tract, he and his sureties shall be liable for the forfeiture specified in such contract, as liquidated damages, to be sued for in the name of the United States, in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

Marine corps. Pay and subsistence of officers.

Marine Corps.—For pay of officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, and servants serving on shore, and subsistence of officers of the marine corps, for the said half calendar year, ninety-nine thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight dollars; and for the said fiscal year, two hundred and one thousand four hundred and seventy-two dollars and fifteen cents.

Provisions.

For provisions for non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, servants, and washerwomen, serving on shore, for the said half calendar year, nineteen thousand one hundred and twenty-eight dollars and eight cents; and for the said fiscal year, thirty-eight thousand six hundred and seventy-eight dollars and eighty cents.

Clothing.

For clothing for the said half calendar year, twenty thousand three hundred and forty-nine dollars; and for the said fiscal year, forty thousand six hundred and ninety-eight dollars.

Fuel.

For fuel for the said half calendar year, eight thousand one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and six cents; and for the said fiscal year, sixteen thousand two hundred and seventy-four dollars and twelve cents.

Barracks.

To keep barracks in repair, for rent of temporary barracks, for the said half calendar year, three thousand dollars; and for the said fiscal year, six thousand dollars.

Transportation.

For transportation of officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, and expenses of recruiting, for the said half calendar year, four thousand dollars; and for the said fiscal year, eight thousand dollars.

Military stores, &c.

For military stores, pay of armorers, keeping arms in repair, accoutrements, ordnance stores, flags, drums, fifes, and other instruments for the band, for the said half calendar year, one thousand four hundred dollars; and for the said fiscal year, two thousand eight hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses.

For contingent expenses of said corps, viz: For freight, ferriage, toll, wharfage, and cartage; for per diem allowance for attending courts martial and courts of inquiry; compensation to judge advocates; house rent where there are no public quarters assigned; for per diem allowance to enlisted men on constant labor; expenses of burying deceased marines; printing, stationery, forage, postage on public letters, expenses in pursuit of deserters, candles, oil, straw, barrack furniture, bed sacks, spades, axes, shovels, picks, carpenters' tools, and for keeping a horse for the messenger, for the said half calendar year, eight thousand nine hundred and ninety dollars; and for the said fiscal year, seventeen thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars.

Approved, March 3, 1843.

Statute III.

March 3, 1843.

Chap. LXXXIV.—*An Act to test the practicability of establishing a system of electro-magnetic telegraphs by the United States.*

Appropriation for constructing electro-magnetic telegraph.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for testing the capacity and usefulness of the system of electro-magnetic telegraphs invented by Samuel F. B. Morse, of New York, for the use of the Government of the United States, by constructing a line of said electro-magnetic telegraphs, under the superintendence of Professor Samuel F. B. Morse, of such length, and between such points, as shall fully test its practicability and utility, and that the same shall be expended, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, upon the application of said Morse.

Payment of Prof. Morse, and others.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay, out of the aforesaid thirty

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thousand dollars, to the said Samuel F. B. Morse, and the persons employed under him, such sums of money as he may deem to be a fair compensation for the services of the said Samuel F. B. Morse, and the persons employed under him, in constructing and in superintending the construction of the said line of telegraphs authorized by this act.

Approved, March 3, 1843.

Statute III.
March 3, 1843.

Chap. LXXXV.—*An Act for the protection of commerce on Lake Michigan.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the protection of commerce on Lake Michigan. Appropriations.

For the half calendar year from the first of January to thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and forty-three; and for the fiscal year from the first day of July, eighteen hundred and forty-three, to the thirtieth June eighteen hundred and forty-four, viz:

For the construction of a harbor at the most suitable situation at or near Milwaukie in the Territory of Wisconsin, to be made under the survey of an officer to be appointed by the Secretary of War, for the said half calendar year, fifteen thousand dollars; and for the said fiscal year, fifteen thousand dollars. Milwaukie harbor.

It shall be the duty of the corps of topographical engineers to survey and select the most suitable site for a light-house at or near Southport on Lake Michigan, in said Territory. Light-house at Southport.

For continuing the public works at the harbor of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, for the said half calendar year, ten thousand dollars; and for the said fiscal year, fifteen thousand dollars. Chicago harbor.

For continuing the public works at the harbor of St. Joseph in the State of Michigan; for the said half calendar year, ten thousand dollars; and for the said fiscal year, fifteen thousand dollars. St. Joseph harbor.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That before the money hereby appropriated for the construction of a harbor at or near said Milwaukie, shall be expended, the corps of topographical engineers shall select from actual examination and survey the point of location of said harbors. Location of Milwaukie harbor.

Approved, March 3, 1843.

Statute III.
March 3, 1843.

Chap. LXXXVI.—*An Act to authorize the investigation of alleged frauds under the pre-emption laws, 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 Commissioner of the General Land Office be, and he hereby is, authorized to appoint a competent agent, whose duty it shall be, under direction of said Commissioner, to investigate, upon oath, the cases of fraud under the pre-emption laws, alleged to exist in the Columbus land district, in the State of Mississippi, referred to in the late annual report of said Commissioner, communicated to Congress by letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, dated December the fifteenth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two; and that such agent shall examine all witnesses who may be brought before him by the individual or individuals alleging the fraud, as well as those witnesses who may be produced by the parties in interest, to sustain said claims; and that he be, and is hereby, invested with power to administer to such witnesses an oath to speak the truth in regard to any question which may be deemed necessary to the full An agent to be appointed to investigate cases of alleged fraud in Columbus land district. Mode of investigation.

(*a*) See notes of the acts which have been passed relating to pre-emption rights; act of May 29, 1830, ch. 208.