

March 10, 1902.

[Public, No. 85.]

CHAP. 147.—An Act Making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three, and for other purposes.

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 payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three, and for other purposes, namely:

Invalid, etc., pensions. For army and navy pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives, army nurses, and all other pensioners who are now borne on the rolls, or who may hereafter be placed thereon, under the provisions of any and all Acts of Congress, one hundred and thirty-eight million five hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the appropriation aforesaid for navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the navy pension fund, so far as the same shall be sufficient for that purpose: *Provided further*, That the amount expended under each of the above items shall be accounted for separately.

Proviso.

Navy pensions.

Accounts.

Examining surgeons.

Fees.

Proviso.

Examinations.

No fee unless service rendered.

Rating.

Disabilities must be fully described. Inspection of reports.

Pension attorneys, etc.

Pay for securing special legislation an offense.

Punishment.

Agents' salaries.

Clerk hire.

Proviso.
Apportionment.

Rent. Stationery, lights, etc.

For fees and expenses of examining surgeons, for services rendered within the fiscal year nineteen hundred and three, eight hundred thousand dollars. And each member of each examining board shall, as now authorized by law, receive the sum of two dollars for the examination of each applicant whenever five or a less number shall be examined on any one day, and one dollar for the examination of each additional applicant on such day: *Provided*, That if twenty or more applicants appear on one day, no fewer than twenty shall, if practicable, be examined on said day, and that if fewer examinations be then made, twenty or more having appeared, then there shall be paid for the first examinations made on the next examination day the fee of one dollar only until twenty examinations shall have been made: *Provided further*, That no fee shall be paid to any member of an examining board unless personally present and assisting in the examination of applicant: *And provided further*, That the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically state the rating which in their judgment the applicant is entitled to, and the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically and accurately set forth the physical condition of the applicant, each and every existing disability being fully and carefully described. The reports of the special examiners of the Bureau of Pensions shall be open to inspection and copy by the applicant or his attorney, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe: *And provided further*, That hereafter no pension attorney, claim agent, or other person shall be entitled to receive any compensation for services rendered in securing the introduction of a bill or the passage thereof through Congress granting pension or increase of pension; and any person who shall, directly or indirectly, contract for, demand, receive, or retain any compensation for such services shall be deemed guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof shall, for each and every such offense, be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

For salaries of eighteen agents for the payment of pensions, at four thousand dollars each, seventy-two thousand dollars.

For clerk hire, four hundred and thirty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the amount of clerk hire for each agency shall be apportioned as nearly as practicable in proportion to the number of pensioners paid at each agency, and the salaries paid shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

For rents, nine thousand four hundred and eighty dollars.

For stationery and other necessary expenses, including fuel and lights, thirty thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Approved, March 10, 1902.

CHAP. 179.—An Act Authorizing the President of the United States to nominate Lieutenant-Commander R. M. G. Brown, now on the retired list, to be a commander on the retired list.

March 11, 1902.

[Public, No. 36.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized to nominate to the Senate Lieutenant-Commander R. M. G. Brown, now on the retired list, to be a commander on the retired list.

Lieut. Commander R. M. G. Brown. May be appointed commander on navy retired list.

Approved, March 11, 1902.

CHAP. 180.—An Act Providing for the commutation for town-site purposes of homestead entries in certain portions of Oklahoma.

March 11, 1902.

[Public, No. 37.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That that portion of section twenty-two of the Act approved May second, eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled "An Act to provide a temporary government for the Territory of Oklahoma, to enlarge the jurisdiction of the United States court in the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," providing for the commutation for town-site purposes of homestead entries in certain instances, be, and the same is hereby, made applicable to the lands in the Territory of Oklahoma ceded to the United States by the Wichita and affiliated bands of Indians and the Comanche, Kiowa, and Apache tribes of Indians, under agreements, respectively, ratified by the Acts of Congress of March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and June sixth, nineteen hundred.

Oklahoma Territory. Lands ceded by Wichita, etc. Indians open to commutation town-site entries. Vol. 26, p. 91.

Vol. 28, p. 894.
Vol. 31, p. 676.

Approved, March 11, 1902.

CHAP. 181.—An Act To amend section three of chapter four hundred and eighty, of the laws of the United States, approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

March 11, 1902.

[Public, No. 38.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three of chapter four hundred and eighty, of the laws of the United States, approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended so that it shall read as follows:

District of Columbia. Washington Gas-light Company. Vol. 18, p. 278.

"SEC. 3. That a laboratory shall be provided and fitted up by the Washington Gaslight Company, subject to the approval of the inspector, in the central part of the city of Washington, at a distance as near as may be of two thousand feet from any gas works, and furnished with suitable apparatus for the transaction of the business of the inspector and assistant inspector, for which it is intended; and the laboratory shall be kept open on all business days between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon: *Provided,* That the cost of fitting up said laboratory shall be paid for by each gas company in the District of Columbia in proportion to their sale of gas for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three."

Office hours of laboratory changed.

Proviso.
Expenses.

Approved, March 11, 1902.

CHAP. 182.—An Act To amend section twenty-two hundred and ninety-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

March 11, 1902.

[Public, No. 39.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twenty-two hundred and ninety-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Public lands. R. S., sec. 2294, p. 421, amended.

"SEC. 2294. That hereafter all affidavits, proofs, and oaths of any kind whatsoever required to be made by applicants and entrymen under

Judicial officers before whom affidavits, etc., may be made.