

department, excepting that the engineer corporals shall receive one ration only per day, instead of one ration and a half; of the privates of the first class, or artificers, the same as those now allowed by law to the artificers employed by the ordnance department; of the privates of the second class, or laborers, the same as those now allowed by law to the laborers employed by the ordnance department; and of the musicians, the same as those allowed by law to the musicians of the line of the army; the said non-commissioned officers, privates, and musicians being respectively entitled to the same clothing and other allowances as are granted by law to non-commissioned officers, privates, and musicians of the artillery in the army of the United States.

Clothing, and other allowances.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said engineer company shall be subject to the rules and articles of war, shall be recruited in the same manner, and with the same limitation, and shall be entitled to the same provisions, allowances, and benefits, in every respect, as are allowed to the other troops constituting the present military peace establishment.

Placed on the same footing as other troops of the U. S.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said engineer company shall be attached to and compose a part of the corps of engineers, and be officered by officers of that corps, as at present organized; they shall be instructed in and perform all the duties of sappers, miners, and pontoniers, and shall aid in giving practical instructions in these branches at the Military Academy; they shall, moreover, under the orders of the chief engineer, be liable to serve by detachments, in overseeing and aiding laborers upon fortifications or other works under the engineer department, and in supervising finished fortifications as fort-keepers, preventing injury and applying repairs.

To be attached to the corps of engineers, and to be officered by officers of that corps, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the chief engineer, with the approbation of the Secretary of War, be authorized to regulate and determine the number, quality, form, dimensions, &c., of the necessary vehicles, pontons, tools, implements, arms, and other supplies, for the use and service of said company as a body of sappers, miners, and pontoniers.

Liable to serve by detachments in working on fortifications.

The chief engineer to regulate and determine the number, quality, &c., of the necessary vehicles, pontons, tools, &c.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the pay, subsistence, and clothing, of said company, and for carrying out the other purposes of this act.

Appropriation.

APPROVED, May 15, 1846.

CHAP. XXII.—*An Act to provide for raising a Regiment of mounted Riflemen, and for establishing military Stations on the Route to Oregon.*

May 19, 1846.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there shall be raised one regiment of mounted riflemen, to be composed and organized as follows, to wit: One colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, one major, one quartermaster-sergeant, and two chief buglers, one adjutant, who shall be a lieutenant, one sergeant-major, one chief musician, and ten companies; each company shall consist of one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, (exclusive of the adjutant lieutenant,) four sergeants, four corporals, two buglers, one farrier, one blacksmith, and sixty-four privates.

Regiment of mounted riflemen raised. Organization.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, shall be entitled to the same pay and emoluments as are allowed to dragoons, and that the farrier and blacksmith shall receive the same pay and allowances as are allowed to an artificer of artillery.

Pay and emoluments.

To be subject to the rules and articles of war, and recruited in the same manner as other troops of U. S.

Provisions for wounds and disabilities, and for widows and children, &c.

Extra compensation when on fatigue duty.

1819, ch. 45.

Appropriation.

Appropriation for military stations on route to Oregon.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said regiment of riflemen shall be subject to the rules and articles of war, and shall be recruited in the same manner as other troops in the service of the United States, and with the same conditions and limitations; and the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, blacksmiths, and farriers, shall be entitled to the same provisions for wounds and disabilities, and the same provisions for widows and children, and the same allowances and benefits, in every respect, as are allowed to other troops composing the army of the United States.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of said regiment, when employed in constructing fortifications, making surveys, cutting roads, or performing other labor, shall be allowed fifteen cents per day each, with a commutation in money for the extra spirit ration, as provided by the act of the second of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, entitled "An Act to regulate the Pay of the Army when on Fatigue Duty."

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of seventy-six thousand five hundred dollars, for mounting and equipping said regiment, be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to defray the expenses of each military station or defence which the President may deem necessary on the line of communication with Oregon, and a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars for making compensation to the Indian tribes which may own or possess the ground on which the said station may be erected, and for each station.

APPROVED, May 19, 1846.

May 22, 1846.

CHAP. XXIII. — *An Act to establish the Value of certain foreign Coins and Moneys of Account, and to amend existing Laws.*

Value of certain foreign coins in computations at custom-house.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in all computations at the custom-house, the foreign coins and money of account herein specified shall be estimated as follows, to wit: The specie dollar of Sweden and Norway, at one hundred and six cents; the specie dollar of Denmark, at one hundred and five cents; the thaler of Prussia and of the northern states of Germany, at sixty-nine cents; the florin of the southern states of Germany, at forty cents; the florin of the Austrian Empire, and of the city of Augsburg, at forty-eight and one half cents; the lira of the Lombardo-Venetian Kingdom, and the lira of Tuscany, at sixteen cents; the franc of France and of Belgium, and the lira of Sardinia, at eighteen cents six mills; the ducat of Naples, at eighty cents; the ounce of Sicily, at two dollars and forty cents; the pound of the British provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Canada, at four dollars. And all laws inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Repeal of inconsistent acts.

APPROVED, May 22, 1846.