

thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase of a site and the erection of a marine hospital at or near Ocracoke, in North Carolina; the site to be selected and the building to be contracted for and erected under the superintendence and direction of the Secretary of the Treasury; and that he (the Secretary of the Treasury) be directed to report to Congress, at its next session, the progress and condition of the work: *Provided*, That the expense of the land and building shall not exceed that sum.

APPROVED, August 29, 1842.

Proviso.

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[Obsolete.]

Appropriations
for sites for marine
hospitals at
1837, ch. 44.

CHAP. CCLXVI.—*An Act making appropriations for certain sites for marine hospitals therein mentioned.*

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 for sites for marine hospitals, selected and purchased under the act of March third, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, entitled "An act to provide for certain harbors, and for the removal of obstructions in and at the mouths of certain rivers, and for other purposes," viz:

Natchez. For a site for a marine hospital at Natchez, in the State of Mississippi, seven thousand dollars.

Napoleon. For a site for a marine hospital at Napoleon, in the State of Arkansas, one thousand dollars.

St. Louis. For the site for a marine hospital at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, seven thousand four hundred and sixty-eight dollars.

Paducah. For the site for a marine hospital at Paducah, in the State of Kentucky, one thousand dollars.

Louisville. For the site for a marine hospital at Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, six thousand dollars.

Pittsburg. For the site for a marine hospital at Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, ten thousand two hundred and fifty-three dollars.

Cleveland. For the site for a marine hospital at Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, twelve thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said several sums of money be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 29, 1842.

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CHAP. CCLXVII.—*An Act to establish and regulate the navy ration.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the navy ration shall consist of the following daily allowance of provisions for each person:

Component
parts of the ration.

One pound of salted pork, with half a pint of peas or beans; or one pound of salted beef, with half a pound of flour, and a quarter of a pound of raisins, dried apples, or other dried fruits; or one pound of salt beef with half a pound of rice, two ounces of butter, and two ounces of cheese; together with fourteen ounces of biscuit, one quarter of an ounce of tea, or ounce of coffee, or one ounce of cocoa; two ounces of sugar, and one gill of spirits; and of a weekly allowance of half a pound of pickles or cranberries, half a pint of molasses, and half a pint of vinegar.

Fresh meat
may be substituted.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That fresh meat may be substituted for salted beef or pork, and vegetables or sour-cROUT for the other articles usually issued with the salted meats, allowing one and a quarter pounds of fresh meat for one pound of salted beef or pork, and regulating the quantity of vegetables or sour-cROUT so as to equal the value of those articles for which they may be substituted.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, should it be necessary to vary the above described daily allowance, it shall be lawful to substitute one pound of soft bread, or one pound of flour, or half a pound of rice, for fourteen ounces of biscuit; half a pint of wine for a gill of spirits; half a pound of rice for half a pint of beans or peas; half a pint of beans or peas for half a pound of rice. When it may be deemed expedient by the President of the United States, Secretary of the Navy, commander of a fleet or squadron, or of a single ship when not acting under the authority of another officer on foreign service, the articles of butter, cheese, raisins, dried apples or other dried fruits, pickles and molasses, may be substituted for each other and for spirits: *Provided*, The article substituted shall not exceed in value the article for which it may be issued, according to the scale of prices which is or may be established for the same.

Soft bread, &c. may be substituted for biscuit.

Articles allowed to be substituted for each other in certain cases. Proviso.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in cases of necessity, the daily allowance of provisions may be diminished or varied by the discretion of the senior officer present in command, but payment shall be made to the persons whose allowance shall be thus diminished, according to the scale of prices which is or may be established for the same: but a commander who shall thus make a diminution or variation shall report to his commanding officer or to the Navy Department, the necessity for the same, and give to the purser written orders specifying particularly the diminution or reduction which is to be made.

In case of necessity, daily allowance may be diminished.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That no commissioned officer or midshipman, or any person under twenty-one years of age, shall be allowed to draw the spirit part of the daily ration, and all other persons shall be permitted to relinquish that part of their ration, under such restrictions as the President of the United States may authorize: and to every person who, by this section, is prohibited from drawing, or who may relinquish, the spirit part of his ration, there shall be paid in lieu thereof, the value of the same in money, according to the prices which are or may be established for the same.

Spirits not allowed to persons under 21. Others may relinquish spirits.

Value to be paid in money.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this act shall go into effect in the United States, on the first day of the succeeding quarter after it becomes a law, and in vessels abroad, on the first day of the succeeding quarter after its official receipt: and any acts and parts of acts which may be contrary to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this act, shall be and are hereby repealed.

Act to take effect, when.

Acts inconsistent herewith, repealed.

APPROVED, August 29, 1842.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. CCLXVIII.—*An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to contract for the purchase, for the United States, of the right to use Babbit's anti-attribution metal.*

Aug. 29, 1842.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, authorized to contract for the purchase, from the proprietor of the patented interest therein, for the United States, of the right to use Babbit's anti-attribution metal in the construction of machinery and other work; subject to the ratification of Congress.

Authority to contract for the purchase there of.

APPROVED, August 29, 1842.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. CCLXIX.—*An Act establishing a court at Charleston, in the Commonwealth of Virginia. (a)*

Aug. 29, 1842.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter terms of the

(a) See notes of the acts relating to the District Courts of Virginia, vol. 3, 479.