

sence from the departments on the part of said clerks or other employees, in excess of such leave of absence as may be granted by the heads thereof, which shall not exceed thirty days in any one year, except in case of sickness, shall be without pay.

Repeal.

SEC. 5. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved, March 3, 1883.

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CHAP. 129.—An act authorizing the Committee on Printing to instruct the Public Printer relative to the maps, and so forth, for the Census reports.

Printing maps, and illustrations for census reports, etc.

Public Printer authorized to accept private proposals, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Public Printer is hereby authorized under the direction of the Joint Committee on Public Printing or of the Senate committee on printing in case there be no committee on the part of the House, to accept private proposals for printing the required number of copies of maps and other illustrations for the Census reports from plates or stones which were engraved under special appropriations for printing and engraving for the Tenth Census prior to the act of August seventh, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, whenever it shall clearly appear that expense can be saved thereby.

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CHAP. 130.—An act prescribing regulations for the Soldiers' Home located at Washington, in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Regulations prescribed for Soldiers' Home, Washington, D. C., etc.

Board of Commissioners to make annual report, etc.

Secretary of War to transmit report, etc., to Congress.

Inspector-General of Army to inspect and make report, etc.

Expenditures limited, etc., except on approval of Board.

Supplies, how purchased.

Pension inmates of Home can allot portion of pension, etc.

Pensions, etc., to be paid to treasurer.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the board of commissioners of the Soldiers' Home shall every year report in writing to the Secretary of War, giving a full statement of all receipts and disbursements of money, of the manner in which the funds are invested of any changes in the investments and the reasons therefor, of all admissions and discharges, and generally of all facts that may be necessary to a full understanding of the condition and management of the Home. The Secretary of War shall have power to call for and require any omitted facts which in his judgment should be stated to be added. This annual report shall be, by the Secretary of War, together with the report of the inspecting officer hereinafter provided for, transmitted to Congress at the first session thereafter, and he shall also cause the same to be published in orders to the Army, a copy thereof to be deposited in each garrison and post library.

SEC. 2. That the Inspector General of the Army shall, in person, once in each year thoroughly inspect the Home, its records, accounts, management, discipline, and sanitary condition, and shall report thereon in writing, together with such suggestions as he desires to make.

SEC. 3. That no new buildings shall be erected or new grounds purchased, nor shall any expenditure of more than five thousand dollars be made, until the action of the board thereon shall be approved by the Secretary of War. All supplies that can be purchased upon contract shall be so purchased, after due notice by advertisement, of the lowest responsible bidder. Such bidder shall give bond, with proper security, for the performance of his contract.

SEC. 4. That any inmate of the Home who is receiving a pension from the government, and who has a child, wife, or parent living, shall be entitled, by filing with the pension agent from whom he receives his money a written direction to that effect, to have his pension, or any part of it, paid to such child, wife, or parent. The pensions of all who now are or shall hereafter become inmates of the Home, except such as shall be assigned as aforesaid, shall be paid to the treasurer of the Home. The money thus derived shall not become a part of the funds of the Home, but shall be held by the treasurer in trust for the pen-