

- newspapers in Minnesota. lished in four of the newspapers of the State of Minnesota which, in his opinion, will give the most publicity to the same among the people who have suffered by said depredations, and give notice of the first meeting of said commissioners, the expenses to be paid out of the sum appropriated in the next preceding section.
- Punishment of perjury. SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That if the complainant, or any witness testifying before said commissioners, shall be guilty of perjury, upon conviction thereof in the proper court of the United States, he shall suffer the pains and penalties prescribed by the laws of the United States for that offence.
- Commissioners may make rules, &c. SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the said commissioners may make rules, not inconsistent with this act, prescribing the order and mode of presenting, prosecuting, and proving said claims before them, which rules shall be published in one newspaper in the city of Saint Paul and one in Saint Peter for at least two weeks prior to the first session of said commission, to be held at Saint Peter as directed in the fourth section of this act, and the expenses of such publication shall be paid out of the fund appropriated in the fifth section of this act.
- Certain land to be set apart for Indians who aided the whites, to be free from taxes, &c. SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to set apart of the public lands, not otherwise appropriated, eighty acres in severalty to each individual of the before-named bands who exerted himself in rescuing the whites from the late massacre of said Indians. The land so set apart shall not be subject to any tax, forfeiture, or sale, by process of law, and shall not be aliened or devised, except by the consent of the President of the United States, but shall be an inheritance to said Indians and their heirs forever.
- Commissioners to give bonds. SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That said commissioners, before entering upon the discharge of their duties as such, shall give bonds in the usual form to the United States, in the sum of twenty thousand dollars each, with good and sufficient security, to be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, faithfully to discharge their duties as such, and to account for any money which may come into their hands.

APPROVED, February 16, 1863.

Feb. 20, 1863. CHAP. XLIII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Construction, Preservation, and Repairs of certain Fortifications and other Works of Defence for the Year ending thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.*

- 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 they are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the construction, preservation, and repairs of certain fortifications and other works of defence for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four:
- Fort Montgomery. For Fort Montgomery, at outlet of Lake Champlain, New York, one hundred thousand dollars.
- Fort Knox. For Fort Knox, at Narrows of Penobscot River, Maine, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
- Kennebec River. For fort at entrance of Kennebec River, Maine, one hundred thousand dollars.
- Hog Island Ledge. For fort on Hog Island Ledge, Portland Harbor, Maine, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
- Fort Preble. For new Fort Preble, Portland Harbor, Maine, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
- Fort Scammel. For Fort Scammel, Portland Harbor, Maine, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
- Fort Constitution. For new Fort Constitution, Portsmouth Harbor, New Hampshire, two hundred thousand dollars.

For new Fort McClary, Portsmouth Harbor, New Hampshire, one hundred thousand dollars.	Fort McClary.
For Fort Winthrop and exterior batteries, Governor's Island, Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, fifty thousand dollars.	Fort Winthrop.
For Fort Warren, Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, twenty-five thousand dollars.	Fort Warren.
For permanent forts at Provincetown Harbor, Massachusetts, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.	Provincetown Harbor.
For permanent forts at New Bedford Harbor, Massachusetts, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.	New Bedford.
For Fort Adams, Newport Harbor, Rhode Island, twenty-five thousand dollars.	Fort Adams.
For permanent defences at Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.	Narragansett Bay.
For additional fortifications at New London Harbor, Connecticut, two hundred thousand dollars: <i>Provided, however,</i> That this appropriation shall not be expended unless New London be selected as a permanent site for a navy yard or naval station.	New London Harbor.
For Fort Schuyler, East River, New York, twenty-five thousand dollars.	Fort Schuyler.
For fort at Willet's Point, opposite Fort Schuyler, New York, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.	Willet's Point.
For fort on site of Fort Tompkins, Staten Island, New York, two hundred thousand dollars.	
For casemated battery on Staten Island, New York, two hundred thousand dollars.	Staten Island.
For new battery near Fort Hamilton, New York, one hundred thousand dollars.	Fort Hamilton.
For fort at Sandy Hook, New Jersey, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.	Sandy Hook.
For Fort Delaware, Delaware River, two hundred thousand dollars.	Fort Delaware.
For permanent work, for Delaware Breakwater Harbor, one hundred thousand dollars.	
For Fort Carroll, Baltimore Harbor, Maryland, two hundred thousand dollars.	Fort Carroll.
For Fort Monroe, Hampton Roads, Virginia, fifty thousand dollars.	Fort Monroe.
For Fort Wool, Hampton Roads, Virginia, two hundred thousand dollars.	Fort Wool.
For Fort Clinch, entrance to Cumberland Sound, Florida, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.	Fort Clinch.
For Fort Taylor, Key West, Florida, three hundred thousand dollars.	Fort Taylor.
For Fort Jefferson, Garden Key, Florida, three hundred thousand dollars.	Fort Jefferson.
For new fort at Tortugas, Florida, one hundred thousand dollars.	Tortugas.
For fort at Ship Island, Coast of Mississippi, one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.	Ship Island.
For Fort Jackson, Mississippi River, one hundred thousand dollars.	Fort Jackson.
For Fort Saint Philip, Mississippi River, one hundred thousand dollars.	Fort Saint Philip.
For fort at Fort Point, San Francisco Bay, California, two hundred thousand dollars.	Fort Point.
For fort at Alcatraz Island, San Francisco Bay, California, one hundred thousand dollars.	Alcatraz Island.
For defensive works in Oregon, and Washington Territory, two hundred thousand dollars.	Oregon and Washington.
For contingencies of fortifications, including field works and field operations, seven hundred thousand dollars.	Contingencies.
For tool and siege trains for armies in the field, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.	Tool and siege trains.

- Bridge trains, &c. For bridge trains and equipage for armies in the field, five hundred thousand dollars.
- Defence of Washington. For completing fortifications and erecting new ones for the defence of Washington, two hundred thousand dollars.
- APPROVED, February 20, 1863.
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Feb. 20, 1863. CHAP. XLIV. — *An Act to provide for the Appointment of an Assistant Register in the Treasury Department and a Solicitor for the War Department, and for other Purposes.*

President may appoint Assistant Register of the Treasury. Salary. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President be, and he is hereby authorized, to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for the term of one year, an officer in the office of the Register of the Treasury, to be called the assistant register, at an annual salary of two thousand dollars.

Duty. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the duties of said assistant shall be such as may be devolved on him by the Register of the Treasury, and, in the absence of the Register, said assistant shall act in his place and stead; and any official record, certificate, or other document, excepting warrants, bonds, and drafts, if signed by the assistant register, shall have the same legal force and validity as if signed by the Register of the Treasury.

Solicitor of War Department. Salary. SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the President be, and he is hereby authorized, to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an officer in the War Department, to be called the Solicitor of the War Department, at an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars.

Appropriation. SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the amount necessary to pay the salaries of the officers authorized to be appointed by this act, for the current and next fiscal years, be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, February 20, 1863.

Feb. 20, 1863. CHAP. XLV. — *An Act temporarily to supply Vacancies in the Executive Departments in Certain Cases.*

Vacancies in Executive Departments, how filled. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in case of the death, resignation, absence from the seat of Government, or sickness, of the head of any Executive Department of the Government, or of any officer of either of the said Departments whose appointment is not in the head thereof, whereby they cannot perform the duties of their respective offices, it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, in case he shall think it necessary, to authorize the head of any other Executive Department, or other officer in either of said Departments, whose appointment is vested in the President, at his discretion, to perform the duties of the said respective offices until a successor be appointed, or until such absence or inability by sickness shall cease: *Provided,* That no one vacancy shall be supplied in manner aforesaid for a longer term than six months.

For what time. Repealing clause. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, February 20, 1863.

Feb. 20, 1863. CHAP. XLVI. — *An Act concerning Pardons and the Remission of Penalties and Forfeitures in Criminal Cases.*

Pardons and remission of penalties in criminal cases. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (to remove doubts as to the true meaning of former laws) hereafter, whenever by the judgment of any court or judicial officer of the United States, in any criminal