

and he hereby is, authorized to assign clerks and laborers attached to one bureau to duty in another, and also to detail a surgeon or assistant surgeon, or passed assistant surgeon, as assistant to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, who shall receive the highest shore pay of his grade.

SEC. 19. *And be it further enacted*, That all officers while at sea, or attached to a sea-going vessel, shall be allowed one ration.

SEC. 20. *And be it further enacted*, That the relative rank between officers of the navy and army on the retired list shall be the same as on the active list, and the annual pay of retired naval officers shall be as follows, viz :

- Admirals, two thousand dollars.
- Commodores, eighteen hundred dollars.
- Captains, sixteen hundred dollars.
- Commanders, fourteen hundred dollars.
- Lieutenant commanders, thirteen hundred dollars.
- Lieutenants, one thousand dollars.
- Masters, eight hundred dollars.
- Ensigns, five hundred dollars.

And no ration shall be allowed to any officers of the navy on the retired list. And the pay of all naval officers appointed by virtue of an act entitled "An act to provide for the temporary increase of the navy," approved July twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, shall be the same as that of officers of a like grade in the regular navy.

APPROVED, July 16, 1862.

CHAP. CLXXXIV. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to further promote the Efficiency of the Navy," approved December twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section eight of an act to further promote the efficiency of the navy, approved December twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be amended so as to read as follows: That the hours of labor and the rate of wages of the employees in the navy yards shall conform, as nearly as is consistent with the public interest, with those of private establishments in the immediate vicinity of the respective yards, to be determined by the commandants of the navy yards, subject to the approval and revision of the Secretary of the Navy.

APPROVED, July 16, 1862.

CHAP. CLXXXV. — *An Act transferring the Western Gunboat Fleet from the War to the Navy Department.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the western gunboat fleet constructed by the War Department for operations on the western waters shall be transferred to the Navy Department, which will be hereafter charged with the expense of its repair, support, and maintenance: *Provided*, That all vessels now under construction or repair by authority of the War Department shall be completed and paid for under the authority of that department from appropriations made for that purpose.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

APPROVED, July 16, 1862.

CHAP. CLXXXVI. — *An Act to enlarge the Lake Superior Land District, in the State of Michigan.*

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

Duty of clerks, &c.

Assistant to Bureau of Medicine, &c.

Rations.

Relative rank of officers of army and navy on retired list. Pay.

No ration.

Pay of officers under act 1861, ch. 13.

*Ante*, p. 272.

July 16, 1862.

1862, ch. 1, § 8.

*Ante*, p. 330.

Hours of labor and rates of wages at navy yards.

July 16, 1862.

Western gunboat fleet transferred to Navy Department.

Certain vessels, how to be completed and paid for.

When act takes effect.

July 16, 1862.

Part of "Cheboygan District" added to "Lake Superior District."

present "Cheboygan District," in the State of Michigan, lying west of Lake Michigan and south of the line dividing townships forty-one and forty-two north, including Saint Martin's and the adjacent islands near the entrance to "Big Bay De Noc," now forming a part of the present Cheboygan district, and subject to sale at Traverse City, in said State, be, and the same is hereby, attached to the "Lake Superior District," and the lands therein be subject to sale and entry at the site of the land office for said district.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall not take effect until three months after the date of its approval.

APPROVED, July 16, 1862.

July 16, 1862.

CHAP. CLXXXVII.— *An Act to impose an additional Duty on Sugars produced in the United States.*

Increased duty of certain sugars.

1862, ch. 119.  
*Ante*, p. 463.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, in addition to the duties imposed by the act entitled "An act to provide internal revenue to support the government, and to pay interest on the public debt," approved July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, on all brown muscovado or clarified sugars produced directly from the sugar cane, there shall be levied, collected, and paid, under the provisions of said act, upon all such sugars produced in the United States, a duty of one cent per pound; and such additional duty and the duty specified in the act aforesaid shall be levied, collected, and paid [on] all such sugars, not manufactured for consumption in the family of the producer, in the hands of the producer or manufacturer thereof or of his agent or factor, on the day of the approval of this act by the President: *Provided,* That within States or parts of States declared to be in insurrection the said duties may be collected in such manner and by such officers as the President may direct until the insurrection so declared shall cease or have been suppressed.

This act not to apply to sugar from sorghum.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of this act shall not apply to sugar manufactured from sorghum.

APPROVED, July 16, 1862.

July 16, 1862.

CHAP. CLXXXVIII. — *An Act to punish the fraudulent Sale or Use of Postage Stamps.*

Penalty for fraudulent sale or use of postage stamps.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any person who shall wilfully remove or cause to be removed from any postage stamp or stamped envelope the cancelling or defacing marks thereon, with intent to use the same or cause the use of the same the second time, or shall knowingly or wilfully sell or buy such washed or restored stamps, or offer the same for sale, or give or expose the same to any person for use, or knowingly use the same, or prepare the same with intent for the second use thereof, every such person shall, upon conviction thereof, be adjudged guilty of felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding three years or by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by both imprisonment and fine as aforesaid; and one half such fine, when collected, shall be paid to the informer.

APPROVED, July 16, 1862.

July 16, 1862.

CHAP. CLXXXIX. — *An Act in Relation to the Competency of Witnesses, and for other Purposes.*

Competency of witnesses in the Federal courts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the laws of the State in which the court shall be held shall be the rules of decision as to the com-