

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever, from any cause, it may be impossible for the district attorney to attend at court, it shall be his duty to see that a meet and proper person, learned in the law, residing as near the place where the court is held as possible, does attend to such business as may appertain to the duties of his office, and in all such cases the fees and charges to be paid shall be only such as the district attorney would have been authorized by law to charge had he personally attended and performed the service: *Provided, however*, That before any such substitution is sanctioned, or payment made, the necessity thereof shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior.

District Attorneys may appoint substitutes in certain cases.

How paid.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That all provisions of law inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent laws repealed.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

CHAP. CXXXV.—*An Act providing for a necessary Increase and better Organization of the Medical and Hospital Department of the Army.*

Aug. 16, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be added to the medical department of the army four surgeons and eight assistant surgeons, to be appointed in accordance with existing laws.

Four additional surgeons and eight assistant surgeons to be appointed in the army.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, from the enlisted men of the army, or to cause to be enlisted, as many competent hospital stewards as the service may require, not to exceed one for each military post. The said hospital stewards to be mustered and paid on hospital muster rolls, as non-commissioned staff officers, with the rank, pay, and emoluments of a sergeant of ordnance, and to be permanently attached to the medical and hospital department, under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

Steward hospital men to be appointed by Secretary of War.

Their rank, pay, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That soldiers acting as cooks and nurses in hospitals, be and are hereby allowed the extra pay authorized to soldiers on fatigue duty, by "An act to increase the pay of the rank and file of the army," approved August fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Soldiers acting as cooks and nurses in hospitals to be allowed extra pay. 1854, ch. 247, § 6. Vol. x. p. 576.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

CHAP. CXXXVI.—*An Act for continuing the Improvement of the Des Moines Rapids, in the Mississippi River.*

Aug. 16, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, for continuing the improvement of the Des Moines Rapids, in the Mississippi River, to be expended under the superintendence of the Secretary of War.

Appropriation for continuing the improvement of the Des Moines Rapids.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES,

August 11th, 1856.

The President of the United States having returned to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, the bill entitled "An act for continuing the improvement of the Des Moines Rapids, in the Mississippi River," with his objections thereto, the House of Representatives proceeded, in pursuance of the Constitution, to reconsider the same; and *Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, two thirds of the House of Representatives agreeing to pass the same.

Attest:

WM. CULLOM,
Clerk of House Representatives.