

hereafter serve, at the several military posts on the western frontier, and at remote and distant stations, to any number not exceeding seventy-four, and to cause such portions of the army as may, by law, be serving on foot, to be properly equipped and mounted whenever, in his opinion, the exigency of the public service may require the same: *Provided*, that the said enlistments shall be for the term of five years, unless sooner discharged.

Proviso.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever enlistments are made at, or in the vicinity of, the said military posts, and remote and distant stations, a bounty equal in amount to the cost of transporting and subsisting a soldier from the principal recruiting depot in the harbor of New York, to the place of such enlistment, be, and the same is hereby, allowed to each recruit so enlisted, to be paid in unequal instalments at the end of each year's service, so that the several amounts shall annually increase, and the largest be paid at the expiration of each enlistment.

Bounty to be given on a certain contingency.

APPROVED, June 17, 1850.

CHAP. XXII. — *An Act to supply a Deficiency in the Appropriation for the Service of the fiscal Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty.*

June 21, 1850.

[Obsolete.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated by law, to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Supreme, Circuit, and District Courts of the United States, including the District of Columbia; also for jurors and witnesses in aid of the funds arising from fines, penalties, and forfeitures incurred in the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and fifty, and previous years, and likewise for defraying the expenses of suits in which the United States are concerned, and of prosecutions for offences committed against the United States, and for the safe keeping of prisoners.

Deficiency in the appropriation for expenses of United States courts provided for.

APPROVED, June 21, 1850.

CHAP. XXIII. — *An Act for the Construction of certain Roads in the Territory of Minnesota, and for other Purposes.*

July 18, 1850.

[Obsolete.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following sums of money be, and they are hereby, appropriated for the construction of roads in the Territory of Minnesota, to wit: For the construction of a road from Point Douglass, on the Mississippi River, via Cottage Grove, Stillwater, Marine Mills, and Falls of St. Croix, to the falls or rapids of the St. Louis River of Lake Superior, fifteen thousand dollars; for the construction of a road from Point Douglass, via Cottage Grove, Red Rock, St. Paul, and Falls of St. Anthony, to Fort Gaines, ten thousand dollars; for the construction of a road from the mouth of Swan River, or the most available point between it and the Sauk Rapids, to the Winnebago agency at Long Prairie, five thousand dollars; for the construction of a road from Wabashaw to Mendota, five thousand dollars; and for the survey and laying out of a military road from Mendota to the mouth of the Big Sioux River, on the Missouri, five thousand dollars. The said roads to be constructed under the direction of the Secretary of War, pursuant to contracts to be made by him.

Appropriations made for the construction of certain roads in the Territory of Minnesota.

Secretary of War to make contracts.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the governors of Oregon

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of Oregon and Minnesota shall report to Congress annually a detailed statement of the expenditure of money appropriated by Congress for the use or benefit of said Territories, which is expended under the order or supervision of the governor and assembly.

APPROVED, July 18, 1850.

July 18, 1850. CHAP. XXIV. — *An Act authorizing the Legislative Assemblies of Minnesota and Oregon Territories to prolong their next Annual Session to a Period of ninety Days.*

Legislative assemblies of Minnesota and Oregon authorized to prolong their sessions.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the legislative assemblies of Minnesota and Oregon Territories be, and they are hereby, authorized to prolong their next annual session to a period of ninety days, any thing contained in any former act or acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, July 18, 1850.

July 18, 1850. CHAP. XXV. — *An Act to grant the Franking Privilege to Mrs. Margaret S. Taylor.*

Franking privilege granted to Mrs. Margaret Smith Taylor, relict of Zachary Taylor.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the franking privilege heretofore accorded to the widows of the deceased Presidents be, and the same is hereby, granted to Mrs. Margaret Smith Taylor, relict of Zachary Taylor, late President of the United States.

APPROVED, July 18, 1850.

July 29, 1850. CHAP. XXVII. — *An Act to provide for recording the Conveyances of Vessels, and for other Purposes.*

No bill of sale, &c., to be valid except as against grantors, &c., unless recorded in the office of the collector of customs where the vessel is registered or enrolled.

Proviso as to lien by bottomry.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That no bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or conveyance of any vessel, or part of any vessel, of the United States, shall be valid against any person other than the grantor or mortgagor, his heirs and devisees, and persons having actual notice thereof; unless such bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or conveyance be recorded in the office of the collector of the customs where such vessel is registered or enrolled: *Provided,* That the lien by bottomry on any vessel created during her voyage, by a loan of money or materials, necessary to repair or enable such vessel to prosecute a voyage, shall not lose its priority, or be in any way affected by the provisions of this act.

Collectors of the customs shall record all bills of sale, &c., and shall receive therefor a fee of fifty cents.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the collectors of the customs shall record all such bills of sale, mortgages, hypothecations, or conveyances, and, also, all certificates for discharging and cancelling any such conveyances, in a book or books to be kept for that purpose, in the order of their reception; noting in said book or books, and also on the bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or conveyance, the time when the same was received, and shall certify on the bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or conveyance, or certificate of discharge or cancellation, the number of the book and page where recorded; and shall receive, for so recording such instrument of conveyance, or certificate of discharge, fifty cents.

An index of records, &c., to

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the collectors of the customs shall keep an index of such records, inserting alphabetically the