

the place of delivery from the post-office for which such carriers are appointed; but the rate of compensation of any such letter carrier shall not be changed after his appointment, except by the order of the Postmaster-General; and such letter carriers shall be subject to the provisions of the forty-first section of the act entitled "An Act to change the organization of the post-office department, and to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts thereof," approved July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six; except in cases otherwise provided for in this act.

Made subject to provisions of Stat. 1836, ch. 270.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in all cases of fine, penalty, forfeiture, or disability, or alleged liability for any sum or sums of money, by way of damages, or otherwise, under any provision of law relating to the post-office department, or the officers, operations, or business thereof, the Postmaster-General shall be, and he is hereby authorized to prescribe such general rules and mode of proceeding, as shall to him appear expedient for the government of the auditor of the post-office department, in ascertaining the facts in each case in which it shall be certified to him by such auditor, that the interests of the department probably require the exercise of the power conferred by this act; and upon the facts being ascertained as aforesaid, the said auditor shall have power, with the written consent of the Postmaster-General, to mitigate or remit such fine, penalty, or forfeiture, remove such disability, and to compromise, release, and discharge such claims for such sum or sums of money and damages, on such terms as the said auditor shall deem just and expedient; and that in all cases where a judgment shall have been obtained for a debt or damages due the post-office department, and it shall satisfactorily appear by the return of execution or otherwise, that such judgment, or so much thereof as remains unpaid, cannot be collected by due process of law, the said auditor shall be, and he is hereby authorized, with the written consent of the Postmaster-General, to compromise such judgment and accept in satisfaction thereof, less than the amount of such judgment: *Provided*, That the power conferred by this section shall not extend to any case of fine, penalty, forfeiture, disability, alleged liability or claim which shall be incurred, accrue, or arise subsequent to the passage of this act, or to any judgment obtained after the passage thereof.

Fines and forfeitures; their recovery and remission.

Compromise of judgments.

Proviso.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized to allow hereafter to the special agents of the post-office department the annual salary of sixteen hundred dollars: *Provided*, That no more shall be expended for this purpose, during the present year, than is already appropriated in this act.

Compensation of special agents.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1851.

CHAP. XXII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Support of the Military Academy for the Year ending the thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.*

March 3, 1851.

*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 Military Academy, for the year ending the thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

Appropriation for military academy.

For pay of officers, instructors, cadets, and musicians, eighty-seven thousand four hundred and thirty-six dollars.

Pay of officers, &c.

For commutation of subsistence, two thousand two hundred and sixty-three dollars.

Commutation of subsistence.

For forage of officers' horses, eight hundred and sixty-four dollars:

Forage.

Compensation of professors of engineers, philosophy, mathematics, ethics, chemistry, drawing, and French, and of the adjutant.

1812, ch. 72.

Sundries.

Board of visitors.

1850, ch. 54.

Practical instruction in field engineering.

Quarters.

Warming apparatus.

*Provided*, That hereafter, in lieu of the pay proper, ordinary rations forage, and servants, heretofore received under the provisions of the act of April twelfth, [twenty-ninth,] eighteen hundred and twelve, the professors of engineers, philosophy, mathematics, ethics, and chemistry, shall be entitled to receive two thousand dollars each, per annum, and the professors of drawing and French, fifteen hundred dollars each, per annum: And that the adjutant of the Military Academy shall hereafter be entitled to receive the same pay and allowances as an adjutant of a regiment of dragoons. (a)

For clothing for officers' servants, thirty dollars.

For repairs and improvements, fuel, apparatus, forage for public horses and oxen, stationery, printing and other incidental and contingent expenses, twenty-seven thousand one hundred and thirty-five dollars.

For increase and expenses of the library, one thousand dollars.

For expenses of the board of visitors, including deficiency in the appropriation for the fiscal year ending thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, three thousand eight hundred dollars.

For expenses of practical instruction in field engineering, comprising purchase of lumber, iron, tools, brush, &c. &c., for construction of trenches, field batteries, magazines, gun and mortar platforms, descents of ditches, mines, and other temporary work, five hundred dollars.

For erecting quarters for engineer troops, five thousand dollars.

For apparatus for warming academy and other buildings with hot air, two thousand five hundred dollars.

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CHAP. XXIII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Payment of Navy Pensions for the Year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.*

Appropriations for navy pensions.

*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 pay of navy pensions, for the year ending thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

For invalid pensions, forty thousand dollars.

APPROVED, March 3, 1851.

March 3, 1851.

CHAP. XXIV. — *An Act to divide the District of Arkansas into two Judicial Districts.* (b)

Two judicial districts constituted in Arkansas.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That from and after the passage of this act the counties of Benton, Washington, Crawford, Scott, Polk, Franklin, Johnson, Madison, and Carroll, and all that part of the Indian country lying within the present judicial district of Arkansas, shall constitute a new judicial district, to be styled "the western district of Arkansas," and the residue of said State shall be and remain a judicial district, to be styled "the eastern district of Arkansas."

Terms of court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the judge of the district

(a) See act of 1812, ch. 72, and 1850, ch. 54.

(b) See note in vol. iv. p. 261, for previous provisions respecting courts in Arkansas.