

continue annually thereafter said payment of interest at the rate aforesaid.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever, hereafter, any individual or individuals of said Cherokee Indians shall desire to remove and join the tribe west of the Mississippi, then the Secretary of War shall be authorized to withdraw from the fund set apart as aforesaid the sum of fifty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, and the interest due and unpaid thereon, and apply the same, or such part thereof as shall be necessary, to the removal and subsistence of such individual or individuals, and pay the remainder, if any, or the whole, if the said Indians or any of them shall prefer to remove themselves, to such individuals or heads of families upon their removal west of the Mississippi: *Provided*, That the amount herein required to be funded for the benefit of the said Cherokees in North Carolina, and the amount required to be paid them, shall be charged to the general Cherokee fund, under the treaty of New Echota, and shall be reimbursed therefrom.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint a commissioner to issue the "certificates" contemplated in the instructions of that department to General William B. Mitchell, dated April thirtieth, eighteen hundred and forty, in relation to the claims of certain citizens against the Ottowas, Chippewas, and Pottawatomies, and the Pottawatomies of Indiana, and the sum of two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for said purpose.

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Whenever any individual or individuals of said tribe desire to remove west of the Mississippi, the sum thus set apart to be withdrawn and applied to their removal and subsistence.

Proviso.

Secretary of War to appoint a commissioner to issue certain certificates in relation to claims of certain citizens against the Ottowas, Chippewas, and Pottawatomies.

CHAP. CXIX. — *An Act for the Payment of liquidated Claims against Mexico.*

July 29, 1848.

*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 to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the claimants, or their legal representatives, the amount now due by reason of the claims already liquidated, and decided against the Mexican republic, under the conventions between that republic and the United States, severally concluded on the eleventh day of April, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, and the thirtieth day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-three, and for which certificates have been issued by the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided*, That, before such payment, the said claimants, or their legal representatives, shall surrender and deliver up the certificates issued to them, respectively, from the Treasury Department of the United States, under the provisions of the act of Congress of the first of September, eighteen hundred and forty-one.

Payment of claims already liquidated against Mexico provided for.

Proviso; certificates that have been issued to claimants to be delivered up.

1841, ch. 14.

When interest shall cease.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all interest shall cease from the day of payment, which shall be notified by the Secretary of the Treasury, not exceeding ninety days from the passage of this act.

APPROVED, July 29, 1848.

CHAP. CXX. — *An Act for the Relief of certain surviving Widows of Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary Army.*

July 29, 1848.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the widows of all officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, soldiers, mariners, or marines, and Indian spies, who shall have served in the Continental line, State troops, volunteers, militia, or in the naval service, in the revolutionary war with Great Britain, shall be entitled to a pension

Certain widows of revolutionary officers and soldiers, &c., to be entitled to a pension of equal amount to that

their husbands would be entitled to, if living.

No widow now receiving a pension to be entitled to a further pension under this act.

No mortgage, sale, assignment, &c., of claims under this act to be valid.

Rules of evidence.

This act to take effect immediately.

during such widowhood, of equal amount per annum that their husbands would be entitled to, if living, under existing pension laws; to commence on the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and to be paid in the same manner that other pensions are paid to widows; but no widow now receiving a pension shall be entitled to receive a further pension under the provisions of this act; and no widow married after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred, shall be entitled to receive a pension under this act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any pledge, mortgage, sale, assignment, or transfer of any right, claim, or interest, in any way granted by this act, shall be utterly void and of no effect, nor shall the annuities or pension granted by this act be liable to attachment, levy, or seizure by any process of law or equity, but shall enure wholly to the personal benefit of the pensioner or annuitant entitled to the same. The same rules of evidence, regulations, and prescriptions shall apply and govern the Commissioner of Pensions and pension agents under this act as now prevail under existing pension laws which relate to widows of revolutionary officers and soldiers.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED, July 29, 1848.

Aug. 3, 1848.

CHAP. CXXI. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Naval Service, for the Year ending the thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following sums be appropriated for the naval service for the year ending June thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, in addition to the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars of the unexpended balances of former appropriations for the naval service. The remainder of such unexpended balances, after deducting the said sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars, to be carried to the surplus fund.

Part of unexpended balance of a former appropriation to be carried to the surplus fund.

Pay of officers and seamen.

For pay of commission, warrant, and petty officers, and seamen, including the engineer corps of the navy, two millions one hundred and eighty-nine thousand two hundred and eleven dollars.

Superintendent of Naval Observatory at Washington.

For the pay of the superintendent of the Naval Observatory at Washington city, who shall be a captain, commander, or lieutenant in the navy, three thousand dollars, which shall be the salary per annum of said superintendent. And the provision in the act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight," which is in these words, viz.: "including three thousand dollars for pay of the superintendent, who shall be either a captain, commander, or lieutenant in the navy," shall be construed to apply to the superintendent of said Naval Observatory, and shall take effect from and after the passage of that act.

1847, ch. 49.

Superintendents, constructors, &c., at yards.

For pay of superintendents, naval constructors, and all the civil establishments at the several navy-yards, seventy-four thousand two hundred and twenty dollars.

Provisions.

For provisions for commission, warrant, and petty officers, and seamen, including engineers and marines, attached to vessels for sea service, six hundred and seventy-seven thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars.

Surgeons' necessaries, &c., for sick and wounded.

For surgeons' necessaries and appliances for the sick and hurt of the navy, including the marine corps, twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars.