facture and use the same can be purchased at a price not exceeding that sum.

Ordnance. For the purchase of ordnance for the use of the navy, three hundred thousand dollars.

Fort Abercrombie. For repairing the quarters and outbuildings at Fort Abercrombie, seven thousand dollars.

Volunteers. For collecting, drilling, and organizing volunteers, under the acts authorizing the President to accept the services of five hundred thousand men, twenty millions of dollars.

Secretary of Navy may change the names of purchased vessels. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to change the names of any vessels purchased for the use of the Navy Department by authority of law, and they shall be thereafter known by the names so given them by virtue of this act.

Gunboats for Western rivers. SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That there be, and hereby is, appropriated, in like manner, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, for the construction and equipment of gunboats for service on the Western rivers.

APPROVED, August 5, 1861.

August 5, 1861. CHAP. LII. — *An Act making Appropriation to pay the Expenses of the Investigating Committees of the House of Representatives and Senate appointed the first Session of the Thirty-seventh Congress, and of the Commission authorized to examine and report as to the Compensation of all Officers of the Government.*

Appropriation for expenses of investigating committees. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there be, and hereby is, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ten thousand dollars, to pay the expenses of the investigating committees of the Senate and House of Representatives appointed at the first session of the Thirty-seventh Congress, and also the expenses of the commission authorized to examine and report as to the compensation of all officers of the Government; said sum of money to be drawn from the Treasury as part of the contingent expenses of the House of Representatives, and to be disbursed in the mode provided by law for such expenses.

How drawn and disbursed.

APPROVED, August 5, 1861.

August 5, 1861. CHAP. LIII. — *An Act authorizing the Construction of twelve small Side-wheel Steamers.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy shall cause to be constructed, with the least possible delay, twelve small side-wheel steamers, for the use of the navy of the United States, of light draught and great speed; and that for the purpose aforesaid twelve hundred thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated.

Twelve small side-wheel steamers.

Appropriation.

APPROVED, August 5, 1861.

August 5, 1861. CHAP. LIV. — *An Act making Appropriations for Fortifications and for other Purposes.*

Appropriations for fortifications. *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, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for contingencies of fortifications, to be used and applied under the direction of the Secretary of War.

When commissioned officers tendering resignations, to be treated as deserters. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any commissioned officer of the army, navy, or marine corps, who, having tendered his resignation, shall, prior to due notice of the acceptance of the same by the proper authority, and without leave, quit his post or proper duties with the intent to remain

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permanently absent therefrom, shall be registered as a deserter, and punished as such.

Flogging in the army abolished.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That flogging as a punishment in the army is hereby abolished.

Washington Infirmary.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That for removing stables and other obstructions from the grounds around the Washington Infirmary, used as an army hospital, and grading said grounds to secure proper drainage of the same, the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the surgeon-general of the United States army.

APPROVED, August 5, 1861.

CHAP. LV. — *An Act in Relation to the Office of Attorney of the United States for the Southern District of New York.*

August 6, 1861.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be paid to the attorney of the United States for the southern district of New York, quarterly, a salary at the rate of six thousand dollars per annum, and such additional sum as shall be necessary, together with the costs and fees now allowed by law to pay such amount as shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior for the proper expenses of the office, including salaries of assistants and clerks.

Salary of attorney of southern district of New York.

Expenses of office.

Accounts from April 4th, 1861, to be settled by this act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the accounts of said attorney, from and after the fourth day of April last, shall be adjusted and settled in the same manner as the same would have been adjusted and settled had this act been in operation on and after that day.

APPROVED, August 6, 1861.

CHAP. LVI. — *An Act to punish certain Crimes against the United States.*

August 6, 1861.

Recruiting soldiers or sailors to serve against the United States punishable.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if any person shall be guilty of the act of recruiting soldiers or sailors in any State or Territory of the United States to engage in armed hostility against the United States, or who shall open a recruiting station for the enlistment of such persons, either as regulars or volunteers, to serve as aforesaid, shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor, and upon conviction in any court of record having jurisdiction of the offence, shall be fined a sum not less than two hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, and confined and imprisoned for a period not less than one year nor more than five years.

Those enlisting punishable.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the person so enlisted, or engaged as regular or volunteer, shall be fined in a like manner a sum of one hundred dollars, and imprisoned not less than one nor more than three years.

APPROVED, August 6, 1861.

CHAP. LVII. — *An Act to promote the Efficiency of the Engineer and Topographical Engineer Corps, and for other Purposes.*

August 6, 1861.

1863, ch. 78.

Post, p. 743.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be added to each of the corps of engineers, and topographical engineers, by regular promotion of their present officers, two lieutenant-colonels and four majors.

Increase of field-officers in corps of engineers and topographical engineers.

Company of soldiers added to topographical engineers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be added to the corps of topographical engineers one company of soldiers, to be commanded by appropriate officers of said corps, to have the same pay and rations, clothing, and other allowances, and to be entitled to the same benefits in every respect as the company created by the act for the organ-