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Board of Managers of Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers to select site, etc., *proviso.*

SEC. 2. That said branch home shall be located and the ground purchased, unless the same be donated, by said Board of Managers within three months, or as soon thereafter as practicable from the approval of this act: *Provided*, That said Board of Managers may select any Government property suitable for such home, by and with the consent of the Secretary of War.

Selection to be made and erection of buildings commenced within six months, etc.

SEC. 3. That within six months, or as soon thereafter as practicable, from the approval of this act, the said Board of Managers shall commence the erection of a suitable building or buildings on the ground so purchased for the use of said branch home. That said building or buildings shall be completed at as early a day as possible.

Appropriation.

SEC. 4. That the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned and the improvement of the grounds of said branch home.

Persons eligible to admission to branch home, etc.

SEC. 5. That all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who served in the war of the rebellion, and the volunteer soldiers and sailors of the war eighteen hundred and twelve and of the Mexican war, who are disabled by age, disease or otherwise, and by reason of such disability are incapable of earning a living, shall be admitted into the home for disabled volunteer soldiers. *Provided* such disability was not incurred in service against the United States.

Proviso.

Board of Managers authorized to inquire into expediency of establishing other branch homes for disabled volunteer soldiers, etc.

SEC. 6. That the Board of Managers of the Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers is hereby authorized to inquire into the expediency of establishing a branch of the home in the State of California for the Pacific coast; and to that end the said Board is authorized to receive propositions from the managers of the "Veteran Home" located in Napa County, California, for the transfer of the buildings, grounds, and property of said "Veterans' Home" to the United States, for use as a branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, and to report to Congress in respect to the propriety and expediency of accepting said "Veterans Home" for such branch; but this section shall not interfere with the establishing of the home provided for in this act. And also that the Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a branch soldiers' home in the State of Michigan, and also as to the use of the Fort Dearborn Military Reservation, and the building thereon, for that purpose, and to report to Congress thereon at an early day; but this provision shall not interfere with the establishment of the home provided for in this act

Approved, July 5, 1884.

CHAP. 224.—An act to amend article seventy two of the Rules and articles of War. July 5, 1884.

Article 72 of the rules and articles of war amended, relating to courts martial.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That article seventy two of the Articles of War be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows

"ART. 72. Any general officer commanding an army, a Territorial Division or a Department, or colonel commanding a separate Department may appoint general courts martial whenever necessary. But when any such commander is the accuser or prosecutor of any officer under his command the court shall be appointed by the President; and its proceedings and sentence shall be sent directly to the Secretary of War, by whom they shall be laid before the President, for his approval or orders in the case.

Approved, July 5, 1884.