

Surviving officers of Texas Navy to have pay for five years from annexation.

Acceptance of such pay to be a renunciation of all further claim for pay or position.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That the surviving officers of the navy of the Republic of Texas, who were duly commissioned as such at the time of annexation, shall be entitled to the pay of officers of the like grades, when waiting orders, in the navy of the United States, for five years from the time of said annexation, and a sum sufficient to make the payment is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, That the acceptance of the provisions of this act by any of the said officers shall be a full relinquishment and renunciation of all claim on his part to any further compensation on this behalf from the United States government, and to any position in the navy of the United States.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

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CHAP. CXII.—*An Act for the Relief of certain actual Settlers and Cultivators who purchased Lands subject to Graduation, within the Limits of the Choctaw Cession of eighteen hundred and thirty, at a less Rate than the true graduated Price, under the "Act to graduate and reduce the Price of the Public Lands to actual Settlers and Cultivators," approved the fourth of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and for other Purposes.*

1854, ch. 244.
Vol. x. p. 574.

Relief of *bonâ fide* settlers on the Choctaw cession.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person or persons who may have entered, in good faith, lands subject to graduation within the limits of the Choctaw cession of eighteen hundred and thirty, before the correct graduation lists had been received at the local land-offices, at a less rate than the true graduation price, and who settled upon and improved the lands entered, or who entered the same for the benefit of an adjoining farm, and who continue to occupy the same, shall be entitled (provided the entries are regular in all other respects) to receive patents for the lands so entered, settled upon, and occupied, without any additional payment being required of them, upon their making the proof required by the circulars from the General Land-Office, dated the twenty-third of January and the seventh of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, any law to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided*, That no proof shall be required which is not necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

Act of 1852, ch. 35, respecting school lands in Mississippi, to apply to those heretofore reserved.

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SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the act of May nineteen, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, entitled "An act to authorize the legislature of the State of Mississippi to sell the lands heretofore appropriated for the use of schools in that State, and to ratify and approve the sales already made," be so construed as to apply to lands heretofore reserved for school purposes in the State of Mississippi.

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CHAP. CXIII.—*An Act making Appropriation for the Transportation of the United States Mail, by Ocean Steamers and otherwise, during the fiscal Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.*

Appropriations for mail steamers.

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 be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight:

To Liverpool.
To New Orleans, Charleston, Savannah, Havana, and Chagres.
From Panama to California and Oregon.

For transportation of the mails from New York to Liverpool and back, three hundred and forty-six thousand five hundred dollars.

For transportation of the mails from New York to New Orleans, Charleston, Savannah, Havana, and Chagres, and back, two hundred and sixty-one thousand dollars.

For transportation of the mails from Panama to California and Oregon, and back, three hundred and twenty-eight thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the service of the Post-Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, out of any moneys in the treasury arising from the revenues of said department, in conformity to the act of the second of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six :

For transportation of the mails between Charleston and Havana, a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars.

For transportation of the mails across the Isthmus of Panama, one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars.

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1836, ch. 270.
Vol. v. p. 80.

Charleston and Havana.
Isthmus of Panama.

CHAP. CXIV.—*An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the better Organization of the Treasury, and for the Collection, Safe-keeping, Transfer, and Disbursement of the Public Revenue."*

March 3, 1857.

1846, ch. 90.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue, approved August sixth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, be and the same is hereby so amended that each and every disbursing officer or agent of the United States, having any money of the United States entrusted to him for disbursement, shall be and he is hereby required to deposit the same with the Treasurer of the United States, or with some one of the assistant treasurers or public depositaries, and draw for the same only in favor of the persons to whom payment is to be made in pursuance of law and instructions; except when payments are to be made in sums under twenty dollars, in which cases such disbursing agent may check in his own name, stating that it is to pay small claims.

Disbursing officers required to deposit their moneys.

How drawn out.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Treasurer of the United States, assistant treasurers, and public depositaries shall safely keep all moneys deposited by any disbursing officer or disbursing agent of the United States, as well as any moneys deposited by any receiver, collector, or other person which shall be the moneys of or due or owing to the United States, and for a failure so to do shall be held guilty of the crime of embezzlement of said moneys, and subject to the punishment provided for embezzlement in the act to which this is an amendment.

Custody of such deposits.

Penalty.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of each and every person who shall have moneys of the United States in his hands or possession to pay the same to the treasurer, the assistant treasurer, or public depositary of the United States, and take his receipt for the same, in duplicate, and forward one of them forthwith to the Secretary of the Treasury, and for a failure to make such deposit, when required by the Secretary of the Treasury, or any other department, or the accounting officers of the treasury, the person so failing shall be held guilty of the crime of embezzlement, and subject to the punishment for that offence provided in the act to which this is an amendment.

All persons having public moneys required to deposit the same.

Penalty.

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CHAP. CXV.—*An Act to extend the Provisions of the Act entitled "An Act in Addition to certain Acts granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Services of the United States," to the Officers and Soldiers of Major David Bailey's Battalion of Cook County (Illinois) Volunteers.*

March 3, 1857.

1855, ch. 207.
Vol. x. p. 701.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all those officers and soldiers of Major David Bailey's battalion of Cook county (Illinois) volunteers stationed at Fort Dearborn, in the Black Hawk war of eighteen

Major David Bailey's battalion of volunteers to receive bounty land warrants.