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Chap. XLII.—*An Act explanatory of the act entitled An act granting half-pay to widows and orphans where their husbands and fathers have died of wounds received in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes.* (a)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the benefits of the third section of the act entitled "An act granting half-pay to widows and orphans, where their husbands and fathers have died of wounds received in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," approved the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, shall not be withheld from any widow, in consequence of her having married after the decease of the husband for whose services she may claim to be allowed a pension or annuity under said act: *Provided*, That she was a widow at the time it was passed.

The benefits of the act not to be withheld from any widow in consequence of her having married, &c.

Act of July 4, 1836, ch. 362.

Proviso.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the widow of any person who continued in the service of the United States until the third day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, and was married before that day, and while her husband was in such service, shall be entitled to the benefits of the third section of the aforesaid act.

Widows of persons who continued in service to 3d November, 1783, and were before that day, &c., entitled.

Approved, March 3, 1837.

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Chap. XLIII.—*An Act to continue the office of Commissioner of Pensions.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the office of Commissioner of Pensions shall be, and the same is hereby continued, until the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty.

Continued to 4th March, 1840.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That a Commissioner of Pensions shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and that he shall execute, under the direction of the Secretary of War, such duties in relation to the various pension laws as may be prescribed by the President.

A commissioner to be appointed by the President, &c.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Commissioner shall receive an annual salary of three thousand dollars; and have the privilege of sending and receiving letters and packets by mail free of postage.

His salary, &c.

Act of March 3, 1845, ch. 43.

Approved, March 3, 1837.

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Chap. XLIV.—*An Act to provide for certain harbors, and for the removal of obstructions in and at the mouths of certain rivers, and for other purposes, during the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven.*

[Obsolete.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for carrying on and completing certain works heretofore commenced, to wit:

Appropriations for carrying on certain works.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Chicago, Illinois, forty thousand dollars;

Chicago harbor.

For continuing the construction of a harbor at Michigan City, Indiana, thirty thousand dollars;

Michigan City.

For continuing the construction of a pier or breakwater at the mouth of the river Saint Joseph, Michigan, fifteen thousand dollars;

St. Joseph river.

For the continuation of the works at the harbor near the mouth of the river Raisin, Michigan, thirty thousand dollars;

River Raisin.

For completing the channel of the Cocheco branch of the Piscataqua river, in the State of New Hampshire, five thousand dollars;

Cocheco river.

(a) See notes to the Resolution of March 3, 1837, granting a pension to Susan Decatur, widow of Stephen Decatur, post, 199.

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