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seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, shall be extended for the term of one year, without compliance with the conditions prescribed by the Act entitled "An Act to regulate and improve the civil service," approved January sixteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, provided they are otherwise competent.

Appropriations not available for incapacitated employees.

SEC. 4. That the appropriations herein made for the officers, clerks, and persons employed in the public service shall not be available for the compensation of any persons permanently incapacitated for performing such service. The establishment of a civil pension roll or an honorable service roll, or the exemption of any of the officers, clerks, and persons in the public service from the existing laws respecting employment in such service, is hereby prohibited: *Provided*, That the thirty days' annual leave of absence with pay in any one year to clerks and employees in the several Executive Departments authorized by existing law shall be exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays.

Proviso.
Thirty days' leave of absence to be exclusive of Sundays, etc.

Repeal.

SEC. 5. That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with this Act are repealed.

Approved, February 24, 1899.

February 25, 1899.

CHAP. 189.—An Act For the relief of certain homestead settlers in Florida.

Florida.
Certain homestead settlers may perfect title, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any qualified homestead claimant who was in good faith actually occupying a homestead claim under the laws of the United States in the State of Florida in the month of September, anno Domini eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and who was by, through, or on account of a storm which passed through said State during said month driven from or compelled to leave and to remain away from such homestead, may within one year from the passage of this Act return to such homestead claim and proceed to perfect title thereto as though absence therefrom had not occurred.

Approved, February 25, 1899.

February 25, 1899.

CHAP. 190.—An Act Authorizing the President to appoint additional cadets at large at the United States Naval Academy.

Naval Academy.
Appointment of additional cadets at large authorized.

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 and empowered to appoint during the present fiscal year five cadets at large at the United States Naval Academy, to be in addition to the number heretofore authorized by law, said appointments to be subject to the conditions and requirements of existing laws and regulations.

Approved, February 25, 1899.

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CHAP. 191.—An Act To permit volunteer regiments to retain their colors.

Army.
Retention of colors by volunteer regiments authorized.

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 to permit volunteer regiments, on being mustered out of the service of the United States, to retain all of their regimental colors. Said colors shall be turned over to the State authorities to which said regiments belong, and the regimental quartermaster in making his returns may, in lieu of said colors and in full release therefor, file with the proper official of the War Department a receipt from the quartermaster-general of said State that said colors have been delivered to said State authorities.

Approved, February 25, 1899.