

That when the division or brigade commander shall be the accuser or prosecutor, the court shall be appointed by the next higher commander. Prosecutor not to appoint court.

APPROVED, December 24, 1861.

CHAP. IV. — *An Act to provide for Allotment Certificates among the Volunteer Forces.* Dec. 24, 1861.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States shall appoint, for each State having volunteers in the United States service, not exceeding three persons, who shall be authorized by the President's commission to visit the several departments of the army in which volunteers from their respective States may be, and there procure from said volunteers from time to time their respective allotments of their pay to their families or friends, duly certified in writing, and by them, or by some commissioned officer of such department, attested in pursuance of such orders as may be made for that purpose by the Secretary of War, and upon which certified allotment the several paymasters shall, at each regular payment to troops, give drafts payable in the city of New York, to the order of such persons to whom said allotments were or may be made.

The President to appoint commissioners from each State to procure certified allotments of volunteers from such State.

Allotments, how paid.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the persons appointed as commissioners to carry into effect the preceding section of this act shall receive no pay or emoluments whatever from the Treasury of the United States.

Commissioners to receive no pay, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the fifth section of the act of twelfth June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, giving sutlers a lien upon the soldier's pay, be and the same is hereby repealed; and all regulations giving sutlers rights and privileges beyond the rules and articles of war be, and the same are hereby, abrogated.

Sutler's lien on soldier's pay repealed.

1858, ch. 156, § 5, vol. xi. p. 336. Post, p. 371.

APPROVED, December 24, 1861.

CHAP. V. — *An Act making an Appropriation for Gunboats on the Western Rivers.* Dec. 24, 1861.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one million of dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for gunboats on the Western rivers.

Appropriation for gunboats on Western rivers.

APPROVED, December 24, 1861.

CHAP. VI. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Payment of Invalid and other Pensions of the United States for the Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.* January 8, 1862.

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 year ending the thirtieth of June eighteen hundred and sixty-three:

Appropriation.

For invalid pensions under various acts, six hundred and forty thousand dollars. Invalid pensions.

For pensions under acts of eighteenth March, eighteen hundred and eighteen, fifteenth May, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, and seventh June, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, twenty-five thousand dollars.

1818, ch. 19.
1823, ch. 53.
1832, ch. 126.
Pensions to widows.

For pensions to widows of those who served in the Revolutionary war, under the third section of the act of fourth July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, the acts of seventh July, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, third March, eighteen hundred and forty-three, seventeenth June, eighteen hundred and forty-four, second February and twenty-ninth July, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and second section act of third February, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, two hundred thousand dollars.

1836, ch. 362.
1838, ch. 189.
1843, ch. 102.
1844, ch. 144.
1848, ch. 8 & 120
1853, ch. 41.

Widows and orphans.

1848, ch. 108.
1858, 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.
1848, 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.

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.

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

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.

Additional clerks.

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.

How to be paid.
Report to Congress.

APPROVED, January 21, 1862.

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.
Acts, 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.