

Disbursing officers except, &c. to give bonds.

United States officers not to receive commissions for disbursements.

Appropriations to be at the disposal of the Secretary of War.

Examinations, or surveys, or both, to be made at various points, and the purpose of the examinations;

to be continued at certain other points.

all the bids with the names of the bidders. All persons not holding commissions in the regular army of the United States, who shall be intrusted with the disbursement of the funds appropriated for the works named in this act, shall be required to give bond and ample security for the faithful application of the same, and no such disbursing officer in the army of the United States shall receive any commission or compensation for making such disbursements. And the moneys hereinbefore appropriated shall remain and be at the disposal of the Secretary of War, and subject to his control for the purposes named in this act, until the several works and improvements herein provided for are completed, any law or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of War is hereby directed to cause examinations or surveys, or both, as afore-said, to be made at the following points, namely: At the harbor of San Francisco, California, with a view to the removal of "Blossom Rock," if the same should be found necessary and essential to commerce; at Crescent city harbor, California; at Duxbury beach, Massachusetts; at mouth of Menomonee river, Green bay; at Saugatuck harbor, mouth of Kai[mazoo] river, in Michigan; at Port Clinton, in Ohio; at Pultneyville, Lake Ontario, New York; and of the Tennessee river, from Chattanooga to its mouth; at Reedy island and Liston (tree) point, in the Delaware river and bay; at Richmond's island, Cape Elizabeth, the Union river and the Gut opposite the city of Bath, Maine; the Connecticut river, between Hartford and its mouth; at Block Island, in the State of Rhode Island, the reefs in Lake Michigan, near the harbor of Racine, in Wisconsin, with a view to a lighthouse and breakwater thereon; and the Potomac river, in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of War is hereby directed to cause a continuance of examinations or surveys, or both, at the following points, namely: Of the Mississippi river, above the Falls of Saint Anthony and between the Falls of Saint Anthony and Rock Island rapids; of the Wisconsin river, and to continue the survey of the Illinois river, in accordance with the recommendation of General J. H. Wilson, in his report of January twelve, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven. And he is also directed to cause plans and estimates to be made of the most practicable and effective mode of improving the harbor at Galveston, Texas, and of erecting suitable breakwater at that point.

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March 2, 1867. CHAP. CXLV. — *An Act to provide for a temporary Increase of the Pay of Officers in the Army of the United States, and for other Purposes.*

Pay of army officers below the rank of major-general to be increased one third for two years;

of field and mounted officers;

Increased pay of non-commissioned officers and soldiers to be continued for three years from, &c.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That for two years from the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, all officers of the army below the rank of major-general, including the professors at West Point, shall be paid an addition of thirty-three and one third per centum to their present pay proper; and the pay and emoluments of all field and other mounted officers shall hereafter be the same as is now provided by law for cavalry officers of like grades.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That section one of the act entitled "An act to increase the pay of soldiers in the United States army, and for other purposes," approved June twenty, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, be, and the same is hereby, continued in full force and effect for three years from and after the close of the rebellion, as announced by the President of the United States by proclamation, bearing date the twentieth day of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of the joint resolution approved July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, en-

1864, ch. 145, § 1. Vol. xiii. p. 144. Post, p. 808.

titled "A Joint Resolution in regard to rations of Union soldiers held as prisoners of war," shall be extended so as to allow commutation of rations at cost prices in the settlement of the accounts of all enlisted men of the army, navy, and marine corps, who died while held as prisoners of war in the rebel States, or who, having been so held as prisoners of war, have died or may die subsequent to release; to be paid, however, only to the widow of such deceased person, if such widow remain unmarried, or in case there be no such widow then to the surviving children of the deceased; or if there be no such widow or children, then to the parent or parents of the deceased; or if there be no such widow, children, parent, or parents, then to the brothers and sisters of the deceased.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That section one of the "Act providing for the better organization of the military establishment," approved August third, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, authorizing the President to appoint an assistant secretary of war, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the act entitled "An act to increase and fix the military peace establishment of the United States," approved July twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, as relates to the promotion of assistant surgeons after three years' service, shall be amended so as to read "and persons who have served as surgeons or assistant surgeons three years in the volunteer force shall be eligible for promotion to the grade of captain."

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the act entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States," approved May eight, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, and the several acts amendatory thereof, be, and they are hereby, amended by striking out the word "white."

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That (excepting the ordnance storekeeper and paymaster at the Springfield Armory, who has the rank, pay, and allowances of a major of cavalry) all storekeepers of the army shall hereafter have the rank, pay, and allowances of captains of cavalry, and the post chaplains now in service, or hereafter to be appointed, shall be commissioned by the President, and all vacancies occurring in the grade of chaplain, which is hereby established to rank as captain of infantry, shall be filled by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and all army chaplains shall hereafter be on the same footing as to tenure of office, retirement, allowances for service and pensions, as now provided by law for other officers of the army.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That in any case where a person entitled to receive payment of bounty, under the provisions of any law, shall make application therefor, or where such application shall be made by the proper representatives of such person, being deceased, and the discharge of such person has been lost, it shall be competent for the accounting officers to receive, in lieu of the actual production of such discharge, proof of the actual loss of the same and secondary proof of its issue and contents, together with proof of the identity of the claimant or person deceased, under such rules defining the character and form of the evidence as the paymaster-general shall prescribe.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That section fifteen of the "Act to increase the present military establishment of the United States, and for other purposes," approved July fifth, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, be amended so that general officers shall not hereafter be excluded from receiving the additional ration for every five years' service; and it is hereby further provided that officers on the retired list of the army shall have the same allowance of additional rations for every five years' service as officers in active service.

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Provision as to commutation of rations to apply to enlisted men who died as prisoners of war, or after their release.

*Ante*, p. 364. to whom to be paid.

Repeal of act of 1861, ch. 42, § 1, authorizing an assistant secretary of war.

Vol. xii. p. 287. Promotion of surgeons and assistant surgeons in the volunteer service.

1866, ch. 299, § 17.

*Ante*, p. 335.

The word "white" stricken out of the acts relating to the militia.

1792, ch. 33. Vol. i. p. 271.

Rank, pay, &c. of storekeepers of the army, except, &c.

Post chaplains. Chaplains, how to rank.

Tenure of office, allowances &c. of army chaplains.

In applications for bounty, where discharge has been lost, what secondary proof is to be admitted of its issue, &c.

General officers may receive an additional ration for every five years' service.

1838, ch. 162, § 15.

Vol. v. p. 258. Officers on retired list.