CHAP. XIII.—*An Act making Appropriations for the Payment of Invalid and other Pensions of the United States for the Year ending the thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.* Jan. 17, 1857.

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, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight: Appropriations.

For invalid pensions, under various acts, four hundred and seventy-six thousand dollars.

For pensions under acts of the eighteenth March, eighteen hundred and eighteen, fifteenth May, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, and seventh June, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, eighty-four thousand one hundred and twenty dollars. 1818, ch. 19. 1828, ch. 53. 1832, ch. 126.

For pensions to widows of those who served in the revolutionary war, under the third section of acts of fourth July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, seventh July, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, third March, eighteen hundred and forty-three, seventeenth June, eighteen hundred and forty-four, second February and twenty-ninth July, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and second section act of third February, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, five hundred and sixty-nine thousand six hundred dollars. 1836, ch. 362. 1838, ch. 189. 1843, ch. 102. 1844, ch. 102. 1848, ch. 8. 1848, ch. 120. 1853, ch. 41.

For pensions to widows and orphans, under act of twenty-first July, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, first section of act of third February, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and under special acts, one hundred and ninety-one thousand five hundred dollars. 1848, ch. 108. 1853, ch. 41.

For navy invalid pensions, forty thousand dollars.

For navy pensions to widows and orphans, under act of eleventh August, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, one hundred and forty thousand dollars. 1848, ch. 155.

APPROVED, January 17, 1857.

CHAP. XVIII.—*An Act to procure a Bust, in Marble, of the late Chief Justice John Rutledge.* Jan. 21, 1857.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the joint committee of the two Houses of Congress on the Library be and they are hereby authorized and required to contract with a suitable artist for the execution, in marble, and delivery in the room of the Supreme Court of the United States, a bust of the late Chief Justice John Rutledge. Bust of the late Chief Justice John Rutledge to be contracted for for the Supreme Court Room.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of carrying this act into effect, there be and hereby is appropriated, eight hundred dollars, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. $800 appropriated therefor.

APPROVED, January 21, 1857.

CHAP. XIX.—*An Act more effectually to enforce the Attendance of Witnesses on the Summons of either House of Congress, and to compel them to discover Testimony.* Jan. 24, 1857.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person summoned as a witness by the authority of either House of Congress to give testimony or to produce papers upon any matter before either House, or any committee of either House of Congress, who shall wilfully make default, or who, appearing, shall refuse to answer any question pertinent to the matter of inquiry in consideration before the House or committee by which he shall be examined, shall in addition to the pains and penalties now existing, be liable to indictment as and for a misdemeanor, in any court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, and on conviction, shall pay Penalty on witnesses summoned by either House of Congress for default or refusal to answer.

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a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and not less than one hundred dollars, and suffer imprisonment in the common jail not less than one month nor more than twelve months.

No person to be held criminally for any matter respecting which he has been required to testify before either House of Congress or any committee.

Nothing disclosed by such witness to be evidence against him.

No such witness excused from answering on the ground that he will criminate himself.

Proviso for punishing perjury in such witness.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That no person examined and testifying before either House of Congress, or any committee of either House, shall be held to answer criminally in any court of justice, or subject to any penalty or forfeiture for any fact or act touching which he shall be required to testify before either House of Congress or any committee of either House as to which he shall have testified whether before or after the date of this act, and that no statement made or paper produced by any witness before either House of Congress or before any committee of either House, shall be competent testimony in any criminal proceeding against such witness in any court of justice; and no witness shall hereafter be allowed to refuse to testify to any fact or to produce any paper touching which he shall be examined by either House of Congress, or any committee of either House, for the reason that his testimony touching such fact or the production of such paper may tend to disgrace him or otherwise render him infamous: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to exempt any witness from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed by him in testifying as aforesaid.

Witnesses failing to testify, how brought to trial.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That when a witness shall fail to testify, as provided in the previous sections of this act, and the facts shall be reported to the House, it shall be the duty of the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate to certify the fact under the seal of the House or Senate to the district attorney for the District of Columbia, whose duty it shall be to bring the matter before the grand jury for their action.

APPROVED, January 24, 1857.

Jan. 26, 1857.

CHAP. XXIV.—*An Act making a Reappropriation from the Surplus Fund for the Relief of Lieutenant John Guest, United States Navy, and others.*

Balance of appropriations for coast survey carried to surplus fund, reappropriated for John Guest and others.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars and forty-nine cents, being the balance remaining of the appropriations made by Congress in the years eighteen hundred and forty, and eighteen hundred and forty-one, for the survey of the coast from Apalachicola bay to the mouth of the Mississippi River, for the ascertainment of the practicability of establishing a navy yard and naval station which should best subserve the protection of the commerce of the Gulf of Mexico, which balance has been carried to the credit of the surplus fund, be and the same is hereby reappropriated, for the payment of the sum due Lieutenant John Guest, United States Navy, (six hundred and seventeen dollars,) for services rendered in such survey, and for other lawful claims of officers who were employed in that survey.

APPROVED, January 26, 1857.

Jan. 28, 1857.

CHAP. XXV.—*An Act authorizing the establishing of a Navy Depot on Blythe Island, at Brunswick, on the Coast of Georgia, and for other Purposes.*

A site on Blythe Island (Ga.) to be purchased for a naval depot.

Buildings.

Appropriation.

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 purchase a site for a navy depot on Blythe Island, on the coast of Georgia, and to erect such buildings and make such improvements as may be necessary for the repair of United States vessels of war, and afford refuge therefor, and that the sum of two hundred thousand dollars be appropriated for effecting that object, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, January 28, 1857.