Statute I.
June 15, 1844.

Chap. LII.—*An Act to establish a navy yard and depot at or adjacent to the city of Memphis, on the Mississippi river, in the State of Tennessee.* (a)

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 is hereby, authorized to select and purchase a site for a navy yard and depot at the city of Memphis, in the State of Tennessee, and to erect such buildings and make such improvements thereon as may be necessary for the construction and repair, and for the accommodation and supply, of vessels of war of the United States; and that the President be authorized and empowered to purchase any water rights which may be required to propel the machinery appertaining to said navy yard, or which may be useful in the operations of said navy yard; and that he be further empowered to receive any donations of lands, water rights, or rights of way, which the authorities of the city of Memphis, or any other body corporate, or any person or persons, may deem proper to make or grant to the Government of the United States; and that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be appropriated to the objects aforesaid, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

President to select and purchase a site, erect buildings, &c.

Appropriation.

Approved, June 15, 1844.

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Chap. LIII. — *An Act for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen and marines of the United States schooner Grampus, and for other purposes.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of fixing the time at which shall commence the pensions, under the existing laws, of the widows of the officers, seamen, and marines, who were lost in the United States schooner Grampus, as well as the time to which the pay of said officers, seamen, and marines, shall be allowed, the twentieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, shall be deemed and taken to be the day on which the said schooner Grampus foundered at sea; and that, for the like purposes, the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, shall be deemed and taken to be the day on which the United States schooner Sea Gull was lost in like manner.

For fixing time of pensions, &c.

March 20, 1843, to be considered the day the Grampus foundered; and May 1, 1839, as the day on which the Sea Gull was lost.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any of the said officers, seamen, or marines, shall have left no widow, or having left a widow she shall have died before the passage of this act, and there shall be living at the date of the passage of this act, a child or children of said officers, seamen, or marines, under sixteen years of age, such child or children shall be entitled to the same pension to which the widow, had there been one as aforesaid, would have been entitled, for the like period of five years; but in case of the death or intermarriage of the widow before the expiration of the said term of five years, the said pension for the remainder of the said term, shall go to the child or children of the said deceased officer, seamen, or marine: *Provided*, That such pension shall cease upon the death of such child or children.

If there is no widow, but children under 16, they are to have the pension.

In case of death or marriage of widow, pension to go to children.

Proviso.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department be, and hereby are, authorized and directed to settle the accounts of James S. Thacher, late purser in the navy, who was lost in said schooner Grampus, with all his accounts, and vouchers for expenditures and payments made by him, and with all the money,

J. S. Thacher's accounts to be settled, &c.

(a) An act authorizing an examination and survey of the harbor of Memphis, in Tennessee; March 3 1843, chap. 93.

A resolution to suspend a part of the third section of the joint resolution of 11th Sept. 1841, relating to armories; Feb. 13, 1845.

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