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CHAP. 860.—An Act To authorize the payment of traveling allowances to enlisted men of the regular and volunteer forces when discharged by order of the Secretary of War and stated by him as entitled to travel pay.

Army.
Order of Secretary of War authorizing travel pay for enlisted men on discharge valid.
R. S., sec. 1290, p. 223.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That when the Secretary of War, in the exercise of his discretion, has directed the discharge of any enlisted men of the regular or volunteer forces of the Army, and the orders or instructions directing such discharge stated that such enlisted men were entitled to travel pay, such order or instruction shall be sufficient authority for the payment to the soldiers of the traveling allowances provided for by section twelve hundred and ninety of the Revised Statutes. And officers of the Pay Department of the Army shall have credit in the settlement of their accounts for all payments made in obedience to said orders or instructions of the Secretary of War: *Provided*, That soldiers discharged under such orders or instructions, which stated that such soldiers were entitled to travel pay, and who were absent by authority on the date of the muster out of their regiments or of discharge, are entitled to and will be paid traveling allowances from place of muster out of their regiments or the places designated in the final statements as the place of discharge to the place of enlistment or enrollment: *Provided further*, That the provisions of this Act shall apply only to cases that have arisen or shall arise under orders or instructions for discharge with travel pay issued between April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and the date of the passage of this Act: *Provided further*, That it shall not be held as applying to any case in which the order directing the discharge did not set forth that the soldier was entitled to travel pay.

Provisos.
Soldiers absent by authority on date of discharge, etc.

Application of Act.

Order of discharge to specify allowance of travel pay.

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CHAP. 861.—An Act To amend an Act to incorporate the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

District of Columbia.
Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias.
Vol. 28, p. 96, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act approved June twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias," be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following:

Business of subordinate bodies outside the District valid.

"And said corporation may provide for the meetings of its legislative or governing body wherever such association shall have subordinate bodies, and all business transacted at such meetings shall be valid in all respects as if such meetings were held within said District; and all business heretofore transacted at any meetings held outside of the District of Columbia shall be valid in all respects to the same extent as if such meetings had been held within said District."

Effect.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

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