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CHAP. 341.—An act to remove the charge of desertion from the rolls and records in the Office of the Adjutant-General of the Army against certain soldiers. May 17, 1886.

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 Army against any soldier who served in the late war of the rebellion, by reason of his having enlisted in any regiment, troop, or company without having first received a discharge from the regiment, troop, or company in which he had previously served, shall be removed in all cases wherein 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 re-enlistment was not made for the purpose of securing bounty or other gratuity that he would not have been entitled to had he remained under his original term of enlistment: *Provided*, That no soldier shall be relieved under this act who, not being sick or wounded, left his command, without proper authority, while the same was in the presence of the enemy, or who, at the time of leaving his command, was in arrest or under charges, or in whose case the period of absence from the service exceeded three months.

Charge of desertion removed from record of certain soldiers.

Proviso.
Not to apply to those who deserted in face of enemy; while under arrest, etc.

SEC. 2. That in all cases where the charge of desertion shall be removed under the provisions of this act, the Adjutant-General of the Army shall issue to such soldier, or, in case of his death, to his heirs or legal representatives, a certificate of discharge from the regiment, troop, or company in which he first served.

Adjutant-General to issue certificate of discharge.

SEC. 3. That all applications for relief under this act shall be made to and filed with the Secretary of War within a period of five years from and after its passage, and all applications not so made and filed within such period of five years shall not be received or considered; and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Application to be filed within five years.

Approved, May 17, 1886.

CHAP. 342.—An act authorizing the removal of the statue of Major-General John A. Rawlins from its present location to a site to be selected by the Secretary of War. May 17, 1886.

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, authorized and directed to have the statue of Major-General John A. Rawlins removed from the present location to another site within the limits of the city of Washington, District of Columbia, to be selected by the Secretary of War; and an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for that purpose out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Statue of Major-General John A. Rawlins to be removed to another site.

Appropriation.

Approved, May 17, 1886.

CHAP. 343.—An act for the extension and repair of the public building at Belfast, Maine. May 17, 1886.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to cause to be constructed an extension of the public building at Belfast, in the State of Maine, in accordance with plans and specifications of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department, and also to put said building in a thorough state of repair; and for the purposes herein named the sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Belfast, Me.
Public building at, to be extended and repaired.

Appropriation.

Approved, May 17, 1886.