

to the highest bidder, &c.

Days of sale.

Sales open six days.

Price.

Patents.

4 dollars a day to superintendents.

lands, in the said respective tracts, with the exception of the usual proportion for the support of schools, shall be offered for sale to the highest bidder, under the direction of the register of the land office and the receiver of public moneys for the said districts, on such days, respectively, as shall, by proclamation of the President, be designated for that purpose; the sales at each place shall remain open six days, and no longer; the lands shall not be sold for less than two dollars an acre; and shall, in every other respect, both as to public and private sales, be sold on the same terms and conditions as other public lands in the same districts; and patents shall be obtained in the manner, and on the terms, provided in case of other public lands sold by the United States.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the superintendents of the public sales, directed by this act, shall each receive four dollars a day for each day's attendance on the said sales.

APPROVED, March 18, 1818.

STATUTE I.

March 18, 1818.

CHAP. XIX.—*An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War.*

Act of March 3, 1819, ch. 81.

Act of May 1, 1820, ch. 51.

Act of March 1, 1823, ch. 59.

Officers and privates who served in the army or navy during the revolutionary war entitled to pensions.

Officers, 20 dollars per month:

Non-commissioned officers, &c. 8 dolls. per month.

Proviso: claims to previous pensions to be relinquished.

A declaration under oath, and other evidence necessary to the obtaining the benefit of this act.

Testimony, &c. to be transmitted to the Secretary of War, &c.

Payment to be made as in case of other pensions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That every commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer, musician, and private soldier, and all officers in the hospital department and medical staff, who served in the war of the revolution until the end thereof, or for the term of nine months, or longer, at any period of the war, on the continental establishment; and every commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer, mariner, or marine, who served at the same time, and for a like term, in the naval service of the United States, who is yet a resident citizen of the United States, and who is, or hereafter, by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, shall be, in need of assistance from his country for support, and shall have substantiated his claim to a pension in the manner hereinafter directed, shall receive a pension from the United States: if an officer, of twenty dollars per month during life; if a non-commissioned officer, musician, mariner, marine, or private soldier, of eight dollars per month during life: *Provided,* No person shall be entitled to the provisions of this act, until he shall have relinquished his claim to every pension heretofore allowed him by the laws of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That to entitle any person to the provisions of this act, he shall make a declaration, under oath or affirmation, before the district judge of the United States of the district, or before any judge or court of record of the county, state, or territory, in which the applicant shall reside, setting forth, if he belonged to the army, the company, regiment, and line, to which he belonged: the time he entered the service, and the time and manner of leaving the service; and in case he belonged to the navy, a like declaration, setting forth the name of the vessel, and particular service in which he was employed, and the time and manner of leaving the service, and shall offer such other evidence as may be in his power; and, on its appearing, to the satisfaction of the said judge, that the applicant served in the revolutionary war as aforesaid against the common enemy, he shall certify and transmit the testimony in the case, and the proceedings had thereon, to the Secretary of the Department of War, whose duty it shall be, if satisfied the applicant comes under the provisions of this act, to place such officer, musician, mariner, marine, or soldier, on the pension list of the United States, to be paid in the same manner as pensions to invalids who have been placed on the pension list are now paid, and under such restrictions and regulations, in all respects, as are prescribed by law.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That every pension by virtue of

this act shall commence on the day that the declaration under oath or affirmation, prescribed in the foregoing section, shall be made.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act, no sale, transfer, or mortgage, of the whole, or any part, of the pension payable in pursuance of this act, shall be valid; and any person who shall swear or affirm falsely in the premises, and be thereof convicted, shall suffer as for wilful and corrupt perjury.

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Pension to commence on the day of oath. Sale, transfer, or mortgage, of pension, not valid. False swearing, perjury. Act of April 30, 1790, ch. 9, sec. 18.

STATUTE I.

March 18, 1818.

CHAP. XXI.—*An Act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That for defraying the expenses of the navy, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, the following sums be, and they are hereby, respectively, appropriated, viz: For pay and subsistence of the officers, and pay of the seamen, one million one hundred and thirty-five thousand five hundred and ninety-five dollars. For provisions, five hundred and eleven thousand dollars. For medicine, hospital stores, and all expenses on account of the sick, including the marine corps, twenty-five thousand dollars. For repairs of vessels, three hundred thousand dollars. For contingent expenses, three hundred thousand dollars. For repairs of navy yards, docks, and wharves, one hundred thousand dollars. For pay and subsistence of marine corps, seventy-three thousand dollars. For clothing for the same, thirty-two thousand dollars. For military stores for the same, eleven hundred dollars. For contingent expenses for the same, sixteen thousand dollars. For the purchase of medals and swords, directed by different resolutions of Congress, fifteen thousand dollars.

Sums appropriated for the expenses of the navy, for 1818.

For pay and subsistence. For provisions. For medicine, &c. For repairs of vessels. For contingent expenses. For repairs of navy yards, &c. For pay, &c. of marine corps. For clothing marine corps. For military stores. For medals and swords.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the several appropriations hereinbefore made, shall be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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STATUTE I.

March 19, 1818.

CHAP. XXII.—*An Act for altering the time for holding the district court for the district of Virginia. (a)*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the terms of the district court for the district of Virginia, which are now directed by law to be holden on the twelfth day of April, in each year, shall hereafter be holden, for the said district, on the second day of April, in each year, except where such day shall occur on Sunday, when the term of the said court shall commence and be holden on the next succeeding day.

The terms holden on the 12th, shall be holden on the 2d of April, in each year, except, &c.

APPROVED, March 19, 1818.

STATUTE I.

March 27, 1818.

CHAP. XXIII.—*An Act extending the time for obtaining military land warrants in certain cases.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the provision of the second section of the act, entitled "An act to provide for designating, surveying, and granting, the military bounty lands," passed on the sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, which limits the

The 2nd section of the act referred to not to apply to the heirs, &c. of persons killed, &c.

(a) See act of March 24, 1814, ch. 31. See notes to act of Feb. 4, 1819, ch. 12.