

CHAP. CXXIV.—*An Act to establish an Additional Land District in the State of Wisconsin.* Feb. 24, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all that part of the present Willow River land district, in the State of Wisconsin, lying north of the line dividing townships forty and forty-one, (or fourth correction line,) be, and the same is hereby, created a land district, to be called the Fond du Lac District; the office for which shall be located at such place therein as the President may, from time to time, direct.

Fond du Lac land district constituted in Wisconsin.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a register and a receiver for said district, who shall respectively be required to reside at the site of the office, be subject to the same laws, and entitled to the same compensation, as is, or may hereafter be, prescribed by law in relation to other land offices of the United States.

Register and receiver.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the sales shall continue at the Willow River district till the land officers for that district are notified that the officers for the district created by this act are prepared to enter on their duties; and in all cases hereafter the salaries of land officers shall commence only from the time they enter on the discharge of their duties.

Sales to continue in old district till new one is in operation. Salaries of land officers, not to commence till they enter on their duties.

APPROVED, February 24, 1855.

CHAP. CXXV.—*An Act to provide for holding the United States Courts in the Northern and Southern Districts of Florida in case of the Sickness or Disability of either of the Judges of those Districts.* Feb. 24, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all the provisions of the act of Congress approved twenty-ninth of July, eighteen hundred and fifty, entitled "An act to provide for holding the courts of the United States in case of the sickness or other disability of the judges of the district courts," shall be, and are hereby declared to be, applicable to the two judicial districts of the State of Florida and the judges thereof, so far forth as the same can be applied to the said districts and judges; and that the designation and appointment of either of the said judges to hold the courts in the district of the other, in consequence of the sickness or disability of such other judge, may be made either by the chief justice of the United States or by the circuit judge of an adjoining circuit, on such certificate as is required by the act aforesaid: *Provided, however,* That a written certificate of the judge of either of said districts, certifying that he is unable, from sickness or physical inability, to hold any regular term, or adjourned or extra term, of the courts appointed to be holden in his district, and requesting the judge of the other district to hold the same, shall, when filed in the clerk's office of the place where such term of the court is to be holden, be sufficient to authorize the said judge of the other district to hold said courts, and shall confer upon him all the powers and privileges granted by the aforesaid act to judges designated and appointed by a circuit judge or the chief justice of the United States, in pursuance of the provisions of said act.

Provisions of act of 1850, ch. 30, respecting disability of judges extended to courts in Florida.

Certificate to be filed.

APPROVED, February 24, 1855.

CHAP. CXXVI.—*An Act making Appropriations for the Payment of Invalid and other Pensions of the United States for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and for other Purposes.* Feb. 28, 1855.

*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 year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six:—

For invalid pensions, under various acts, five hundred and fourteen thousand six hundred dollars;

1836, ch. 362.  
1848, ch. 108  
For pensions to widows and orphans, under acts of the fourth of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and twenty-first of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, seventy-eight thousand one hundred and fifty dollars;

For pensions under special acts of Congress, nine thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars;

1844, ch. 102.  
1848, ch. 8.  
1848, ch. 120.  
For pensions to widows, under acts of the seventeenth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, second of February and twenty-ninth July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, three hundred and thirty-eight thousand dollars;

1853, ch. 41.  
For pensions and half-pay to widows and orphans, under act of the third of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, four hundred and fifty-six thousand dollars.

Reappropriation of deficiency appropriation for pensions.

1854, ch. 60.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any moneys appropriated by the act of thirty-first May, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, to supply deficiencies for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, applicable to the payment of pensions of invalids who were wounded on board of private armed vessels during the last war with Great Britain, not required under the provisions thereof, may be applied to the same purpose for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

Widows of marines and mariners in the revolutionary war.

1853, ch. 41.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the widows of the officers, non-commissioned officers, marines or mariners who served in the navy of the United States during the revolutionary war, and who were married since the first day of January, eighteen hundred, shall be entitled to pensions in the same manner and to the same extent as the widows of the officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution, under the second section of the act of February third, eighteen hundred and fifty-three.

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CHAP. CXXVII.—*An Act to promote the Efficiency of the Navy.*

Board to report on efficiency of naval officers.

Those incompetent from their own fault to be stricken from the rolls.

Proviso.

Reserved list.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, the President of the United States shall cause a board of naval officers to be assembled, to consist of five captains, five commanders, and five lieutenants, which board, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe, shall make a careful examination into the efficiency of the officers of the grades hereinafter mentioned, and shall report to the Secretary of the Navy the names and rank of all officers of the said grades who, in the judgment of said board, shall be incapable of performing promptly and efficiently all their duty both ashore and afloat, and whenever said board shall believe that said incompetency has arisen from any cause implying sufficient blame on the part of the officer to justify it, they shall recommend that his name be stricken altogether from the rolls. Vacancies occurring in said board shall be filled by the Secretary of the Navy, who shall preserve the number and grades of its officers, as aforesaid: *Provided*, That no officers upon said board shall examine into, or report upon, the efficiency of officers of a grade above them.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all officers who shall be found by the said board incapable of performing the duties of their respective offices, ranks, or grades, shall, if such finding be approved by the President, be dropped from the rolls, or placed in the order of their rank and