

Payments to be made only on vouchers.

Board of public works not to incur any liability, &c., for streets, &c., beyond appropriations previously made by Congress:

ing, sewerage, and other improvements upon and adjoining the property of the United States in the District of Columbia, one million two hundred and forty-one thousand nine hundred and twenty dollars and ninety-two cents, or so much thereof as may be necessary: *Provided*, That all payments under this appropriation shall be made only upon vouchers approved by the officer in charge of the public buildings and grounds of the District, after full examination and measurement of the said improvements, and the approval of the prices claimed therefor: *And provided further*, That the said board of public works be, and they are hereby, prohibited from incurring or contracting further liabilities on behalf of the United States in the improvement of streets, avenues, and reservations beyond the amount of appropriations previously made by Congress, and from entering into any contract touching such improvements on behalf of the United States, except in pursuance of appropriations made by Congress.

APPROVED, January 8, 1873.

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CHAP. XIX. — *An Act to provide for the Removal of the sunken Wreck which now obstructs the Channel-way off Sandy Hook.*

Appropriation for removal of the sunken wreck from the channel-way off Sandy Hook.

Proviso.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of removing the sunken wreck which now obstructs the channel-way off Sandy Hook, New York: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained or any action to be had hereunder shall relieve from liability to repay such expenditure any one responsible for said obstruction.

APPROVED, January 8, 1873.

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CHAP. XX. — *An Act to provide for the Expenses of the Commission to enquire into Depredations on the Frontiers of the State of Texas.*

Appropriation for commission upon depredations on the frontiers of Texas. *Ante*, p. 395.

*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, to meet the expenses of the commission appointed under joint resolution, approved May seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, "to enquire into depredations on the frontiers of the State of Texas," viz.:

For salaries and travelling expenses of three commissioners, twelve thousand three hundred and ninety dollars.

For salaries of secretary and translator, at eighteen hundred dollars each, three thousand six hundred dollars.

For travelling expenses of the secretary and the translator, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For contingent expenses of the commission, one thousand dollars; and the work of said commission shall be completed within the current fiscal year, and at the termination of said year the duties and powers of said commission shall cease.

APPROVED, January 8, 1873.

Jan. 9, 1873.

1872, ch. 335, § 133.

*Ante*, p. 300.

Packages of seeds, &c., may be sent by mail

CHAP. XXI. — *An Act to amend the one hundred and thirty-third Section of an Act approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An Act to revise, consolidate, and amend the Statutes relating to the Post-office Department."*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section one hundred and thirty-three of the act entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, and amend the statutes relating to the Post-office Department," approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, be so amended as to authorize

the transmission by mail of packages of seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, and scious of any weight, for each of such packages, not exceeding four pounds, at a rate of postage of one cent for each two ounces or fractions of an ounce of such package or packages: *Provided*, That all mail matter of the third class must be prepaid in full in postage stamps at the office of mailing.

Weight and rate of postage.

All mail matter of third class to be prepaid in full by stamps.

APPROVED, January 9, 1873.

CHAP. XXII. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue an American Register to the English-built, wrecked Schooner, N. J. Miller.*

Jan. 9, 1873.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue an American register or enrollment to the English-built schooner N. J. Miller, which schooner was wrecked, towed into an American port, sold to and now owned by an American citizen.

American register to be issued to the schooner N. J. Miller.

APPROVED, January 9, 1873.

CHAP. XXIII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Payment of invalid and other Pensions of the United States, for the Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.*

Jan. 10, 1873.

*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 fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-four:

Pensions appropriation.

For army pensions to invalids, widows, and dependent relatives, revolutionary pensions, and pensions to soldiers of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, and for furnishing artificial limbs or apparatus for resection, with transportation, or commutation therefor; also, for compensation to pension-agents, and the expenses of the several agencies, and for fees for preparing vouchers and administering oaths, as provided for by the acts of April twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixteen; July fourth, eighteen hundred and thirty-six; May thirteenth, eighteen hundred and forty-six; February twentieth, eighteen hundred and forty-seven; February second, eighteen hundred and forty-eight; July twenty-first, eighteen hundred and forty-eight; July twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight; February third, eighteen hundred and fifty-three; June third, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight; July fourteenth and seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two; June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; June sixth and July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six; July twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight; June seventeenth and July eighth and eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy; February fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one; and February twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two; and all other pensions provided by law, thirty million dollars.

Army and revolutionary pensions, artificial limbs, pension-agents, &c.

- 1816, ch. 68.
- 1836, ch. 362.
- 1846, ch. 16.
- 1847, ch. 13.
- 1848, ch. 8, 108
- 1853, ch. 41.
- 1858, ch. 85.
- 1862, ch. 166,
- 201.
- 1864, ch. 183.
- 1866, ch. 106,
- 235.
- 1868, ch. 264.
- 1870, ch. 132,
- 225, 238.
- 1871, ch. 50.
- 1872, ch. 21.

For navy pensions to invalids, widows, and dependent relatives, and pensions to sailors of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, and for furnishing artificial limbs or apparatus for resection, with transportation or commutation therefor, compensation to pension-agents, expenses of agencies, and fees for preparing vouchers and administering oaths, as provided by the acts of April twenty-third, eighteen hundred; February twentieth, eighteen hundred and forty-seven; August eleventh, eighteen hundred and forty-eight; July fourteenth and seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two; June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; June sixth and July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six; March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven; July twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight; June seventeenth and July eighth and eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy; and February twentieth, eighteen hundred and

Navy pensions, &c.

- 1800, ch. 33.
- 1847, ch. 13.
- 1848, ch. 155.
- 1862, ch. 166,
- 201.
- 1864, ch. 183.
- 1866, ch. 106,
- 235.
- 1867, ch. 174.
- 1868, ch. 264.
- 1870, ch. 132,
- 225, 238.
- 1872, ch. 21.