

CHAP. LXXXIV.—*An Act to establish an auxiliary watch for the protection of public and private property in the city of Washington.*

STATUTE II.

Aug. 23, 1842.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be established an auxiliary guard or watch for the protection of public and private property against incendiaries, and for the enforcement of the police regulations of the city of Washington, consisting of a captain, to be appointed by the Mayor of the said city, at an annual salary of one thousand dollars; and fifteen other persons, to be employed by the captain, five of whom shall receive a compensation of thirty-five dollars per month, and the remaining ten, a compensation of thirty dollars per month.

Guard to be established.

To consist of a captain and fifteen others—their pay.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said auxiliary guard shall occupy, as a rendezvous, such building or part of a building belonging to the United States, or furnished by the corporation of Washington, as shall be directed by the President of the United States, and shall be subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by a board to consist of the mayor of the city of Washington, the attorney of the United States for the District of Columbia, and the attorney of the corporation of the said city of Washington, with the approbation of the President of the United States.

Place of rendezvous.

Rules to be prescribed, how.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, for the compensation of said auxiliary guard, and for the purchase of the necessary and proper implements to distinguish them in the discharge of their duties, the sum of seven thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation.

APPROVED, August 23, 1842.

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CHAP. CLXXXV.—*An Act to amend an act, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses, or other property, lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved the eighteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the above recited act be so amended, as to embrace the claims of any field, or staff, or other officer, mounted militiaman, volunteer, ranger, or cavalry, who has or shall sustain damage, without any fault or negligence on his part, while in the military service of the United States, by the loss of a horse, destroyed or abandoned by order of the commanding general or other commanding officer, or by the loss of a horse by his being shot, or otherwise lost or destroyed by unavoidable accident, without any fault or negligence of the owner, and when he was in the line of his duty, and for the loss of necessary equipage, in consequence of the loss of his horse, as aforesaid, shall be allowed and paid the value thereof at the time of entering the service.

Act of 18th Jan. 1837, ch. 5, so amended as to embrace certain claims for the loss of horses, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That in auditing and settling the claims provided for in this, and in the act which this is intended to amend, an appeal may be taken and prosecuted from the decision of the Auditor rejecting the claim, to the Second Comptroller of the Treasury, under the direction of the Secretary, whose decision shall be conclusive.

An appeal may be taken, when.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful to make compensation for horses, bridles, saddles, and equipments, turned over to the service of the United States, under the act approved October fourteenth, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, whenever it shall be made to appear that the person to whom they were ordered to be delivered was acting as an officer, although there may be no returns in the De-

Payment for horses, &c. under act of 14th October 1837, ch. 5.