papers for publication, as well as all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, March 9, 1868.

CHAP. XXIV.—An Act for the temporary Relief of destitute People in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the temporary relief of the destitute population in the District of Columbia, to be expended under the supervision and direction of the commissioner of refugees, freedmen, and abandoned lands: Provided, That as far as practicable said sum shall be expended in the employment of persons upon the public grounds and works in the District of Columbia for which appropriations have been heretofore made by Congress, such laborers to be under the direction of the officer acting as commissioner of public buildings and grounds.

APPROVED, March 10, 1868.

CHAP. XXV.—An Act to amend the Act passed March twenty-third, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, entitled "An Act supplementary to 'An Act to provide for the more efficient Government of the rebel States,' passed March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and to facilitate their Restoration."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter any election authorized by the act passed March twenty-three, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel States,' passed March two, [second,] eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and to facilitate their restoration," shall be decided by a majority of the votes actually cast; and at the election in which the question of the adoption or rejection of any constitution is submitted, any person duly registered in the State may vote in the election district where he offers to vote when he has resided therein for ten days next preceding such election, upon presentation of his certificate of registration, his affidavit, or other satisfactory evidence, under such regulations as the district commanders may prescribe.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the constitutional convention of any of the States mentioned in the acts to which this is amendatory may provide that at the time of voting upon the ratification of the constitution the registered voters may vote also for Members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and for all elective officers provided for by the said constitution; and the same election officers who shall make the return of the votes cast on the ratification or rejection of the constitution, shall enumerate and certify the votes cast for members of Congress.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

B. F. WADE,
President of the Senate pro tempore.

Indorsed by the President: "Received February 28, 1868."

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the House of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]
March 12, 1868.

CHAP. XXVI. — An Act to revive an Act to constitute Hannibal, Missouri, and Peoria, Illinois, Ports of Delivery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second section of the act of the fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, entitled "An act to constitute the cities of Hannibal, Missouri, and Peoria, Illinois, ports of delivery," is hereby revived and declared to be in full force and effect for the term of two years from the passage of this act.

APPROVED, March 12, 1868.

March 12, 1868.

CHAP. XXVII. — An Act providing for holding a circuit Court at the City of Erie, Pennsylvania.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the circuit court of the United States for the western district of Pennsylvania, in addition to the terms now held, shall be held at the city of Erie, in said western district, at the same times now fixed by law for holding terms of the district court for said western district of Pennsylvania, at the city of Erie.

APPROVED, March 12, 1868.

March 16, 1868.

CHAP. XXIX. — An Act to facilitate the Settlement of Paymasters’ Accounts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized, in the settlement of accounts of paymasters of the army, to allow such credits for over-payments made in good faith on public account since the commencement of the rebellion, and prior to the passage of this act, as shall appear to them to be just, by such vouchers and testimony as they shall require.

APPROVED, March 16, 1868.

March 16, 1868.

CHAP. XXX — An Act making Appropriations for the Support of the military Academy for the fiscal Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

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 year ending the thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

For additional pay of officers, and for pay of instructors, cadets, and musicians, one hundred and eighty-two thousand seven hundred and forty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

For commutation of officers’ subsistence, five thousand eight hundred and three dollars and fifty cents.

For pay in lieu of clothing to officers’ servants, one hundred and fifty-six dollars.

For current and ordinary expenses, fifty-six thousand eight hundred and five dollars: Provided, That the second section of the act approved April first, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, making appropriations for the support of the military academy for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, is hereby repealed.

For purchase of books for the library, two thousand dollars.

For expenses of board of visitors, two thousand dollars: Provided, That the second section of the act approved August eighth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, be amended by striking out the first proviso in said section, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following: Provided, That the whole number of visitors each year shall not exceed seven.