

Widows and orphans.

1848, ch. 108.
1853, ch. 85.

For pensions to widows and orphans, under first section act fourth July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, act of twenty-first July, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, first section act of third February, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and act third June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, three hundred and forty thousand dollars.

Navy invalid pensions.

Navy pensions.
1843, ch. 155.

For navy invalid pensions, forty-five thousand dollars.
For navy pensions to widows and orphans, under act of eleventh August, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, two hundred thousand dollars.

Privateer.
Pensions not to be paid to those in rebellion, &c.

For privateer invalid pensions, six hundred dollars: *Provided*, That no pension shall be paid under this act to any person who has been engaged in the present rebellion against the Government of the United States, or who has in any way given aid and comfort to those engaged in the rebellion.

APPROVED, January 8, 1862.

January 21, 1862.

CHAP. VIII. — *An Act to promote the Efficiency of the Dead Letter Office.*

Post, pp. 364,
381, 408.

All dead letters to be returned to writers except, &c.
1862, ch. 71, §§ 7, 8.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be authorized to return all dead letters, except those containing circulars and other worthless matter, to their writers, whenever their names can be ascertained. All valuable letters to be charged treble, and all others double, the ordinary rate of postage, to be collected from the writers.

Postage thereon.
Post, pp. 702,
703.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, to enable this to be done, the Postmaster-General is authorized to employ not exceeding twenty-five additional clerks, at salaries not exceeding an average of eight hundred dollars per year, and no one to receive over twelve hundred dollars per year: *Provided*, He is satisfied that the receipts for dead letter postage will amount to a sum sufficient to pay the aggregate compensation of the said clerks. And he shall report to the next session of Congress the additional income from this source, with its cost and statistical results.

Additional clerks.

APPROVED, January 21, 1862.

How to be paid.

Report to Congress.

January 21, 1862.

CHAP. IX. — *An Act in Relation to the Letters of Sailors and Marines in the Service of the United States.*

Letters sent by sailors and marines need not be prepaid.

1861, ch. 9, § 11.
Acte, pp. 270,
271.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the act of July twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, authorizing soldiers to send letters through the mails of the United States without prepayment of postage, is hereby extended to the sailors and marines in the actual service of the United States, under such regulations as the Post Office Department shall provide, the postage thereon to be paid by the recipients.

APPROVED, January 21, 1862.

January 22, 1862.

CHAP. X. — *An Act to authorize the President to appoint two additional Assistant Secretaries of War.*

Two additional Secretaries of War for one year.
Salaries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, two additional Assistant Secretaries of War, whose salary shall each be three thousand dollars per annum, who shall perform all such duties in the office of the Secretary of War belonging to that department as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War, or as may be required by law. The offices of these additional Secretaries to continue for one year.

APPROVED, January 22, 1862.