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To McLean County, Ill. To Lacon, Ill.

General Nathaniel B. Baker; and a like number to the board of supervisors of McLean County, Illinois, for monumental purposes; and also a like number to the city of Lacon, Illinois, for the same purpose.

Approved, March 3, 1879.

March 3, 1879.

CHAP. 200.—An act for the relief of soldiers and sailors becoming totally blind in the service of the country.

Pensions. 1878, ch. 261, *Ante*, 144.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of June seventeenth, eighteen hundred and seventy eight, entitled "An act to increase the pensions of certain soldiers and sailors who have lost both their hands or both their feet, or the sight of both eyes, in the service of the country", be so construed as to include all soldiers and sailors who have become totally blind from causes occurring in the service of the United States.

For total blindness.

Approved, March 3, 1879.

March 3, 1879.

CHAP. 201.—An act for the relief of Joseph B. Collins.

J. B. Collins. Restored to Army and retired.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be and he is hereby authorized to reinstate Major Joseph B. Collins, late of the United States Army, and to retire him in that grade, as of the date he was previously mustered out; charging him with all extra pay and allowances, paid him at that time.

Approved, March 3, 1879.

March 3, 1879.

CHAP. 202.—An act to prevent the introduction of infectious or contagious diseases into the United States, and to establish a National Board of Health.

National Board of Health.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be established a National Board of Health to consist of seven members, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, not more than one of whom shall be appointed from any one State, whose compensation, during the time when actually engaged in the performance of their duties under this act, shall be ten dollars per diem each and reasonable expenses, and of one medical officer of the Army, one medical officer of the Navy, one medical officer of the Marine Hospital Service, and one officer from the Department of Justice, to be detailed by the Secretaries of the several Departments and the Attorney General, respectively, and the officers so detailed shall receive no compensation.

Compensation of civilian members.

Meetings.

Said board shall meet in Washington within thirty days after the passage of this act and in Washington or elsewhere from time to time upon notice from the president of the board, who is to be chosen by the members thereof, or upon its own adjournments, and shall frame all rules and regulations authorized or required by this act, and shall make or cause to be made such special examinations and investigations at any place or places within the United States, or at foreign ports, as they may deem best, to aid in the execution of this act and the promotion of its objects.

Duties.

SEC. 2. The duties of the National Board of Health shall be to obtain information upon all matters affecting the public health, to advise the several departments of the government, the executives of the several States, and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, on all questions submitted by them, or whenever in the opinion of the board such advice may tend to the preservation and improvement of the public health.

Report.

SEC. 3. That the Board of Health with the assistance of the Academy of Science, which is hereby requested and directed to cooperate with