

Accounting officers of Treasury not to allow to officers dismissed and afterward restored under 1865, ch. 79, § 12, vol. xiii, p. 487, more than six months' pay unless officer demanded trial, &c.

SEC. 2. That the accounting officers of the Treasury be, and are hereby, prohibited from making any allowance to any officer of the Navy who has been, or may hereafter be, dismissed from the service and restored to the same under the provisions of the twelfth section of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, entitled "An act to amend the several acts heretofore passed to provide for the enrolling and calling out the national forces, and for other purposes", to exceed more than pay as on leave for six months from the date of dismissal, unless it shall appear that the officer demanded in writing, addressed to the Secretary of the Navy, and continued to demand as often as once in six months, a trial as provided for in said act.

Repeal of part of 1864, ch. 252, vol. xiii, p. 393.

SEC. 3. That so much of the act entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to provide for the education of naval constructors and steam-engineers, and for other purposes", approved July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four", as provides that cadet-engineers, not to exceed fifty in number, shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, is hereby repealed; and cadet-engineers shall hereafter be appointed annually by the Secretary of the Navy, and the number appointed each year shall not exceed twenty-five; and that all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Cadet-engineers to be appointed annually.

Not to exceed twenty-five in number.

Repeal of inconsistent acts.

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1872, ch. 140, vol. xvii, pp. 68, 69.

CHAP. 393.—An act to repeal so much of the act approved May eight, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and for other purposes" as provides for the employment of persons to assist the proper officers of the Government in discovering and collecting moneys withheld and for other purposes.

Repeal of act relating to contracts for discovering and collecting moneys belonging to the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and for other purposes," approved May eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, as provides for the employment by the Secretary of the Treasury, of not more than three persons to assist the proper officers of the Government in discovering and collecting any money belonging to the United States when the same shall be withheld by any person or corporation, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to revoke and annul all contracts for the collection of such taxes made under and by authority of said act.

Contracts to be annulled and revoked.

Court of Claims not to consider claims for damages.

SEC. 2. That the Court of Claims shall have no authority to consider or decide upon any claims for damages by reason of the discontinuance of the contracts aforesaid, or for any profits or per-centages under them.

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CHAP. 394.—An act to legalize entries of public lands under the homestead laws in certain cases.

Certain entries of public lands under homestead laws legalized. 1862, ch. 75, vol. xii, p. 392.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases of entries of public lands heretofore made under the act entitled "An act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," approved May twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, where the affidavit required by section two of said act was made before the clerk of the county of the residence of the person making the entry, without having first made the settlement and improvement required by the provisions of section three of the act entitled "An act amendatory of the homestead law, and for other purposes," approved March twenty-first, eighteen hundred and

1864, ch. 38, vol. xii, p. 35.

sixty-four, said affidavits be, and the same are hereby, legalized and confirmed, so as to have the same force and validity as if the provisions of said last-named act had been strictly complied with: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall have the effect or be construed to impair the valid and paramount adverse rights of any person or corporation to any of such lands, except in so far as the right of Congress to protect the claims or rights of homestead settlers upon lands within the limits of grants of lands to any railroad company may have been reserved in the acts making such grants and be now lawfully existing.

Adverse rights not impaired, except.

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CHAP. 395.—An act to amend an act entitled “An act to provide for the payment of horses and other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States,” approved March third, eighteen hundred and forty-nine.

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1849, ch. 129, vol. ix, p. 414.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, providing for the payment for horses and equipments lost by officers or enlisted men in the military service shall not be construed to deny payment to such officers or enlisted men, for horses which may have been purchased by them in States in insurrection; and payment in any case shall not be refused where the loss resulted from any exigency or necessity of the military service, unless it was caused by the fault or negligence of such officers or enlisted men.

Payment for horses lost in the military service.

Act of 1849, ch. 129, § 1, vol. ix, p. 414, not to be construed to deny payment for horses purchased in insurrectionary States, &c.

SEC. 2. That no claims under said section or this amendment thereto shall be considered unless presented prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Claims to be presented prior to Jan. 1, 1876.

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CHAP. 396.—An act conferring jurisdiction upon the criminal court of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

June 22, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the criminal court of the District of Columbia shall have jurisdiction of all crimes and misdemeanors committed in said District, not lawfully triable in any other court, and which are required by law to be prosecuted by indictment or information.

Jurisdiction of criminal court, District of Columbia.

Additional powers conferred upon courts of District.

SEC. 2. That the provisions of the thirty-third section of the judiciary act of seventeen hundred and eighty-nine shall apply to courts created by act of Congress in the District of Columbia.

1789, ch. 20, § 33, vol. i, p. 91.

R. S., 1014-1016, p. 189.

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CHAP. 397.—An act to amend the act entitled “An act to establish a western judicial district of North Carolina”.

June 22, 1874.
1872, ch. 282, § 8, vol. xvii, p. 217.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section eight of the act of June fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two entitled “An act to establish a western judicial district of North Carolina”, be amended by adding thereto the following: “There shall also be appointed a marshal of the United States for said western district of North Carolina, who shall be entitled to a salary of two hundred dollars per annum; payment to be made quarterly out of the Treasury of the United States, and in addition thereto the fees of office affixed by law.”

Marshal for western district of North Carolina.

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