

vatory and hydrographical office, viz: one lithographer, one instrument maker, two watchmen, and one porter, three thousand one hundred and sixty dollars.

Naval Academy.

For erection, improvement, and repairs of buildings and grounds, and support of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, thirty-nine thousand five hundred and ninety-five dollars and twenty-two cents.

Nautical Almanac.

For preparing the American Nautical Almanac, twenty-five thousand seven hundred and thirty-two dollars and sixty-four cents.

Stevens's war steamer.

For Stevens's war steamer, eighty-six thousand seven hundred and seventeen dollars and eighty-four cents.

Basin, &c., at San Francisco.

For completing basin and railway at the navy yard at San Francisco, three hundred and five thousand dollars.

Coal depot at Key West.

For completing coal depot at Key West, Florida, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Appropriation for contingencies of marine corps in act of 1855, ch. 198, may be applied to gas fixtures, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That out of the sum of thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars, appropriated by "Act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and fifty-six," approved third March, eighteen hundred and fifty-five "For contingencies of the Marine Corps," there be allowed and paid any expenses which have been incurred for the purpose of introducing gas into the quarters and hospital head-quarters, and for lighting the same.

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CHAP. CXXIII.—*An Act to regulate the Compensation of Members of Congress.*

Compensation of each senator and member of the House of Representatives.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the compensation of each senator, representative and delegate in Congress shall be six thousand dollars for each Congress, and mileage as now provided by law for two sessions only, to be paid in manner following, to wit: on the first day of each regular session each senator, representative and delegate shall receive his mileage for one session, and on the first day of each month thereafter during such session, compensation at the rate of three thousand dollars per annum during the continuance of such session, and at the end of such session he shall receive the residue of his salary due to him at such time at the rate aforesaid still unpaid; and at the beginning of the second regular session of the Congress each senator, representative, and delegate shall receive his mileage for such second session and monthly during such session compensation at the rate of three thousand dollars per annum till the fourth day of March terminating the Congress, and on that day each senator, representative, and delegate shall be entitled to receive any balance of the six thousand dollars not theretofore paid in the said monthly instalments as above directed.

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Pay of President of Senate, *pro tempore*, and of the Speaker.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the Senate *pro tempore* when there shall be no Vice-President, or the Vice-President shall have become President of the United States, shall receive the compensation provided by law for the Vice-President; and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall receive double the compensation above provided for representatives, payable at the times and in the manner above provided for payment of the compensation of representatives.

This law to apply to this Congress.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this law shall apply to the present Congress, and each senator, representative, and delegate shall be entitled to receive the difference only between their per diem compensation already received under the law now in force and the compensation provided by this act.

Provision in case of the death of any member.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in the event of the death of any senator, representative, or delegate prior to the commencement of the first session of the Congress, he shall be neither entitled to mileage or compensation; and in the event of death after the commencement of any session, his representatives shall be entitled to receive so much of his com-

pensation, computed at the rate of three thousand dollars per annum, as he may not have received; and any mileage that may have actually accrued and be due and unpaid.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That if any books shall hereafter be ordered to and received by members of Congress by a resolution of either or both houses of Congress, the price paid for the same shall be deducted from the compensation hereinbefore provided for such member or members: *Provided, however*, That this shall not extend to books ordered to be printed by the public printer during the Congress for which the said member shall have been elected.

Price of books ordered to be deducted.

Proviso.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House and Secretary of the Senate respectively, to deduct from the monthly payments of members as herein provided for, the amount of his compensation for each day that such member shall be absent from the House or Senate respectively, unless such representative, senator, or delegate shall assign as the reason for such absence, the sickness of himself or of some member of his family.

Deduction for absence.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

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CHAP. CXXIV.—*An Act to amend the Acts regulating the Fees, Costs, and other judicial Expenses of the Government in the States, Territories, and District of Columbia, and for other Purposes.*

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That hereafter, before the accounts of the United States marshals, district attorneys, and clerks, are presented to the accounting officers of the Treasury Department for settlement, they shall be examined and certified to by the district judge of the United States in the district in which the officers presenting the accounts officiate, whether in the States or Territories, and the same shall be subject to revision upon their merits by said accounting officers, as in case of other public accounts: *Provided, however*, That no accounts of fees or costs paid to any witness or juror, upon the order of any judge or commissioner, shall be so reexamined as to charge any marshal for an erroneous taxation of such fees or costs.

Accounts of marshals, attorneys and clerks to be certified by District Judge before revision.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the accounts of the commissioners of the United States circuit courts shall be examined and certified to by the district judge of the district in which they are appointed, previous to their presentation to, or revision by, the accounting officers of the Treasury Department.

Marshal not to be charged for erroneous amounts paid to jurors or witnesses under order.

Accounts of commissioners to be certified by judge.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in no case shall the fees of more than four witnesses be taxed against the United States in the examination of criminal cases before the commissioners of the United States circuit courts, unless their materiality and importance shall first be approved and certified to by the United States district attorney for the district in which the examination shall take place, subject to revision, as in other cases.

Only four witnesses to be taxed against United States before commissioners, unless, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in all these cases before mentioned, an appeal shall lie from the decision of the accounting officers to the Secretary of the Interior.

Appeal given.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the judges of the supreme court in each of the Territories, or a majority of them, shall, when assembled at their respective seats of government, fix and appoint the several times and places of holding the several courts in their respective districts, and limit the duration of the terms thereof: *Provided*, That the said courts shall not be held at more than three places in any one Territory: *And provided, further*, That the judge or judges holding such courts shall

Judges of Supreme Courts of Territories may fix the times and places of their courts.

Provisos.