

March 25, 1862. **CHAP. XLIX.** — *An Act to secure to the Officers and Men actually employed in the Western Department, or Department of Missouri, their Pay, Bounty, and Pension.*

Post, p. 623.

Pay to officers and men in the department of the West or of Missouri.

Post, pp. 385, 324.

Pensions.

Proviso.

Heirs of those killed, &c., to have bounty and pay.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to allow and pay to the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates who have been heretofore actually employed in the military service of the United States, whether mustered into actual service or not, where their services were accepted and actually employed by the generals who have been in command of the department of the West, or the department of the Missouri, the pay and bounty as in cases of regular enlistment.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates so employed, who may have been wounded or incapacitated for service, shall be entitled to and receive the pension allowed for such disability: *Provided*, That the length and character of their enlistment and service be such as to entitle them under existing laws to such pension.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the heirs of those killed in battle, or of those who may have died from wounds received while so in service, shall be entitled to receive the bounty and pay to which they would have been entitled had they been regularly mustered into service: *Provided*, That the bounty and pay referred to in this act shall not be payable unless their term of enlistment and service be of such duration as to entitle them to receive the same, according to existing laws.

APPROVED, March 25, 1862.

March 25, 1862. **CHAP. L.** — *An Act to facilitate Judicial Proceedings in Adjudications upon Captured Property, and for the better Administration of the Law of Prize.*

Prize commissioners,

to receive and keep captured property,

to examine and report if any is perishable, &c.

to receive papers and documents.

Court to adjudicate promptly.

Pilotage, wharfage, &c., how audited, allowed, and paid.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever any property captured as prize shall be brought into any district of the United States for adjudication, it shall be the duty of the prize commissioners for such district forthwith to receive, seal, and safely keep the same, until process shall be issued out of the court, under which the same shall be placed in the custody of the marshal of such district. It shall be the further duty of said prize commissioners, at the time of taking such possession, and from time to time pending the adjudication, to examine into the condition of said property, and report to the court if the same, or any part thereof, be perishing or perishable, or deteriorating in value; and if the same be so found by the court, upon said report or other evidence, the court may thereupon order an interlocutory sale thereof by the United States marshal, and the deposit of the gross proceeds of such sale in the registry of the court to abide the further order of the court, whether a claim to said property has or has not been interposed. It shall be the further duty of the said prize commissioners to receive from the prize master all the papers and documents, and forthwith to proceed to take the testimony of the witnesses prescribed by law, pursuant to the rules and under the interrogatories adopted by the court, and separately from each other and unattended by counsel, and the said papers, documents, and testimony, securely to seal with their seals, and as soon as practicable deposit in the registry of the court; and thereafter, promptly and without unnecessary delay, the court shall proceed to hearing and adjudication.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all reasonable and proper claims and charges for pilotage, towage, wharfage, storage, insurance, and other expenses incident to the bringing in and safe custody and sale of the property captured as prize, shall be a charge upon the same, and having been audited and allowed by the court, shall, in event of a decree of condemnation or of restitution on payment of costs, be paid out of the

proceeds of any sale of the property, final or interlocutory, in the custody of the court. In case of a decree of restitution upon payment of costs, where no sale has been made, such charges and expenses shall constitute part of said costs to be paid by the claimant.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the prize commissioners, and also the district attorney, acting for the United States, and the counsel for the captors, shall be entitled to receive a just and suitable compensation for their several and respective services in each prize case or proceeding; and the same shall be adjusted and determined by the court upon due consideration of the facts and circumstances of each case and of the services actually rendered therein; and the same, when so adjusted, shall, in case of final condemnation or restitution on payment of costs, be paid out of the proceeds of the prize property in the custody of the court, or when no sale has been made, in whole or in part, as the court may direct by the claimant.

Pay of prize commissioners and of district attorney,

how determined and paid.

Post, p. 760.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That whensoever a final decree of condemnation of property captured as prize shall have been made, unless an interlocutory sale has been made as hereinbefore provided for, the property shall be sold by the United States marshal pursuant to the practice and proceedings in admiralty, and the gross proceeds of such sale shall be forthwith deposited in court; and thereupon the prize commissioners shall proceed, under the direction of the court, to take the requisite evidence, and report the same to the court, to the end that a final decree shall be made determining what public ships of the United States are entitled to share in the prize, and whether the prize was of superior, equal, or inferior force to the vessel or vessels making the capture, and within thirty days after the entry of the same the clerk of the court shall transmit to the Treasury of the United States the moneys so deposited in court, together with a certified copy of the said decree, after deducting from said moneys the costs of court and the charges and expenses hereinbefore provided for.

Proceedings upon final decree of condemnation.

Sale,—proceeds of sale.

Shares of public vessels.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this act shall apply as well to cases now pending as to all future cases of maritime captures, and to captures and seizures made under the laws for the abolition of the slave trade; and all laws and parts of laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

To what cases this act shall apply.

APPROVED, March 25, 1862.

CHAP. LI.—*An Act in Addition to an Act to refund and remit the Duties on Arms imported by States, approved July ten, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.* April 2, 1862.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the authority given to the Secretary of the Treasury to refund and remit the duties and imposts on all arms imported into the United States by or for the account of any State as provided in the act to which this is an addition, shall extend to arms for which orders or contracts were made prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-two: *Provided*, That said Secretary shall have satisfactory proofs exhibited to him that the said arms were actually purchased in a foreign country for account of a State, and that the price paid for the same by the State was only the first cost, and the usual and customary charges attending the purchase and importation of the same, exclusive of duty.

Duties on arms, &c., extension of time for remitting.

Proviso.

APPROVED, April 2, 1862.

CHAP. LIJ.—*An Act to provide for the equitable Settlement of the Accounts of the Officers and Crews of the Frigate Congress and other Vessels.* April 2, 1862.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers