Chap. IV. — *An Act to continue the Office of the Commissioner of Pensions.*

Jan. 14, 1846.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the authority given to continue the office of Commissioner of Pensions by the act of the twentieth of January, eighteen hundred and forty-three, entitled "An Act to continue the Office of Commissioner of Pensions," be extended to the fourth of March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, and no longer.

1843, ch. 4.

Office of Commissioner of Pensions continued to March 4th, 1849.

Approved, January 14, 1846.

Chap. VI. — *An Act establishing certain Post Routes.*

Feb. 6, 1846.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be and is hereby established a post route from New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, along the Gulf coast to Galveston, thence to Velasco, to Matagorda, to Pass Aransas, and to Corpus Christi, in Texas, by land or water, as the Postmaster-General may deem expedient; that a post route be also established from Galveston, via the city of Houston, San Felipe de Austin, Lagrange, and Bastrop, to Austin. Also, the following routes: from Fulton, in the State of Arkansas, via Boston, Clarksville, Bonham, and Falls of the Brazos, to Austin; from Natchitoches, via Sabine Town, Nacogdoches, Crockett, Washington, to Lagrange; from Shreveport, in the State of Louisiana, via Pulaski, to Nacogdoches; from Velasco, via Brasoria, Texana, Victoria, and Goliad, to San Antonio de Bexar; from the city of Houston to Robin's Ferry; from Austin to San Antonio de Bexar; and that it shall be the duty of the Postmaster-General to contract for conveying a mail on said routes as soon as can conveniently be done after the passage of this act.

Repealed, post, p. 16.

Post routes established.

Postmaster-General to contract for carrying the mail on said routes.

Approved, February 6, 1846.

Chap. VII. — *An Act relative to Collectors and other Officers of the Customs.*

Feb. 11, 1846.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That collectors and all other officers of the customs, serving for a less period than a year, shall not be paid for the entire year, but shall be allowed in no case a greater than a *pro rata* of the maximum compensation of said officers respectively for the time only which they actually serve as such collectors or officers, whether the same be under one or more appointments, or before or after confirmation. And no collector or other officer shall, in any case, receive for his services, either as fees, salary, fines, penalties, forfeitures, or otherwise, for the time he may be in service, beyond the maximum *pro rata* rate provided by law.

Officers of the customs not to be allowed more than a *pro rata* compensation for the time they may serve.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all accounts for salary, compensation, and emoluments shall be rendered quarterly, at the end of each quarter of the fiscal year.

Accounts for salary to be rendered quarterly.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That no portion of the additional duties provided by the seventeenth section of the act of August thirtieth, eighteen hundred and forty-two, entitled "An Act to provide Revenue from Imports, and to change and modify existing Laws imposing Duties on Imports, and for other Purposes," shall be deemed a fine, penalty, or forfeiture, for the purpose of being distributed to any

Additional duties not to be distributed to any officers of customs, but paid in to the treasury.

1842, ch. 270.

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