

ten per centum on the amount of all drawbacks so allowed shall be retained for the use of the United States by the collectors paying such drawbacks respectively. Ten per cent. to be retained.

APPROVED, March 3, 1863.

CHAP. LXXVIII. — *An Act to promote the Efficiency of the Corps of Engineers and of the Ordnance Department, and for other Purposes.* March 3, 1863.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the corps of topographical engineers, as a distinct branch of the army, is hereby abolished, and from and after the passage of this act, is merged into the corps of engineers, which shall have the following organization, viz: one chief engineer, with the rank, pay, and emoluments of a brigadier-general; four colonels; ten lieutenant-colonels; twenty majors; thirty captains; thirty first lieutenants, and ten second lieutenants. Corps of topographical engineers merged in that of engineers. Organization.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the general officer provided by the first section of this act shall be selected from the corps of engineers as therein established; and that officers of all lower grades shall take rank according to their respective dates of commission in the existing corps of engineers or corps of topographical engineers. Rank of officers.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That no officer of the corps of engineers below the rank of a field-officer shall, hereafter, be promoted to a higher grade before having passed a satisfactory examination before a board of three engineers senior to him in rank; and should the officer fail at said examination, he shall be suspended from promotion *from* [for] one year, when he shall be reexamined, and, upon a second failure, shall be dropped by the President from the army. Engineer officers not to be promoted except after examination.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be added to the ordnance department one lieutenant-colonel, two majors, eight captains, eight first lieutenants; the additional officers herein authorized to be appointed by promotion, so far as the present officers of the ordnance corps will permit; and the residue to be appointed by transfers from other regiments or corps of the army: *Provided,* That no officer of the ordnance department below the rank of a field-officer shall be promoted or commissioned to a higher grade, nor shall any officer of the army be commissioned as an ordnance officer until he shall have passed a satisfactory examination before a board of not less than three ordnance officers, senior to him in rank; and should such officer fail on such examination he shall be suspended from promotion or appointment for one year, when he may be reexamined before a like board; and if, upon such second examination, an ordnance officer fail, he shall be dismissed from the service, and if an officer of the army he shall not be commissioned. Additions to ordnance department. How appointed. Officers to be examined.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That section two of the act approved March three, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses and other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," shall be construed to include the steamboats and other vessels, and "railroad engines and cars," in the property to be allowed and paid for when destroyed or lost under the circumstances provided for in said act. Steamboats and railroad engines lost or destroyed in military service to be paid for. 1849, ch. 129, § 2. Vol. ix. p. 415.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That all payments of advance bounty made to enlisted men who have been discharged before serving out the term required by law for its payment in full shall be allowed in the settlement of the accounts of paymasters at the treasury; but hereafter, in all such cases, the amount so advanced shall be charged against the enlisted men, unless the discharge be upon surgeon's certificate for wounds received or sickness incurred since their last enlistment. Payments of advance bounty, &c., to be allowed paymasters. Advance, how charged.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That upon any requisition hereafter being made by the President of the United States for militia, any Persons drafted, or who volunteer

to serve nine months, and enlisting for one year, to have bounty.

1861, ch. 9. *Ante*, p. 268.

Supervision of cooking.

Cooks for each company to be detailed from the privates.

Each cook to have two under-cooks.

Pay and ration.

Pepper in army ration.

Increase of rank and number of officers by this act to continue only during rebellion.

person who shall have volunteered or been drafted for the service of the United States for the term of nine months, or a shorter period, may enlist into a regiment from the same state to serve for the term of one year, and any person so enlisting shall be entitled to and receive a bounty of fifty dollars, to be paid in time and manner provided by the act of July twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, for the payment of the bounty provided for by that act.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers of the medical department shall unite with the line officers of the army under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War, in supervising the cooking within the same as an important sanitary measure, and that said medical department shall promulgate to its officers such regulations and instructions as may tend to insure the proper preparation of the ration of the soldier.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That cooks shall be detailed, in turn, from the privates of each company of troops in the service of the United States, at the rate of one cook for each company numbering less than thirty men, and two cooks for each company numbering over thirty men, who shall serve ten days each.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be enlisted, for each cook, two under-cooks of African descent, who shall receive for their full compensation ten dollars per month, and one ration per day — three dollars of said monthly pay may be in clothing.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That the army ration shall hereafter include pepper, in the proportion of four ounces to every hundred rations.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That the increase of rank of officers, and in the number of officers provided for in this act, shall continue only during the existence of the present rebellion; and thereafter the several officers promoted under this act shall have the respective rank they would have had if this act had not passed, and the number shall be reduced by the President to the number authorized by law prior to the passage of this act.

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CHAP. LXXIX. — *An Act making Appropriations for sundry Civil Expenses of the Government for the Year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and for the Year ending the 30[th] of June, 1863, and for other Purposes.*

Civil expenses appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, for the objects hereinafter expressed, for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, viz :

Coast survey.

*Survey of the Coast.* — For the survey of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of the United States, (including compensation of civilians engaged in the work, and excluding pay and emoluments of officers of the army and navy, and petty officers and men of the navy employed on the work,) one hundred and seventy-eight thousand dollars.

For continuing the survey of the western coast of the United States, (including compensation of civilians engaged in the work,) one hundred thousand dollars.

For continuing the survey of the Florida reefs and keys, (including compensation of civilians engaged in the work, and excluding pay and emoluments of officers of the army and navy, and petty officers and men of the navy employed on the work,) eleven thousand dollars.

For publishing the observations made in the progress of the survey of