STATUTE I.

July 4, 1836.

CHAP. CCCLVI.—*An Act to authorize the appointment of additional Paymasters, and for other purposes.*

President may appoint three additional paymasters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to appoint three additional Paymasters, to be attached to the Pay Department of the army: *Provided*, That the appointments be submitted to the Senate for their confirmation, in the same manner as other officers of the army.

Proviso.

To perform the same duties and be subject to the same rules as other paymasters.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers appointed in virtue of this act shall perform the same duties and receive the same pay and allowances as the present Paymasters of the army; and shall in like manner be subject to the rules and articles of war; and previous to entering upon the duties of their office shall give such bonds to the United States as the Secretary of War may direct for the faithful performance of their duties.

President, when necessary, may assign the duties of a paymaster to any officer of the army.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That when volunteers or militia are called into the service of the United States, so that the Paymasters authorized by law shall not be deemed sufficient to enable them to pay the troops with proper punctuality, it shall be lawful for the President to assign to any officer of the army the duty of Paymaster, who, while so assigned, shall perform the same duty, give the same bond, be subject to the same liability and receive the same emoluments as are now provided for Paymaster of the army: *Provided however*, That the number of officers so assigned shall not exceed one for every two regiments of militia or volunteers; *And provided also*, That the whole emoluments of the said officers, including their pay and allowances in the line, shall not exceed the pay and emoluments of a Paymaster.

Proviso.

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May appoint additional surgeons and assistant surgeons.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to appoint three additional Surgeons and five assistant Surgeons, to be attached to the medical staff of the army.

In absence of Quartermaster General, &c., President may empower others to perform the duties.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That during the absence of the Quartermaster General, or the chief of any other military bureau of the War Department, the President be authorized to empower some officer of the Department or corps whose chief is absent to take charge thereof and to perform the duties of Quartermaster General or chief of the Department or corps, as the case may be, during such absence: *Provided*, That no additional compensation be allowed therefor.

Proviso.

Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of House of Representatives, to prepare and publish statements of appropriations, &c.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives as soon as may be after the close of the present session, and of each succeeding session, to prepare and publish a statement of all appropriations made during the session, and also a statement of the new officers created and the salaries of each, and also a statement of the offices the salaries of which are increased and the amount of such increase.

APPROVED, July 4, 1836.

STATUTE I.

July 4, 1836.

CHAP. CCCLVII.—*An Act to promote the progress of useful arts, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts heretofore made for that purpose.* (*a*)

March 3, 1837, ch. 45.

Commissioner of Patents to be appointed, and his duties.

August 29, 1842, ch. 263.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be established and attached to the Department of State, an office to be denominated the Patent Office; the chief officer of which shall be called the Commissioner of Patents, to be appointed by the President, by and with the

(*a*) For notes of the acts relating to patents for useful inventions, see vol. 1, 109, 318. Notes of the decisions of the courts of the United States on patents for useful inventions, vol. 1, 109, 318.

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