

Special tax for public school-houses and schools for Washington, Georgetown, and Washington County.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the city of Georgetown, the city of Washington, and the levy court of the county of Washington, District of Columbia, be, and they are hereby, authorized to levy and collect a special tax on the taxable property within their respective jurisdictions, for the erection of school-houses and the support of public schools, not exceeding fifty cents on each one hundred dollars for any one year, to be assessed and collected as other taxes.

Laws regulating price of labor at government printing-office repealed. Price how determined.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws and parts of laws that regulate the prices of labor in the government printing office be, and the same are hereby, repealed; and it shall be the duty of the congressional printer to contract with the persons in that employment at such prices as are for the interest of the government, and are just to those employed.

Payments to Maine and Massachusetts, under treaty of Washington, for land assigned to settlers. Vol. viii. p. 574.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of executing the fourth article of the treaty of Washington, concluded on the ninth day of August, eighteen hundred and forty-two, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the State of Maine for ninety-one thousand one hundred and twenty-five acres of land assigned by said State to settlers under said article, a sum equal to one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre; and to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for twenty-six thousand one hundred and fifty acres of land a sum equal to one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre: *Provided*, That before said sums are paid the States of Maine and Massachusetts shall agree with the United States that the settlers upon their public lands in the late disputed territory in Maine entitled to be quieted in their possession, as ascertained by commissions heretofore instituted by said States, shall have been or shall be quieted by a release of the title of the said States.

Settlers to be first quieted in their possession.

Penitentiary in Colorado.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Interior, in his discretion, is authorized to expend the appropriation heretofore made for the purpose of erecting a penitentiary for the Territory of Colorado, on the site belonging to and provided by the said Territory for the purpose: *Provided*, That no part of this property shall be sold or transferred without the consent of the United States first had and received.

Proviso.

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CHAP. CLXXVIII. — *An Act to facilitate the Settlement of certain Prize Cases in the Southern District of Florida.*

\$50,000 to be accepted in settlement of claims of the United States against the estate of James C. Clapp, and the sureties on his bond, after release, &c.;

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed, upon the execution and delivery to him by the administratrix of the estate of James C. Clapp, deceased, late United States marshal for the southern district of Florida, of a proper written release of all claims and demands for, or on account of, all costs, charges, fees, and expenses due, or claimed to be due, the said Clapp as marshal aforesaid, or to his estate, in any prize or other cases in said district, to accept from said administratrix the sum of fifty thousand dollars in full satisfaction of all claims and demands of the United States against the estate of the said James C. Clapp, and against the sureties in said Clapp's official bond, and that said sum of fifty thousand dollars when paid, together with the sums now on deposit with the assistant treasurer in New York to the credit of the said Clapp and to the credit of the United States district court for the southern district of Florida, shall be deposited with the assistant United States treasurer at Washington, District of Columbia, subject to the order of the United States district court for the southern district of Florida, for the purpose of meeting decrees of distribution or restitution in the following prize causes pending in said district: Schooner Lucy No. 1, the cargo of the steamer

to be with other sums deposited with assistant treasurer at Washington to meet decrees of distribution in certain prize causes.

Adela, schooner Alicia and cargo, schooner Isabel and cargo, the steamer James Battle, schooner Diana and cargo, schooner Sea Lion and cargo, the cargo of the steamer Nita, steamer Pearl and cargo, schooner Teresa No. 2, steamer Union, steamer Victor and cargo, and schooner John Williams.

Names of causes.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and directed to deposit with the assistant United States treasurer at Washington, District of Columbia, the appraised values of the prize steamers Adela and Nita, condemned in said district court, and taken into the naval service, and, after deducting all proper charges and expenses, a moiety of the same shall be distributed under the decree of the said district court, according to law, among the captors entitled to share in said prizes, the steamers Adela and Nita respectively, and the remaining moiety of the same shall be subject to the order of the said district court, as hereinafter provided.

Secretary of Navy to deposit appraised value of certain prize steamers taken into naval service.

Amounts, how to be distributed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That of the moneys mentioned in the first section of this act, when deposited as herein provided, there shall be retained by the said district court a sufficient fund to await final decrees in those of the cases enumerated in the first section of this act, wherein appeals have been taken to the Supreme Court of the United States, and that the balance of said moneys, together with one half of the appraised values of the prize steamers Adela and Nita, mentioned in the second section of this act, shall be distributed as prize-money among the captors in those of the cases enumerated in the first section of this act, in which final decrees of condemnation have been entered and which are ready for distribution, without reference to the interest of the United States in any and all of the said cases, which said interest of the United States in each of the said cases, and the proceeds for distribution therein, as well as the interest of the United States in the appraised value of the prize steamers Adela and Nita, is hereby relinquished for distribution to the captors in those of the cases enumerated and mentioned in the first section of this act wherein decrees of condemnation have been or shall be entered, and for payment to the claimants in those of said cases wherein final decrees of restitution have been or may be passed; and that in each of said cases wherein final decrees of condemnation and distribution have been or shall be entered, the sum to be paid into the treasury of the United States for distribution to the captors shall be one half of the gross proceeds of sale in said cases, less the costs taxed and allowed by the court: *Provided*, That any sum or sums remaining after execution of all decrees of distribution and restitution as hereinbefore provided, be paid into the treasury of the United States to the credit of the navy pension fund: *And provided further*, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed an admission on the part of the United States of any liability for the defalcation of the said Clapp as marshal aforesaid.

Sufficient fund to be retained to await final decrees;

balance, with, &c. to be distributed among captors.

Interest of the United States relinquished.

What sum to be paid into treasury in each case.

Certain sums to be paid to the credit of navy pension fund.

United States not liable for Clapp's defalcation.

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CHAP. CLXXIX. — *An Act authorizing the Construction of a Bridge across the Missouri River, upon the military Reservation at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.*

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That it shall be lawful for the Kansas and Missouri Bridge Company, a corporation having authority from the State of Kansas, to build a railroad, transit, and wagon bridge across the Missouri River upon or near the military reservation of Fort Leavenworth; and that when constructed all trains of all roads terminating at the Missouri River at or near the location of said bridge, shall be allowed to cross said bridge for a reasonable compensation to be paid to the owners thereof. And in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of said river, the

Kansas and Missouri Bridge Company may build bridge across Missouri river;

what trains may cross.

In case of litigation, where