

term not exceeding five years, at such place or places as shall be agreed upon, all negroes, mulattoes, or persons of color, delivered from on board vessels seized in the prosecution of the slave trade by commanders of United States armed vessels, and to provide them with suitable instruction, and with comfortable clothing and shelter, and to employ them, at wages, under such regulations as shall be agreed upon, for a period not exceeding five years from the date of their being landed at the place or places agreed upon: *Provided*, That the United States incur no expenses on account of said negroes, mulattoes, or persons of color, after having landed them at the place or places agreed upon: *And provided, further*, That any arrangement so made as aforesaid may be renewed by the President of the United States from time to time, as may be found necessary or desirable, for periods not exceeding five years on each renewal.

five years, of negroes, &c., seized on board slave vessels.

No expenses after landing.
Arrangement may be renewed from time to time.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue instructions to the commanders of the armed vessels of the United States, directing them, whenever it shall be practicable, and under such rules and regulations as he shall prescribe, to proceed directly to such place or places as shall have been agreed upon with any foreign government, or its duly constituted agent or agents, under the provisions of the first section of this act, and there deliver to the duly constituted authorities, or agents of such foreign governments, all negroes, mulattoes, or persons of color, delivered from on board vessels seized in the prosecution of the slave trade, afterwards taking the vessel and persons engaged in prosecuting the slave trade to the proper place for trial and adjudication.

Commanders of armed vessels may be ordered to go directly to &c., such islands, &c.

APPROVED, July 17, 1862.

CHAP. CXCVIII. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to change the Name of the Steamship "Coatzacoalcos" to "America."* July 17, 1862.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to change the name of the steamship "Coatzacoalcos," now owned by Marshall O. Roberts, of New York city, to that of "America," and to issue a register in that name.

Name of the "Coatzacoalcos" changed to "America."

APPROVED, July 17, 1862.

CHAP. CXCIX. — *An Act to provide for the more prompt Settlement of the Accounts of Disbursing Officers.* July 17, 1862.

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 any officer or agent of the United States who shall receive public money which he is not authorized to retain as salary, pay or emolument, shall render his accounts monthly, instead of quarterly, as heretofore; and such accounts, with the vouchers necessary to the correct and prompt settlement thereof, shall be rendered direct to the proper accounting officer of the treasury, and be mailed or otherwise forwarded to its proper address within ten days after the expiration of each successive month. And in case of the non-receipt at the treasury of any accounts within a reasonable and proper time thereafter, the officer whose accounts are in default shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of having complied with the provisions of this act; and for any default on his part, the delinquent officer shall be deemed a defaulter, and be subject to all the penalties prescribed by the sixteenth section of the act of August sixth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, "to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer and disbursement of the public revenue;" *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Treasury may, if in his opinion the circumstances of the case justify and

Accounts of disbursing officers to be settled monthly.

Accounts, &c., to be forwarded in ten days.

Proceedings if accounts are not received in season.

1846, ch. 90, § 16. Vol. ix. p. 63.

Proviso

Time may be extended.
Other returns may be required.

require it, extend the time hereinbefore prescribed for the rendition of accounts: *and provided further*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to restrain the heads of any of the departments from requiring such other returns or reports from the officer or agent, subject to the control of such heads of departments, as the public interests may require.

APPROVED, July 17, 1862.

July 17, 1862.

CHAP. CC. — *An Act to define the Pay and Emoluments of certain Officers of the Army, and for other Purposes.*

Forage to be drawn in kind.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That officers of the army entitled to forage for horses shall not be allowed to commute it, but may draw forage in kind for each horse actually kept by them when and at the place where they are on duty, not exceeding the number authorized by law: *Provided, however*, That when forage in kind cannot be furnished by the proper department, then, and in all such cases, officers entitled to forage may commute the same according to existing regulations: *And provided, further*, That officers of the army and of volunteers assigned to duty which requires them to be mounted, shall, during the time they are employed on such duty, receive the pay, emoluments, and allowances of cavalry officers of the same grade respectively.

When to be commuted.

Officers on duty requiring them to be mounted to receive pay of cavalry officers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That major generals shall be entitled to draw forage in kind for five horses; brigadier generals for four horses; colonels, lieutenant colonels, and majors, for two horses each; captains and lieutenants of cavalry and artillery, or having the cavalry allowance, for two horses each; and chaplains, for one horse only.

Forage of major generals, brigadier generals, colonels, &c.

Captains, &c.
Chaplains.

Officers employing soldiers as servants to deduct from their pay, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever an officer of the army shall employ a soldier as his servant he shall, for each and every month during which said soldier shall be so employed, deduct from his own monthly pay the full amount paid to or expended by the government per month on account of said soldier; and every officer of the army who shall fail to make such deduction shall, on conviction thereof before a general court-martial, be cashiered.

Penalty.

Construction of act of 1861, ch. 63, § 1; *Ante*, p. 326.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the first section of the act approved August six, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, entitled "An act to increase the pay of privates in the regular army and in the volunteers in the service of the United States, and for other purposes," shall not be so construed, after the passage of this act, as to increase the emoluments of the commissioned officers of the army. And the eighth section of the act of twenty-second July, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, entitled "An act to authorize the employment of volunteers to aid in enforcing the laws and protecting public property," shall be so construed as to give to quartermaster sergeants the same compensation as to regimental commissary sergeants.

of 1861, ch. 9, § 8.

Ante, p. 270.
Pay of quartermaster sergeants.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the aforesaid act approved twenty-second July, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, as authorizes each regiment of volunteers in the United States service to have twenty-four musicians for a band, and fixes the compensation of the leader of the band, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and the men composing such bands shall be mustered out of the service within thirty days after the passage of this act.

Regimental bands to be mustered out of service.

1861, ch. 9, § 2. *Ante*, p. 269.

Brigade bands, number, pay, &c.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That each brigade in the volunteer service may have sixteen musicians as a band, who shall receive the pay and allowances now provided by law for regimental bands, except the leader of the band, who shall receive forty-five dollars per month with the emoluments and allowances of a quartermaster's sergeant.

Mileage of officers

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That in lieu of the present rate of mileage allowed to officers of the army when travelling on public duty,