

CHAP. CII. — *An Act for the Relief of certain drafted Men.*

Feb. 28, 1867.

WHEREAS certain persons, drafted into the military service under the calls of the President of the United States, made February first, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and March fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, paid the sum of three hundred dollars each, being the amount of commutation fixed for such service under the fifth section of the amendatory enrolment act of February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and the same persons were afterwards again drafted, under the call of December nineteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, (being within one year of the previous draft, and before the filling of the quotas assigned under the two calls first named above,) and were then required to enter the service or furnish substitutes; and whereas the true intent and meaning of the fifth section of the amendatory act aforesaid was to exempt persons thus paying commutation from further draft until that quota should be filled, and not exceeding one year: Therefore —

Preamble.

1864, ch. 13, § 5.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to refund to each person drafted as aforesaid, who paid commutation and was also required to enter the service or furnish a substitute as aforesaid, the sum of three hundred dollars, being the sum of money so as aforesaid paid by him; and there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to make such payments.

Drafted persons who paid commutation and were required to serve or furnish a substitute, may have \$300 refunded.
Appropriation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of War is authorized and required to refund from the commutation money the amount (not exceeding three hundred dollars in any one case) paid by any person drafted during the late war who furnished a substitute or paid commutation money, wherever it shall appear that, under the decisions and rules of the War Department governing at the time, the said person was entitled to discharge from the obligation to render personal service under the draft for which he paid money or furnished a substitute, and to refund, in like manner, in all cases wherein it shall appear that a person so having paid commutation money or furnished a substitute was not legally liable to draft: *Provided,* That this section shall apply only to claims received at the War Department prior to its passage.

Amount paid by drafted persons who furnished substitutes, &c. when not liable to personal service or draft, to be refunded.

This section to apply only to certain claims.

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CHAP. CIII. — *An Act relative to the Port of Camden, New Jersey.*

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the port of Camden, in the State of New Jersey, be, and the same is hereby, annexed to the collection district of Philadelphia, and that an assistant collector, to be appointed in accordance with the laws of the United States, shall reside at Camden, who shall have power to enter and clear vessels in like manner as the collector of Philadelphia is authorized to do, but such assistant collector shall nevertheless act in conformity to such instructions and regulations as he shall from time to time receive from the collector of Philadelphia; and that the said assistant collector shall receive for his annual salary fifteen hundred dollars in full for all services to be by him performed, and in lieu of commissions and fees.

Port of Camden annexed to the collection district of Philadelphia.
Assistant collector at Camden; to receive instructions from the collector at Philadelphia.
Salary.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the assistant collector, appointed under this act, be, and he hereby is, authorized to enroll and license, according to the laws of the United States, all vessels engaged in the coasting trade and fisheries, owned in whole or in part by residents of that portion of the Bridgeton district lying north of Alloway's creek, in the county of Salem, in the State of New Jersey. And all such enrollments and licenses shall be as valid and effectual as if they had been effected in any other port of the United States; and the said assistant

Assistant collector may enroll and license certain vessels engaged in the coasting trade and fisheries.
Such licenses, &c. to be valid.

Responsibilities of collector. collector, in the enrolment and licensing of vessels, shall be subject to the laws of the United States, and liable to all the penalties and responsibilities imposed upon collectors in like cases.
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March 1, 1867. CHAP. CXLIII. — *An Act to quiet Title to Land in the Towns of Santa Clara and Petaluma, in the State of California.*

Right of the United States to land in the towns of Santa Clara and Petaluma, Cal. relinquished to those towns, &c.
The grant not to extend to any reservation; nor prejudice adverse rights; nor preclude judicial examinations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the right and title of the United States to the land situated within the corporate limits of the towns of Santa Clara and Petaluma, in the State of California, as defined in the acts of the legislature of that State incorporating said towns, be, and the same are hereby, relinquished and granted to the corporate authorities of said towns and their successors, in trust, for and with authority to convey so much of said land as is in the bona fide occupancy of parties upon the passage of this act, by themselves or tenants, to such parties: *Provided,* That this grant shall not extend to any reservation of the United States, nor prejudice any valid adverse right or claim, if such exist, to said land or any part thereof, nor preclude a judicial examination and adjustment thereof.
APPROVED, March 1, 1867.

March 2, 1867. CHAP. CXLIV. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Repair, Preservation, and Completion of certain Public Works heretofore commenced under the Authority of Law, and for other Purposes.*

Public works appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction and superintendence of the Secretary of War, for the repair, preservation, and completion of the following works heretofore commenced under the authority of law, and for the other purposes hereinafter named, that is to say: —

Examinations and surveys.

For examination and survey of works of improvement for which appropriations have been heretofore made, and concerning which no sufficient information is now in possession of the department, and for examination and survey at other points in the fourth and fifth sections of this act specified, that is to say: On the Atlantic coast, thirty thousand dollars; on the Pacific coast, twenty-five thousand dollars; on the northwestern lakes, seventy-five thousand dollars; on the western and northwestern rivers, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. And the Secretary of War, when the public interests require it, shall cause examinations or re-examinations to be made, with suitable surveys, of the works aforesaid and all other works provided for by this act, and shall make such changes or modifications of the plans heretofore adopted for their improvement as shall be necessary and proper. And he shall cause such needful examination of other harbors and places in the fourth and fifth sections of this act specified, upon the sea and lake coasts and on western rivers, to be made as will enable him to determine what improvements thereof are required to render them safe and convenient for the navigation of the naval and commercial vessels of the United States, and the costs of such improvements; and he shall make full report thereof, and of the plans deemed advisable therefor, to Congress on the first Monday of December next, for such action as may be judged expedient and right. And if, upon such examination and survey of works first herein named, being works now existing or in process of completion, and concerning which no information is now in the possession of the department, there shall remain an unexpended balance of appropriation, properly applicable there-

Report to Congress.