

Bridge trains, &c. For bridge trains and equipage for armies in the field, five hundred thousand dollars.

Defence of Washington. For completing fortifications and erecting new ones for the defence of Washington, two hundred thousand dollars.

APPROVED, February 20, 1863.

Feb. 20, 1863. CHAP. XLIV. — *An Act to provide for the Appointment of an Assistant Register in the Treasury Department and a Solicitor for the War Department, and for other Purposes.*

President may appoint Assistant Register of the Treasury. Salary. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President be, and he is hereby authorized, to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for the term of one year, an officer in the office of the Register of the Treasury, to be called the assistant register, at an annual salary of two thousand dollars.

Duty. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the duties of said assistant shall be such as may be devolved on him by the Register of the Treasury, and, in the absence of the Register, said assistant shall act in his place and stead; and any official record, certificate, or other document, excepting warrants, bonds, and drafts, if signed by the assistant register, shall have the same legal force and validity as if signed by the Register of the Treasury.

Solicitor of War Department. Salary. SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the President be, and he is hereby authorized, to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an officer in the War Department, to be called the Solicitor of the War Department, at an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars.

Appropriation. SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the amount necessary to pay the salaries of the officers authorized to be appointed by this act, for the current and next fiscal years, be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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Feb. 20, 1863. CHAP. XLV. — *An Act temporarily to supply Vacancies in the Executive Departments in Certain Cases.*

Vacancies in Executive Departments, how filled. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in case of the death, resignation, absence from the seat of Government, or sickness, of the head of any Executive Department of the Government, or of any officer of either of the said Departments whose appointment is not in the head thereof, whereby they cannot perform the duties of their respective offices, it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, in case he shall think it necessary, to authorize the head of any other Executive Department, or other officer in either of said Departments, whose appointment is vested in the President, at his discretion, to perform the duties of the said respective offices until a successor be appointed, or until such absence or inability by sickness shall cease: *Provided,* That no one vacancy shall be supplied in manner aforesaid for a longer term than six months.

For what time. Repealing clause. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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Feb. 20, 1863. CHAP. XLVI. — *An Act concerning Pardons and the Remission of Penalties and Forfeitures in Criminal Cases.*

Pardons and remission of penalties in criminal cases. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (to remove doubts as to the true meaning of former laws) hereafter, whenever by the judgment of any court or judicial officer of the United States, in any criminal