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Contingencies.

SEC. 5. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall procure for the several inspectors heretofore referred to such instruments, stationery, printing, and other things necessary, including clerical help, where he shall deem the same necessary for the use of their respective offices, as may be required therefor.

Appropriation.

SEC. 6. That the salaries of the special inspectors of foreign steam-vessels and clerks provided for, together with their traveling and other expenses, when on official duty, and all instruments, books, blanks, stationery, furniture, and other things necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act, shall be paid for by the Secretary of the Treasury, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, August 7, 1882.

CHAP. 442.—An act to relieve certain soldiers of the late war from the charge of desertion.

August 7, 1882.

Soldiers charged with desertion, absent, etc., when command was mustered out, to receive honorable discharge upon evidence, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the charge of desertion now standing on the rolls and records in the Office of the Adjutant General of the United States against any soldier who served in the late war in the volunteer service shall be removed in all cases where it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War, from such rolls and records, or from other satisfactory testimony, that any such soldier served faithfully until the expiration of his term of enlistment, or until the twenty second day of May anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty five, or was prevented from completing his term of service by reason of wounds received or disease contracted in the line of duty, but who, by reason of absence from his command at the time the same was mustered out, failed to be mustered out and to receive an honorable discharge

Soldiers absent, etc., who returned to duty; charge of desertion to be removed.

SEC. 2. That the charge of desertion standing on the rolls and records in the Office of the Adjutant General of the United States against any soldier who served in the late war in the volunteer service, shall also be removed in all cases where it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War, from such rolls and records, or from other satisfactory testimony, that such soldier charged with desertion or with absence without leave, did not intend to desert and after such charge of desertion or absence without leave, voluntarily returned to his command and served in the line of his duty until he was mustered out of the service and received a certificate of honorable discharge.

Certificate of discharge to be issued, etc.

SEC. 3. That in all cases where the charge of desertion shall be removed under the provisions of this act from the record of any soldier who has not received a certificate of discharge it shall be the duty of the Adjutant General of the United States to issue to such soldier, or in case of his death, to his heirs or legal representatives, a certificate of discharge.

Pay and bounty.

SEC. 4. That when the charge of desertion shall be removed under the provisions of this act from the record of any soldier, such soldier, or, in case of his death, the heirs or legal representatives of such soldier, shall receive all pay and bounty which may have been withheld on account of such charge of desertion or absence without leave: *Provided, however*, That this act shall not be so construed as to give to any such soldier as may be entitled to relief under the provisions of this act, or, in case of his death, to the heirs or legal representatives of any such soldier the right to receive pay any bounty for any period of time during which such soldier was absent from his command without leave of absence: *And provided further*, That no soldier, nor the heirs or legal representatives of any soldiers who served in the Army a period of less than twelve months, or who intentionally deserted, shall be entitled to the benefit of the provisions of this act.

Provisos.

SEC. 5. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved, August 7, 1882.

August 7, 1882.

CHAP. 443.—An act donating cannon and cannon balls to Post Number Fourteen of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Logansport, Indiana, and for other purposes.

Donation of cannon, etc., to—
Post No. 14, G. A. R., Logansport, Ind.
Post G. A. R., Winchester, Ind.
Eugene A. Rawson Post G. A. R., Fremont, O.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to furnish two condemned cast-iron cannon and two cannon balls to Post Number Fourteen of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Logansport, Indiana, to be used for monumental purposes.

That the Secretary of War is further directed to give to the Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Winchester, Indiana, four condemned cast-iron cannon for ornamenting the soldiers burial lot in Fountain Park Cemetery at that place.

Also, four condemned cast-iron cannon and four cannon balls to Eugene A Rawson Post Grand Army of the Republic, Fremont Ohio, for monumental purposes.

Approved, August 7, 1882.

August 7, 1882.

CHAP. 444.—An act in relation to land-patents in the Virginia military district of Ohio.

Title to lands in Virginia military district of Ohio.
What shall constitute legal ownership in lands, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person in the actual open possession of any tract of land in the Virginia military district of the State of Ohio, under claim and color of title made in good faith based upon or deducible from entry of any tract of land within said district founded upon military warrant upon Continental establishment, and a record of which entry was duly made in the office of the principal surveyor of the Virginia military district, either before or since its removal to Chillicothe, Ohio, prior to January first, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, such possession having continued for twenty years last past, under a claim of title on the part of said party either as entryman, or of his or her grantors, or of parties by or under whom such party claims by purchase or inheritance, and they by title based upon or deducible from such entry by tax-sale or otherwise, shall be deemed and held to be the legal owner of such land so included in said entry, to the extent and according to the purport of said entry or of his or her paper titles based thereon or deducible therefrom.

16 Stat., 418.

SEC. 2.—That so much of the act approved February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act to cede to the State of Ohio the unsold lands in the Virginia military district in said State," and of an act approved May twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and eighty, construing said act of February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, as conflicts with this act, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

21 Stat., 142.

Repeal, etc.

Approved, August 7, 1882.

August 7, 1882.

CHAP. 445.—An act donating condemned cast iron cannon and cannon balls for monumental purposes.

Donation of cannon, etc., to—
Robert D. Lathrop Post 138, G. A. R., Department of New York;

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to deliver to the Robert D. Lathrop Post Number One hundred and thirty-eight of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of New York, four condemned cast iron cannon and four large cast iron cannon-balls, to be placed by said post in the soldiers burial lot in the Hudson, New York, cemetery.