

CHAP. LXXXIV.—*An Act to establish an auxiliary watch for the protection of public and private property in the city of Washington.*

STATUTE II.
Aug. 23, 1842.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be established an auxiliary guard or watch for the protection of public and private property against incendiaries, and for the enforcement of the police regulations of the city of Washington, consisting of a captain, to be appointed by the Mayor of the said city, at an annual salary of one thousand dollars; and fifteen other persons, to be employed by the captain, five of whom shall receive a compensation of thirty-five dollars per month, and the remaining ten, a compensation of thirty dollars per month.

Guard to be established.

To consist of a captain and fifteen others—their pay.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said auxiliary guard shall occupy, as a rendezvous, such building or part of a building belonging to the United States, or furnished by the corporation of Washington, as shall be directed by the President of the United States, and shall be subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by a board to consist of the mayor of the city of Washington, the attorney of the United States for the District of Columbia, and the attorney of the corporation of the said city of Washington, with the approbation of the President of the United States.

Place of rendezvous.

Rules to be prescribed, how.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, for the compensation of said auxiliary guard, and for the purchase of the necessary and proper implements to distinguish them in the discharge of their duties, the sum of seven thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation.

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CHAP. CLXXXV. — *An Act to amend an act, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses, or other property, lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved the eighteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the above recited act be so amended, as to embrace the claims of any field, or staff, or other officer, mounted militiaman, volunteer, ranger, or cavalry, who has or shall sustain damage, without any fault or negligence on his part, while in the military service of the United States, by the loss of a horse, destroyed or abandoned by order of the commanding general or other commanding officer, or by the loss of a horse by his being shot, or otherwise lost or destroyed by unavoidable accident, without any fault or negligence of the owner, and when he was in the line of his duty, and for the loss of necessary equipage, in consequence of the loss of his horse, as aforesaid, shall be allowed and paid the value thereof at the time of entering the service.

Act of 18th Jan. 1837, ch. 5, so amended as to embrace certain claims for the loss of horses, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That in auditing and settling the claims provided for in this, and in the act which this is intended to amend, an appeal may be taken and prosecuted from the decision of the Auditor rejecting the claim, to the Second Comptroller of the Treasury, under the direction of the Secretary, whose decision shall be conclusive.

An appeal may be taken, when.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful to make compensation for horses, bridles, saddles, and equipments, turned over to the service of the United States, under the act approved October fourteenth, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, whenever it shall be made to appear that the person to whom they were ordered to be delivered was acting as an officer, although there may be no returns in the De-

Payment for horses, &c. under act of 14th October 1837, ch. 5.

Evidence re-
ceivable.

partment to show his regular appointment as such officer. And the certificates of proper officers, whether given during or since the expiration of their term of service, shall be receivable by the Auditor in the settlement of such claims.

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Act of March
30, 1814, ch.
37, vol. 3, 113.

Dragoons to
be reduced.

Repealed by
act of April 4,
1844, ch. 11.

2d regm't dra-
goons converted
into riflemen.

Artillery to be
reduced.

Infantry to be
reduced.

No enlistments
to be made till
after the reduc-
tion.

Proviso.

Offices of su-
perintendents of
armories at
Springfield and
Harper's Ferry
abolished.

Relative to
master armor-
ers, inspectors,
clerks, &c.

1821, ch. 13.

CHAP. CLXXXVI. — *An Act respecting the organization of the army, and for other purposes.* (a)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter, and so soon as the reduction can be effected as herein provided, each company of dragoons shall consist of the commissioned officers as now provided by law, and of four sergeants, four corporals, two buglers, one farrier and blacksmith, and fifty privates; and the second regiment of dragoons now in service shall be converted, after the fourth day of March next, into a regiment of riflemen; and each company of artillery shall consist of the commissioned officers as now provided by law, and of four sergeants, four corporals, two artificers, two musicians, and forty-two privates; and each company of infantry shall consist of the same number of commissioned officers as now provided, and of four sergeants, four corporals, two musicians, and forty-two privates; and that no recruits shall be enlisted for the dragoons, artillery, or infantry, until the numbers in the several companies shall be reduced by the expiration of the term of service, by discharge, or other causes, below the number herein fixed for the said companies respectively: *Provided,* That nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the re-enlistment of non-commissioned officers whose terms of service may expire before the army shall be reduced to the number heretofore established.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the offices of the superintendents of the armories at Springfield and at Harper's Ferry shall be, and the same are hereby abolished, and the duties thereof shall be performed by such officers of the ordnance corps as shall be designated by the President; and that from and after the first day of October next, the master armorers, at the national armories, shall receive, each, twelve hundred dollars, annually, payable quarter yearly; and the inspectors and clerks, each, eight hundred dollars per annum; and the paymasters and military storekeepers, at the armories, and at the arsenals of construction at Pittsburg, Watervliet, and Washington city, shall receive, each, twelve hundred and fifty dollars annually, payable in like manner, and the said paymasters and military storekeepers, shall give security for the faithful discharge of their duties, in such sum as the Secretary of War shall prescribe. And the two military storekeepers, authorized by the act of second of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, shall receive, each, twelve hundred and fifty dollars per annum. And no military storekeeper, at arsenals, shall, after the first day of October next, receive, as pay, or emoluments, beyond eight hundred dollars per annum, besides quarters actually provided and occupied as such, and the number authorized to be thus employed is hereby limited to ten; and all other offices of military storekeepers are hereby abolished, and discontinued, on and after said first day of October, and the officers hereby dismissed, shall be allowed three months' pay in addition to the pay and emoluments to which they may be entitled on that day. And none of the above-named officers, and no officers at the armories, of any grade whatever, shall hereafter receive emoluments of any kind, or any compensation or commutation beyond their stipulated

(a) Notes of the acts relating to the army of the United States, from 1789 to 1804, vol. 2, 249.

Notes of the acts establishing rules, &c. for the government of the army of the United States, vol. 2