

CHAP. CCXLV. — *An Act declaring the Southern Boundary of New Mexico.*

Aug. 4, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, until otherwise provided by law, the territory acquired under the late treaty with Mexico, commonly known as the Gadsden treaty, be, and the same is hereby incorporated with the territory of "New Mexico," subject to all the laws of said last named territory.*

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

The territory lately acquired from Mexico to be a part of New Mexico.

CHAP. CCXLVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Thomas Bronaugh, and for the Repeal of the "Act to aid the Territory of Minnesota in the construction of a Railroad therein," approved the twenty-ninth June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.*

Aug. 4, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to increase the pension of Thomas Bronaugh, who is now on the rolls at four dollars, to the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence January first, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the bill entitled "An act to aid the Territory of Minnesota in the construction of a railroad therein," which passed the House of Representatives on the twentieth day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and which was approved by the President of the United States on the twenty-ninth day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.*

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

Pension of Thos. Bronaugh to be increased to \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1854.

Act of 1854, ch. 72, granting land to Minnesota for railroads, repealed.

CHAP. CCXLVII. — *An Act to increase the Pay of the Rank and File of [the] Army, and to encourage Enlistments.*

Aug. 4, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the army of the United States, shall be increased at the rate of four dollars per month, and to continue for the term of three years from and after the first day of January next, and until otherwise fixed by law.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That every soldier, who, having been honorably discharged from the service of the United States, shall, within one month thereafter, re-enlist, shall be entitled to two dollars per month, in addition to the ordinary pay of his grade, for the first period of five years after the expiration of his previous enlistment, and a further sum of one dollar per month for each successive period of five years, so long as he shall remain continuously in the army; and that soldiers now in the army, who have served one or more enlistments, and been honorably discharged, shall be entitled to the benefits herein provided for a second enlistment.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That soldiers who served in the war with Mexico, and received a certificate of merit for distinguished services, as well those now in the army as those that may hereafter enlist, shall receive the two dollars per month to which that certificate would have entitled them had they remained continuously in the service.*

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted, That non-commissioned officers, who, under the authority of the seventeenth section of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, were recommended for promotion by brevet to the lowest grade of commissioned officer, but did not receive the benefit of that provision, shall be entitled, under the condition recited in the foregoing section, to the additional pay authorized to be given to such privates as received certificates of merit.*

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted, That the President of the United*

Pay of non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates increased.

Bounty for re-enlistments.

Bounty for meritorious soldiers, in the Mexican war, who re-enlist.

Non-commissioned officers recommended for promotion under act of 1847, ch. 61, sec. 17. Bounty to.

Promotion of non-commissioned officers.

States be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to confer the brevet of second lieutenant upon such meritorious non-commissioned officers, as may, under regulations to be established, be brought before an army board, composed of four officers of rank, specially convened for the purpose, and be found qualified for the duties of commissioned officers; and to attach them to regiments, as supernumerary officers, according to the provisions of the fourth section of the act approved April twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and twelve, entitled "An act making further provision for the corps of engineers."

1812, ch. 72.

Allowance for fatigue duty.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the allowance to soldiers employed at work on fortifications, in surveys, in cutting roads, and other constant labor, of not less than ten days, authorized by the act approved March second, eighteen hundred and nineteen, entitled "An act to regulate the pay of the army when employed on fatigue duty," be increased to twenty-five cents per day for men employed as laborers and teamsters, and forty cents per day, when employed as mechanics, at all stations east of the Rocky Mountains, and to thirty-five cents and fifty cents per day, respectively, when the men are employed at stations west of those mountains.

1819, ch. 45.

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CHAP. CCXLVIII. — *An Act to Repeal the first proviso of the fourth section of the act entitled "An Act granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States," approved September twenty-eighth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.*

1854, ch. 273.

Members of Congress entitled to benefit of act of 1850, ch. 86.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the first proviso of the fourth section of the act entitled "An act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States," approved September twenty-eighth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

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CHAP. CCXLIX. — *An Act to extend the Right of Pre-emption over Unsurveyed Lands in Minnesota, and for other purposes.*

Pre-emption rights in Minnesota.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the provisions of the pre-emption act of fourth September, eighteen hundred and forty-one, and the acts amendatory thereof, shall be extended to the lands in Minnesota Territory, whether surveyed or not; but in all cases where pre-emption is claimed on unsurveyed lands the settler shall file his declaratory statement within three months after the survey has been made and returned, and make proof and payment before the day appointed by the President's proclamation for the commencement of the sale of the lands, including the tract claimed: *Provided, however*, That if, when said lands are surveyed, it is found that two or more persons have settled upon the same quarter section, each shall be permitted to enter his improvement, as near as may be, by legal subdivisions.

1841, ch. 16.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

Aug. 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLXVII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Support of the Army for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.*

Appropriations.

*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 support of the army for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five: