

with the Government, if in his opinion desirable, at such compensation as he may consider reasonable.

SEC. 3. That for carrying into effect the preceding paragraphs relating to additional hospital and outpatient dispensary facilities there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$17,000,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended. That not to exceed 3 per centum of this sum shall be available for the employment in the District of Columbia and in the field of necessary technical and clerical assistants at the customary rates of compensation, exclusively to aid in the preparation of the plans and specifications for the projects authorized herein and for the supervision of the execution thereof, and for traveling expenses, field-office equipment and supplies in connection therewith.

SEC. 4. That all hospital facilities under the control and jurisdiction of the United States Veterans' Bureau shall be available for veterans of the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, and the Boxer Rebellion, suffering from neuropsychiatric and tubercular ailments and diseases.

Approved, April 20, 1922.

Amount authorized to be appropriated.
Post, p. 507.

Allowance for technical assistance, supplies, etc.

Facilities extended to Spanish War, etc., veterans.

CHAP. 135.—An Act Authorizing the Comptroller General of the United States to allow credits to and relieve certain disbursing officers of the War and Navy Departments in the settlement of certain accounts.

April 21, 1922.
[H. R. 10429.]
[Public, No. 195.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he hereby is authorized, through such officer as he may designate, and within two years from the passage of this Act, (a) to relieve disbursing officers or special disbursing agents of the War and Navy Departments from accountability or responsibility for losses, occurring between April 6, 1917, and November 18, 1921, of funds, or of accounts, papers, records, vouchers, or data pertaining to said funds, for which said officers or agents were accountable or responsible; and (b) to allow credits, in the settlement of accounts of said officers or agents, for payments made in good faith on public account during said period, notwithstanding failure to comply with requirements of existing law or regulations pursuant thereto: *Provided*, That in cases of losses or payments involving more than \$1,000 the Comptroller General shall exercise the authority herein only upon the written recommendation of the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy, which recommendation shall also set forth the facts relative to such loss or payment: *Provided further*, That the Comptroller General in all cases shall certify that the transactions, expenditures, losses, or payments appear to be free from fraud or collusion.

World War service accounts.
Army and Navy disbursing officers relieved from losses incurred in.

Credits for irregular payments.

Proviso.
Requirement if over \$1,000 involved.

Freedom from fraud requisite.

Approved, April 21, 1922.

CHAP. 136.—An Act To advance Major Benjamin S. Berry to the permanent rank of major.

April 21, 1922.
[H. R. 2556.]
[Public, No. 196.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to place Major Benjamin S. Berry, United States Marine Corps, on the lineal list of officers of the Marine Corps, to take rank among the permanent majors of the Marine Corps, next after Lauren S. Willis, United States

Marine Corps.
Benjamin S. Berry advanced on list of majors.

Proviso.
No back pay.

Number of majors
not increased.

Marine Corps: *Provided*, That said Benjamin S. Berry shall not by the passage of this Act be entitled to any back pay or allowances of any kind: *And provided further*, That nothing contained in this Act shall operate to increase the number of majors in the United States Marine Corps as now authorized by law.

Approved, April 21, 1922.

April 21, 1922.
[H. R. 7589.]
[Public, No. 197.]

CHAP. 137.—An Act For the relief of Major Ellis B. Miller.

Marine Corps.
Ellis B. Miller ad-
vanced to rank of lieu-
tenant colonel.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, commission Ellis B. Miller as a lieutenant colonel in the United States Marine Corps, as of date of June 4, 1920: *Provided*, That the said Ellis B. Miller shall take rank on the lineal list of lieutenant colonels in the United States Marine Corps next after James K. Tracy, the officer who immediately preceded him on the list of first lieutenants on May 13, 1908: *Provided further*, That the said Ellis B. Miller shall establish to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Navy, by examination pursuant to law, his physical, mental, moral, and professional fitness to perform the duties of a lieutenant colonel in the United States Marine Corps: *And provided further*, That the said Ellis B. Miller shall not by the passage of this Act be entitled to any back pay or allowances of any kind: *And provided further*, That nothing contained in this Act shall operate to increase the number of lieutenant colonels in the United States Marine Corps as now authorized by law.

Proviso.
Position designated.

Examination, etc.,
required.

No back pay, etc.

Number of lieutenant
colonels not increased.

Approved, April 21, 1922.

April 21, 1922.
[S. J. Res. 190.]
[Pub. Res., No. 49.]

CHAP. 138.—Joint Resolution To authorize the presentation of a tablet to the officers of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Daughters of the
American Revolution.
Tablet to, in apprecia-
tion for use of Memorial
Hall for Limitation of
Armament Conference.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized to present a tablet in the name of the Government of the United States to the officers of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution as a token of appreciation for making available Continental Memorial Hall for the sessions of the Conference on Limitation of Armament, and there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$350 for the expenses of producing a suitable tablet in conformity with this resolution.

Appropriation.

Approved, April 21, 1922.

April 21, 1922.
[H. J. Res. 309.]
[Pub. Res., No. 50.]

CHAP. 139.—Joint Resolution Appropriating \$1,000,000 for the preservation, protection, and repair of levees under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi River Commission.

Mississippi River.
Emergency approp-
riation for protecting
levees, etc., during pres-
ent flood.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$1,000,000 to be immediately available as an emergency fund to be expended by the Mississippi River Commission during the present flood in the Mississippi River for the purpose of preserving, protecting, and repairing the levees under its jurisdiction: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall deduct \$1,000,000 from the appropriation that shall first hereafter be made for the use of said Mississippi River Commission under the terms of the Flood Control Act

Proviso.
Amount to be de-
ducted from subse-
quent flood appropria-
tion.
Vol. 39, p. 943.