

CHAP. XXVIII. — *An Act making Alterations in the Pay Department of the Army.*

June 17, 1846.

*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, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint three additional paymasters, to be attached to the pay department of the army.

Three additional paymasters to be appointed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the officers appointed in virtue of this act shall perform the same duties, receive the same pay and allowances, as the present paymasters of the army, and shall, in like manner, be subject to the rules and articles of war; and previous to entering upon the duties of their office, shall give such bonds to the United States as the Secretary of War may direct, for the faithful performance of their duties.

Duties, compensation, &c.

Bonds of.

APPROVED, June 17, 1846.

CHAP. XXIX. — *An Act supplemental to an Act entitled "An Act providing for the Prosecution of the existing War between the United States and the Republic of Mexico," and for other Purposes.*

June 18, 1846.

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*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 hereby is, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one major-general and two brigadier-generals, in addition to the present military establishment: *Provided,* That when the war with Mexico shall be terminated by a definitive treaty of peace, duly concluded and ratified, the number of major-generals in the army shall be reduced to one, and the number of brigadier-generals shall be reduced to two; and the President of the United States is authorized and directed to select from the whole number which may then be in office, without regard to the date of their commissions, the number to be retained, and cause the remainder to be discharged from the service of the United States.

One major-general and two brigadier-generals to be appointed.

Reduction on conclusion of peace.

How to be made.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized to call into the service, under the act approved May thirteenth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, such of the general officers of the militia as the service, in his opinion, may require, and to organize into brigades and divisions the forces authorized by said act, according to his discretion.

President authorized to call into service general officers of the militia.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the field and staff of a separate battalion of volunteers, under the said act, shall be one lieutenant-colonel or major, one adjutant, with the rank of lieutenant, one sergeant-major, one quartermaster-sergeant, and a chief bugler or principal musician, according to corps.

Field and staff of separate battalion of volunteers established.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States may limit the privates in any volunteer company, according to his discretion, at from sixty-four to one hundred; and that with every volunteer company an additional second lieutenant may be allowed and accepted.

Number of privates in a company.

An additional second lieutenant allowed.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That when volunteers or militia are called into the service of the United States in such numbers that the officers of the quartermaster, commissary, and medical departments, authorized by law, be not sufficient to provide for supplying, quartering, transporting, and furnishing them with the requisite medical attendance, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, as many additional officers of said departments as the service may require, not exceeding one quartermaster and one commissary for each brigade, with the rank of major, and one

Additional officers of the quartermaster, commissary, and medical departments may be appointed.