

CHAP. XXIX. — *An Act to extend the provisions of an Act approved the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and the Act approved the twenty-sixth of February, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, for carrying into effect the existing compacts with the States of Alabama and Mississippi, in relation to the Five per Cent. Fund and School Reservations.* Jan. 25, 1853.  
1847, ch. 64.  
1849, ch. 72.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions of "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to amend an act to carry into effect, in the States of Alabama and Mississippi, the existing compacts with those States with regard to the five per cent. fund, and school reservations,'" approved March the third, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and the act to extend the provisions of said act, approved February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, be, and the same are hereby extended, so as to allow the State of Alabama three years from the passage of this act, to complete the selections of land authorized by the said acts to which this is an amendment.

APPROVED, January 25, 1853.

CHAP. XXX. — *An Act to Erect at the Capital of the Nation an Equestrian Statue of Washington.* Jan. 25, 1853.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to enable the President of the United States to employ Clark Mills to erect, at the City of Washington, a colossal equestrian statue of George Washington, at such place on the public grounds in said city, as shall be designated by the President of the United States.

APPROVED, January 25, 1853.

CHAP. XXXI. — *An Act to prohibit Public Executions in the District of Columbia.* Jan. 25, 1853.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That persons now under sentence of death, or who shall hereafter be adjudged to suffer death, within the District of Columbia, shall be executed within the walls of some prison in the said District, or within a yard or enclosure adjoining such prison, and not elsewhere: And it shall be the duty of the Marshal of the District, or one of his deputies, with such officers of the prison, constables, and other peace-officers as such marshal or deputy may deem necessary and proper, to attend at such execution.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Marshal or his deputy shall invite the District Attorney, and the counsel of the prisoner, two or more physicians, and twelve respectable citizens to be present at every such execution; and, at the request of the person to be executed, shall also allow any ministers of the Gospel, not more than three in number, and any of his or her near relatives to be present thereat; but no person or persons other than those in this act mentioned, and no person whatever under the age of twenty-one years, shall be allowed to witness any such execution.

APPROVED, January 25, 1853.

CHAP. XL. — *An Act concerning Bail in Civil Causes in the District of Columbia.* Feb. 3, 1853.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the passage of this act, no person shall be held to bail in the District of Columbia, in any action of debt, assumpsit, or other action founded on or arising out of any contract or agreement, or in any suit or proceeding in equity brought or prosecuted for enforcing the payment of any debt, or of any

Those now held to be discharged on filing a common appearance.

sum or sums of money due or claimed to be due by reason of any contract or agreement; and any person now held to bail or imprisoned, for want of bail, in any such action, suit, or proceeding, shall, on application to the Circuit Court of said District in term time, or to any judge thereof in vacation, be discharged on filing a common appearance.

APPROVED, February 3, 1853.

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CHAP. XLI.—*An Act to continue Half-Pay to certain Widows and Orphans.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all widows and orphans

Half-pay granted by acts of 1848, ch. 108, or 1836, ch. 362, or 1849, ch. 62, continued for five years.

who were granted and allowed five years half-pay by the provisions of the act approved the twenty-first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, entitled "An act amending the act granting half-pay to widows or orphans where their husbands or fathers have died of wounds received in the military service of the United States, in case of deceased officers and soldiers of the militia and volunteers, passed July fourth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six," or an act approved the twenty-second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, entitled "An act granting five years half-pay to certain widows and orphans of officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, both regulars and volunteers," be and they are hereby granted a continuance of said half-pay, under like limitations and restrictions, for a further period of five years, to commence at the expiration of the half-pay provided for by the aforesaid acts: *Provided, however,* That in case of the death or marriage of such widow before the expiration of said term of five years, the half-pay for the remainder of the term shall go to the child or children of the deceased officer or soldier, whilst under the age of sixteen years; and in like manner, the child or children of such deceased, when there is no widow, shall be paid no longer than while there is a child or children under the age aforesaid: *And provided further,* That no greater sum shall be allowed in any case to the widow or the child or children of any officer than the half-pay of a Lieutenant-Colonel: *And provided further,* That the act approved the twenty-second of February, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, "granting five years half-pay to certain widows and orphans of officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, both regular and volunteer," be so extended and construed as to embrace the widows and minor heirs of the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the regulars, militia, and volunteers of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, and of the various Indian wars since seventeen hundred and ninety.

Provisos.

Act of 1849, ch. 62, extended to other widows and heirs.

Pensions of widows of revolutionary soldiers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the widows of all officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the Revolutionary army, who were married subsequent to January, anno Domini eighteen hundred, shall be entitled to a pension in the same manner as those who were married before that date.

APPROVED, February 3, 1853.

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CHAP. LVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Brevet Brigadier-General Bennett Riley, and to enable him to settle his Accounts with the United States.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions of the act approved the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, entitled "An act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of public officers, and others who may have received moneys arising from military contributions or otherwise in Mexico," be and they are hereby applied to Brevet Brigadier-General Bennett Riley, in reference to all moneys raised and collected by him, for contributions, penalties, internal assess-

Provisions of Act 1849, ch. 126, to be applied to accounts of General Riley.