

applied for the use of schools in such townships of said State as in which the sixteenth or school sections are comparatively valueless, and the legislature may locate said lands in any legal subdivisions, not less than forty acres, within the limits of said State.

APPROVED, August 11, 1848.

Aug. 11, 1848. CHAP. CLIII. — *An Act to change the Time of holding the Circuit and District Courts in the State of Kentucky.*

Time of holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States in the State of Kentucky, changed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the spring terms of the District and Circuit Courts of the United States in and for the district of Kentucky shall hereafter commence on the third Monday in May, annually, and the fall terms of the same courts shall hereafter commence on the third Monday in October, annually, and may continue in session at each term the number of juridical days now allowed by law; and all actions, suits, appeals, recognizances, processes, writs, and proceedings whatever, pending or which may be pending in said courts or returnable thereto, shall have day therein, and be heard, tried, proceeded with and decided in like manner as if the time of holding said courts or sessions had not been hereby altered

APPROVED, August 11, 1848.

Aug. 11, 1848. CHAP. CLIV — *An Act to change the Time of holding the Terms of the Circuit Court of the United States in the District of Maine.*

Time of holding the Circuit Court of the United States for district of Maine, changed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the terms of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Maine shall hereafter be held as follows, to wit: on the twenty-third day of April, and on the twenty-third day of September, in each year, instead of the time now by law appointed; and all actions, suits, appeals, recognizances, writs, processes, and other proceedings whatever, pending in said court or returnable thereto, shall have day, and be heard, tried, proceeded with, and decided accordingly: *Provided, however,* That when either of said days shall happen on Sunday, then the session of said court shall commence on the next day.

Proviso.

APPROVED, August 11, 1848.

Aug. 11, 1848. CHAP. CLV. — *An Act renewing certain Naval Pensions, and extending the Benefits of existing Laws, respecting Naval Pensions, to Engineers, Firemen, and Coal-heavers in the Navy, and to their Widows.*

Naval pensions of certain widows and orphans, renewed.

1837, ch. 42.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all those widows and such child or children as are now receiving a pension under any of the laws of Congress passed prior to the first of August, eighteen hundred and forty-one, (excepting the law passed the third of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven,) and those widows and children who have received pensions at any time within five years prior to the passage of this act, may and shall continue to receive the same amount as they have received under any special act, from the time such special act expired: *Provided,* Such act ceased on or after the first day of September, eighteen hundred and forty-five, or may hereafter terminate

And all such pensions as are now in force, and such as are renewed by this act, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, so long as the said widows shall live as widows; and in case of the death, before or after the passage of this act, of the

Pensions to be paid so long as such widows continue as widows.

widows, to the orphan child or children of the deceased parties, until they respectively arrive at the age of sixteen years; and to the child or children of said widows in case of marriage by said widows, until said child or children shall respectively arrive at the age of sixteen years; and that the act approved thirtieth April, eighteen hundred and forty-four, shall not be so construed as to exclude officers, seamen, or marines from their pensions when disabled for sea service: *Provided*, That the whole amount received by the pensioner, including pay for his service and pension, shall not exceed his lowest duty pay. That the orphan child or children of the deceased parties shall have a pension in case the widow has died after drawing a five years' pension, to commence at the time when the widow dies, and to continue until the child or children shall respectively reach the age of sixteen years; and that any casualty by which an officer, seaman, or marine has lost or may lose his life while in the line of his duty, shall be considered sufficient to entitle the widow, child or children to all the benefits of this act.

In case of death or marriage of widows, pensions to be paid to their children until they arrive at sixteen years of age.

1844, ch. 15.
Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That engineers, firemen, and coal-heavers in the navy shall be entitled to pensions in the same manner as officers, seamen, and marines; and the widows of engineers, coal-heavers, and firemen in the same manner as the widows of officers, seamen, and marines: *Provided*, That the pension of a chief engineer shall be the same as that of a lieutenant in the navy; and a pension of the widow of a chief engineer the same as that of the widow of a lieutenant in the navy; the pension of a first assistant engineer the same as that of a lieutenant of marines; and the pension of the widow of a first assistant engineer the same as that of the widow of a lieutenant of marines; the pension of a second or third assistant engineer the same as that of a forward officer; and the pension of the widow of a second or third assistant engineer the same as that of the widow of a forward officer; the pension of a fireman or coal-heaver the same as that of a seaman; the pension of the widow of a fireman or coal-heaver the same as that of the widow of a seaman: *And provided further*, That an engineer, fireman, or coal-heaver shall not be entitled to any pension by reason of a disability incurred prior to the thirty-first of August, eighteen hundred and forty-two, nor shall the widow of an engineer, fireman, or coal-heaver be entitled to any pension by reason of the death of her husband, if his death was prior to the said date.

Pension laws extended to engineers, firemen, and coal-heavers, in the navy, and their widows and children.

Rates of pension.

Proviso.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the amount of pension in every case arising under this law [is] not to exceed the half-pay of the deceased officer, seaman, or marine, as it existed in January, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, or such rate of pension as is allowed by this act.

Amount of pension not to exceed the half-pay of the deceased.

APPROVED, August 11, 1848.

CHAP. CLVI. — *An Act to surrender to the State of Indiana the Cumberland Road in said State.*

August 11, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the Cumberland road as lies within the State of Indiana, and all the interest of the United States in the same, together with all the timber, stone, and other materials belonging to the United States, and procured for the purpose of being used in the construction of said road, and all the rights and privileges of every kind belonging to the United States as connected with said road in said State, be, and the same are hereby, transferred and surrendered to the said State of Indiana.

That part of the Cumberland road lying within the State of Indiana surrendered to said State.

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