

southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, and the west half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-two, in township seventeen, north of range two east, be, and the same hereby are, withdrawn from entry and sale, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to cause a patent therefor to be issued unto the State of Wisconsin: *Provided, however,* That said State shall pay to the United States therefor, at the rate of one and twenty-five one-hundredths dollars per acre: *And provided, further,* That said State shall first procure from all claimants or persons who may have filed or made homestead entries or other claims on or to said premises, or any part thereof, proper relinquishments of all their claims thereto, and cause the same to be filed with the Secretary of the Interior.

Approved, February 27, 1899.

Provisos.
Payment.

Relinquishment of
homestead entries.

February 27, 1899.

CHAP. 208.—An Act For the relief of the Fourth Arkansas Mounted Infantry.

Preamble.

Whereas during the latter part of eighteen hundred and sixty-three and the early part of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, under authority of Major-General Frederick Steele, dated October twenty-third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, in northwestern Arkansas, several hundred men were recruited in Arkansas for the United States Army, and organized the Fourth Arkansas Mounted Infantry Volunteers, under the command of Elisha Baxter, colonel commanding, and were put into active service in Arkansas with other United States soldiers there, and were furnished arms, ammunition, and uniforms by the United States Government, and participated in several battles, and lost a number of men in killed and wounded; and

Whereas said regiment was disbanded in June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, at Devall Bluff, Arkansas, without having been actually mustered into the service of the United States, and most of the members thereof then enlisted in other United States regiments, having then served as members of the said Fourth Arkansas Mounted Infantry for a period of from six to eight months; and

Whereas on account of never having been mustered into the Army of the United States the names of the members of said regiment do not appear on the rolls of the Army, and the members of said regiment have never received any pay for said services; and

Whereas Congress, by joint resolution approved March eighteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, authorized the War Department to pay such claims as were satisfactorily proven, but, through the avarice of claims agents or others, rolls of the members of said regiment were made up largely in excess of the actual membership of said regiment, and this without the knowledge or fault of the actual members thereof, which led the War Department to refuse to make any payment thereon whatever; and

Whereas there remain about one hundred members of said regiment, now old and decrepit, and nearly all in destitute circumstances, to whom the pay so long due them from the Government would be a great relief in their declining years: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to appoint and detail a competent and experienced officer of the United States Army as referee, who shall have authority to administer oaths, who shall give notice of the times and places of taking testimony in the State of Arkansas or elsewhere, if necessary, that claimants and their witnesses may appear before him, and shall carefully examine into the facts and take proof upon the claims for service of the members of the Fourth Arkansas Mounted Infantry, and return the same, together with his report thereon, to the Secretary of War; and that the Secretary of War is hereby directed to pay such claims to the members of said regiment,

Fourth Arkansas
Mounted Infantry.
Investigation and pay-
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thorized.

or to their heirs, as he shall be satisfied are due under the joint resolution of Congress approved March eighteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy. Said officer shall receive compensation for actual expenses incurred under the provisions hereof.

Approved, February 27, 1899.

CHAP. 209.—An Act To construct a telephone from Table Bluff to Salmon Creek, in Humboldt County, California.

February 27, 1899.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to construct a telephone line from the United States light-house at Table Bluff, California, to connect with the general telephone system at Salmon Creek, in Humboldt County, California, at a cost not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars.

Table Bluff Light House, California. Construction of telephone to Salmon Creek, California, authorized.

Approved, February 27, 1899.

CHAP. 210.—An Act Making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred.

February 27, 1899.

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, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred:

Military Academy appropriations.

PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT.

Permanent establishment.

For pay of seven professors, twenty-three thousand dollars;
 For pay of one chaplain, two thousand dollars;
 For pay of one associate professor of mathematics, two thousand dollars;

Pay of professors.

For pay of cadets, one hundred and seventy thousand dollars;
 In all, for permanent establishment, one hundred and ninety-seven thousand dollars;

Cadets.

For extra pay of officers of the Army on detached service at the Military Academy:

Extra to officers.

For pay of one Superintendent of the United States Military Academy (colonel), in addition to pay as captain, mounted, one thousand seven hundred dollars;

For one commandant of cadets (lieutenant-colonel), in addition to pay as captain, not mounted, one thousand two hundred dollars;

For pay of one instructor of practical military engineering (major), in addition to pay as captain, mounted, five hundred dollars;

For pay of one instructor of ordnance and science of gunnery (major), in addition to pay as captain, mounted, five hundred dollars;

For pay of eight assistant professors (captains) in addition to pay as first lieutenants, not mounted, four thousand dollars;

For pay of five senior instructors of cavalry, artillery, and infantry tactics, ordnance and gunnery, and practical military engineering (captains), in addition to pay as first lieutenants, not mounted, two thousand five hundred dollars;

For pay of four assistant instructors of cavalry, artillery, and infantry tactics (captains), in addition to pay as second lieutenants, not mounted, two thousand four hundred dollars;

For pay of one adjutant in addition to pay as second lieutenant, not mounted, six hundred dollars;