or, if attached to the cavalry, with the sabre and pistols furnished him by the United States, as a public testimonial of the promptitude and zeal with which he shall have volunteered in support of the rights and honour of the country.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of one million of dollars be appropriated to defray the expenses which may be incurred under the provisions of this act, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, February 6, 1812.

Statute I.

Feb. 20, 1812.

Act of April 16, 1814, ch. 61.
Act of Feb. 27, 1815, ch. 63.

Chap. XXII.—*An Act for the revision of former confirmations, and for confirming certain claims to land in the District of Kaskaskia.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the register and re-

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Register and receiver of the land-office at Kaskaskia to inquire into validity of certain claims to land.

ceiver of public monies of the land-office at Kaskaskia, and such other person as the President of the United States shall appoint for that purpose, be, and they are hereby authorized to examine and inquire into the validity of claims to land in the district of Kaskaskia, which are derived from confirmations made, or pretended to have been made, by the governors of the North West and Indiana territory, respectively.

A clerk to be employed by them.

They shall employ a clerk, and shall, in relation to the claims aforesaid, have, in every respect, the same powers which had been vested in the commissioners appointed to ascertain the claims to land in the said district.

Report to be made to Secretary of the Treasury, which is to be laid before Congress.

And they shall report to the Secretary of the Treasury, to be by him laid before Congress at their next session, their opinion on each of the claims aforesaid.

Commissioners, clerk and agent; their compensation; how to be paid.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners and clerk, appointed by this act, and such agent, as may be appointed on behalf of the United States by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall each receive five hundred dollars in full for the services performed by them under this act; which compensation, and also the contingent charges for office rent, fuel, stationery and summoning witnesses on the part of the United States, shall be paid out of the monies appropriated by law for surveying the public lands of the United States.

Decisions of commissioners, when to be confirmed.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the decisions made by the commissioners, heretofore appointed for the purpose of examining the claims of persons to lands in the district of Kaskaskia, in favour of such claimants to town or village lots, out lots or rights in common, to commons and commonfields, as entered in the transcripts of decisions, bearing date the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and nine, which have been transmitted by the said commissioners to the Secretary of the Treasury, according to law, be confirmed to all such rightful claimants according to their respective rights thereto:

Proviso as to decisions in other cases.

Provided, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to confirm any particular decision, heretofore made in favour of any individual, or to affect the right of any other individual claiming the same land; but such conflicting claims shall be decided according to law by the proper tribunal.

Approved, February 20, 1812.

Statute I.

Feb. 20, 1812.

[Obsolete.]

Chap. XXIII.—*An Act making an appropriation for the expenses incident to the six companies of Mounted Rangers, during the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve.*

Appropriation for six companies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred and eight thousand seven hundred and seventy-two dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the pay, subsistence and forage, during the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve, of the six companies of mounted rangers, to be raised for the service of the United States,

Act of Jan. 2, 1812, ch. 11.

pursuant to an act, entituled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers, for the protection of the frontier of the United States," that is to say:

Specific appropriations.

For the pay of the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the said companies, the sum of one hundred and four thousand eight hundred dollars.

For the subsistence of the officers, the sum of two thousand six hundred and twenty-eight dollars.

For forage, the sum of one thousand three hundred and forty-four dollars. The said sums to be paid out of any monies in the treasury of the United States, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, February 20, 1812.
