

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FORTIETH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the First Session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1867; was adjourned on Saturday, the thirtieth day of March, A. D. 1867; to meet on Wednesday, the third day of July, A. D. 1867; met on the said third day of July, and continued in session until Saturday, the twentieth day of said July, on which day it adjourned to meet on Thursday, the twenty-first day of November, A. D. 1867; met on the said twenty-first day of November, and ended the second day of December, A. D. 1867.*

ANDREW JOHNSON, President. BENJAMIN F. WADE, President of the Senate. SCHUYLER COLFAX, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. I. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to incorporate a National Military and Naval Asylum for the Relief of the totally disabled Officers and Men of the Volunteer Forces of the United States,'"* approved March twenty-one, eighteen hundred and sixty-six. March 12, 1867.  
1866, ch. 21, § 2.  
Vol. xiv. p. 10.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section third of the act to incorporate a national asylum for disabled officers and men of the volunteer forces of the United States, approved March twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, be amended by striking out the words "not members of Congress."

APPROVED, March 12, 1867.

Members of Congress may be elected managers of the National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

CHAP. II. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Expenses of Commissioners sent by the President to the Indian Country.* March 14, 1867.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of commissioners sent by the President to the Indian country.

APPROVED, March 14, 1867.

Appropriation for commissioners to the Indian country.

CHAP. III. — *An Act to repeal a Joint Resolution entitled "A Resolution to provide for the Removal of the Wreck of the Steamship Scotland,"* approved January twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven. March 16, 1867.  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the joint resolution entitled "A resolution to provide for the removal of the wreck of the steamship Scotland," approved January twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

APPROVED, March 16, 1867.

See post, p. 249. Resolution for the removal of the wreck of the steamship Scotland from the entrance to New York harbor repealed.

CHAP. IV. — *An Act to clothe the maimed and destitute Soldiers.* March 22, 1867.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, authorized and required to furnish one complete suit of clothing to each invalid soldier who is an inmate of any regularly constituted "Soldiers' Home" in the United States, out of the stock on hand in the quartermaster's department.

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Secretary of War to furnish one complete suit of clothing to each invalid soldier, an inmate of any regularly constituted "Soldiers' Home."

Clothing, how to be delivered.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That such clothing shall be delivered to the managers of such institutions upon their requisition therefor, accompanied with such certificates as to numbers and condition as the Secretary of War may prescribe.

APPROVED, March 22, 1867.

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CHAP. V. — *An Act in Relation to a certain Tract of Land in Burlington, Iowa.*

An ordinance adopted by the city council of Burlington, Iowa, made legal.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That a certain ordinance adopted by the city council of the city of Burlington, in the State of Iowa, of date of December tenth, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An ordinance devoting Market Square to certain public purposes, and providing for the location of certain railroad tracks upon certain streets, and for other purposes," is hereby ratified, approved, and made legal and valid, so far as relates to said public square; and that said ordinance shall operate to convey to the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad Company all right and interest of the United States in the premises known as Market Square, in the said city of Burlington, upon the terms and conditions and for the purposes and uses therein designated, and shall have the same force, operation, and effect as if the fee-simple title to said Market Square and streets were owned by said city at the date of said ordinance.

APPROVED, March 22, 1867.

Interest of the United States in Market Square, Burlington, conveyed to the Burlington and Missouri River R. R. Co.

March 23, 1867.

CHAP. VI. — *An Act supplementary to an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the more efficient Government of the Rebel States," passed March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and to facilitate Restoration.*

1867, ch. 153. Vol. xiv. p. 428. Post, pp. 14, 29, 80, 41, 72, 73.

Registration to be made of certain male citizens of each military district before September 1, 1867; to include residents of twenty-one years of age, and upwards, qualified to vote for delegates, and who have taken the oath. Form of the oath.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That before the first day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, the commanding general in each district defined by an act entitled "An act to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel States," passed March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, shall cause a registration to be made of the male citizens of the United States, twenty-one years of age and upwards, resident in each county or parish in the State or States included in his district, which registration shall include only those persons who are qualified to vote for delegates by the act aforesaid, and who shall have taken and subscribed the following oath or affirmation: "I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm), in the presence of Almighty God, that I am a citizen of the State of \_\_\_\_\_; that I have resided in said State for \_\_\_\_\_ months next preceding this day, and now reside in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, or the parish of \_\_\_\_\_, in said State (as the case may be); that I am twenty-one years old; that I have not been disfranchised for participation in any rebellion or civil war against the United States, nor for felony committed against the laws of any State or of the United States; that I have never been a member of any State legislature, nor held any executive or judicial office in any State and afterwards engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof; that I have never taken an oath as a member of Congress of the United States, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, and afterwards engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof; that I will faithfully support the Constitution and obey the laws of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, encourage others so to do, so help me God"; which oath or affirmation may be administered by any registering officer.

Post, p. 16.

Who to administer the oath

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That after the completion of the