Pensions to widows and orphans.
1836, ch. 362.

For pensions to widows and orphans under the act of fourth July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, three hundred and twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars.

1838, ch. 189.

For pensions to widows under the act of seventh July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and the acts supplementary thereto, three hundred thousand dollars.

1843, ch. 102.

For pensions to widows under the act of third March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, eighty thousand dollars.

1844, ch. 102.

For pensions to widows under the act of seventeenth June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, six hundred thousand dollars.

For half-pay pensions to widows and orphans, payable through the Third Auditor's office, four thousand five hundred dollars.

Arrearages.

For arrearages prior to July second, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, payable through the Third Auditor's office, one thousand two hundred dollars.

Evidence necessary to entitle a widow to a pension.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That no widow entitled to a pension under existing laws, and claiming a pension, whose husband was drawing a pension at the time of his decease, shall be required, in any such case, to furnish any further evidence that said husband was entitled to a pension; nor shall any evidence, in any case, be required to entitle the widow to a pension, when the evidence is in the archives of the government, other than such proof as would be sufficient to establish the marriage between the applicant and the deceased pensioner in civil personal actions in a court of justice: *Provided*, That, upon a revision of the testimony in the case of the deceased husband, the commissioner be satisfied that the pension was properly granted.

Proviso, that the commissioner is satisfied.
1843, ch. 71, § 2.

Act of 1845, ch. 71, § 4, respecting the reopening of settled accounts, and the limitation of claims on the U. S., not to apply to pensions.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the fourth section of an act entitled "An Act making Appropriations for the civil and diplomatic Expenses of the Government for the fiscal Year ending the thirtieth Day of June, A. D. eighteen hundred and forty-six, and for other Purposes," shall not be so construed as to apply to applications for pensions.

Approved, May 7, 1846.

May 8, 1846.

Chap. XIV.—*An Act to supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for certain Objects made for the Service of the fiscal Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-six.*

Appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for various objects made for the service of the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-six, namely:

Contingent expenses of the Senate.

For the contingent expenses of the Senate, being for printing and lithographing, ordered during the twenty-eighth Congress, seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Printing and lithographing.

For the contingent expenses of the Senate, being for printing and lithographing, ordered by the Senate, during the first session of the twenty-ninth Congress, fifty-one thousand dollars.

Contingencies of H. of Rep.

For the contingent expenses of the House of Representatives, seventy thousand dollars.

Purchase of certain books.

To enable the clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States to comply with former orders of the House, directing him to supply the members with certain books, to wit:

Cong. Globe.

For two hundred and twenty-six copies of the fourteenth volume of the Congressional Globe and Appendix, six hundred and seventy-eight dollars: *Provided*, That this appropriation, or any legislation hereto-

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fore had in relation to said work, shall not be deemed to authorize any further subscription to said work, or the purchasing any further volumes thereof.

Register of Debates.

For seventy-six copies of the fourteenth volume of the Register of Debates, seven hundred and sixty dollars.

Contested Elections.

For one hundred and fifty-eight copies of "Contested Elections," seven hundred and ninety dollars.

Documentary History.

Proviso.

For two hundred and nineteen copies of the fourth and fifth volumes of the Documentary History, seven thousand forty-three dollars and ninety-one cents: *Provided*, That this appropriation, or any legislation heretofore had in relation to said work, shall not be deemed to authorize any further subscription to said work, or the purchasing any further volumes thereof, beyond the number authorized and required by existing contracts with the publishers.

Contingent expenses, office of 1st and 4th Auditors.

For contingent expenses in the office of the First Auditor, three hundred dollars.

For contingent expenses in the office of the Fourth Auditor, five hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses, office of Secretary of the Treasury.

For contingent expenses of the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, for publishing notices as required by acts of the twelfth of October, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and the seventeenth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-four, one thousand dollars.

Compensation of superintendent of the post-office.

For compensation to the superintendent of the post-office building for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-five, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Additional Salaries of certain District judges.

For additional salaries of the District judges of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri, from the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-five, two thousand three hundred and ninety-four dollars and ninety-seven cents.

Expenses of the Courts of the U. S.; also of jurors, witnesses, &c.

For defraying the expenses of the Supreme, Circuit, and District Courts of the United States, including the District of Columbia; also for jurors and witnesses, in aid of funds arising from fines, penalties, and forfeitures; and likewise for defraying the expenses of suits in which the United States are concerned, and for prosecutions for offences committed against the United States, and for the safe-keeping of prisoners, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Insane paupers of the District of Columbia.

For expenses incurred, and to be incurred, for the support, clothing, and medical treatment, of the insane paupers of the District of Columbia, one thousand three hundred and twenty-five dollars and seventy-nine cents.

Light on Delaware Breakwater.

For reimbursement of the Philadelphia board of underwriters, for expenses paid and to be paid by them in maintaining the light on the Delaware Breakwater from the first of July, eighteen hundred and forty-four, to the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-six, one thousand six hundred dollars.

Outfits of *chargés des affaires*.

For outfits of *chargés des affaires* to Texas, Austria, Peru, and Venezuela, five hundred dollars; and that the proper accounting officers of the treasury are hereby authorized and directed to allow to William H. Stiles, *chargé d'affaires* to Austria, his salary from the tenth day of May to the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-five, and to pay the same out of any unexpended balance of the appropriations for salaries of the *chargés des affaires* of the United States.

For outfits of the late *chargés des affaires* to Peru and Venezuela, and *chargés des affaires* to Naples, Holland, New Grenada, Sweden, Portugal, Denmark, Belgium, Sardinia, Chili, and Buenos Ayres, fifty-four thousand dollars.

Contingent expenses of foreign missions

For contingent expenses of all the missions abroad, thirty thousand dollars.

Pensions.

For payment of invalid pensions under various laws, seventy-four thousand dollars.

1836, ch. 362.

For payment of pensions under act of July four, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, one hundred and two thousand dollars.

1838, ch. 189.

For payment of widows' pensions under act of July seven, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and the acts supplementary thereto, one hundred and three thousand eight hundred dollars.

Repairing State artillery of Louisiana.

For repairing of the State artillery of the State of Louisiana, injured in the service of the United States in Texas, during the summer and fall of eighteen hundred and forty-five, one thousand five hundred and sixty-six dollars.

Payment of Texas and Louisiana volunteers.

For payment of four companies of Texas volunteers, and two companies of Louisiana volunteers, including the supplies required by the quartermaster's department, sixty-nine thousand two hundred and six dollars and sixty-eight cents.

Transportation of officers' baggage.

For transportation of officers' baggage, thirty thousand dollars.

Transportation of troops, supplies, &c.

For the transportation of troops and supplies of the army, including baggage of troops, when moving either by land or water; freight and ferriages; the purchase or hire of horses, mules, oxen, carts, wagons, and boats, for the transportation of supplies, and for garrison purposes; drayage and cartage at the several posts; hire of teamsters; transportation of funds of the pay department; expense of sailing public transports between the posts on the Gulf of Mexico, and procuring water at such posts as from their situation require it; of clothing, from the depot at Philadelphia to the stations of the troops; of subsistence, from the places of purchase, and from the places of delivery, under contracts, to such places as the necessities of the service may require it to be sent; of ordnance, ordnance stores, and small arms, from the founderies and armories to the arsenals, fortifications, and frontier posts, six hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

Supplies of quartermaster's department.

For the regular supplies of the quartermaster's department, consisting of fuel, forage in kind for the authorized number of officers' horses, and for the horses, mules, and oxen, belonging to the quartermaster's department at the several military posts and stations, and for the horses of the two regiments of dragoons, and of the four companies of light artillery; of straw for soldiers' bedding; and of stationery, including company and other blank books for the army, certificates for discharged soldiers, blank forms for the pay and quartermaster's departments, and the printing of department orders, army regulations, and general regulations, one hundred thousand dollars.

Penitentiary in the District of Columbia.

For amount required for the support of the [penitentiary of the](a) District of Columbia, for the fiscal year ending thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and forty-six, eleven thousand nine hundred and forty-nine dollars and sixty-four cents.

Refunding certain duties collected in contravention of treaty with G. Britain.

1842, ch. 270.

For refunding certain duties collected under the act of the thirtieth of August, 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," contrary to the terms of the convention of eighteen hundred and fifteen, between Great Britain and the United States, in fulfilment of the agreement lately entered into by the government of the United States and Great Britain, one hundred thousand dollars.

Compensation and mileage of members of Congress, and delegates.

For compensation and mileage of senators and members of the House of Representatives and delegates, the same being rendered necessary by an increase in the number of senators and members of the House of Representatives, twenty thousand dollars.

(a) The words in brackets were, by a clerical error, omitted, in engrossing the bill. The omission is corrected by the joint resolution of May 15, 1846, post, p. 110.

For contingent expenses of foreign intercourse, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses of foreign intercourse.

For salary of the commissioner to reside in China from the first of April to the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-five, one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

Salary of Commissioner to China.

Approved, May 8, 1846.

Chap. XV. — *An Act to repeal a Part of the Act entitled "An Act supplementary to the several Laws for the Sale of the public Lands," approved April fifth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and for other Purposes.*

May 8, 1846.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, from and after the passage of this act, the second proviso to the act entitled "An Act supplementary to the several Laws for the Sale of the public Lands," approved April fifth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, which is as follows, viz., "That no person shall be permitted to enter more than one half quarter section of land under this act in quarter quarter sections, in his own name, or in the name of any other person, and in no case, unless he intends it for cultivation, or for the use of his improvement. And the person making application to make an entry under this act shall file his or her affidavit under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, that he or she makes the entry in his or her own name, for his or her own benefit, and not in trust for another," shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and all entries, selections, or locations of lands now suspended in the General Land Office, because made contrary to the restrictions in this proviso, shall be, and they are hereby, confirmed, provided they are, in all other respects, fair and regular.

Repeal of the 2d proviso in the act of 1832, ch. 65, permitting entries, &c., of land.

Approved, May 8, 1846.

Chap. XVI. — *An Act providing for the Prosecution of the existing War between the United States and the Republic of Mexico.*

May 13, 1846.

Supplementary act, post, p. 17.

Whereas, by the act of the Republic of Mexico, a state of war exists between that Government and the United States:

Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of enabling the government of the United States to prosecute said war to a speedy and successful termination, the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ the militia, naval, and military forces of the United States, and to call for and accept the services of any number of volunteers, not exceeding fifty thousand, who may offer their services, either as cavalry, artillery, infantry, or riflemen, to serve twelve months after they shall have arrived at the place of rendezvous, or to the end of the war, unless sooner discharged, according to the time for which they shall have been mustered into service; and that the sum of ten millions of dollars, out of any moneys in the treasury, or to come into the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this act into effect.

President authorized to employ militia, naval, and military forces of the U. S., and to call for and accept volunteers, not exceeding 50,000.

Time volunteers are to serve.

Ten millions of dollars appropriated.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the militia, when called into the service of the United States by virtue of this act, or any other act, may, if in the opinion of the President of the United States the public interest requires it, be compelled to serve for a term not exceeding six months after their arrival at the place of rendezvous, in any one year, unless sooner discharged.

Militia to serve for six months.