

tween America and Europe.

Robert Garrett, William F. Burns, and William F. Frick, etc., authorized to construct, etc., line of telegraph between America and Europe.

Provisos.
Conditions.

sors, and assigns, shall have the right to construct, lay, land, and maintain a line or lines of telegraph or submarine cables on the Atlantic coast of the United States of America, to connect the American and European coasts by telegraphic lines, wires, or submarine cables: *Provided*, That said company shall begin to lay said cable or cables within two years from the passage of this act; *And provided further*, That no amalgamation, combination to establish rates, union or sale of cable interests established under this act shall be made to any existing European or other cable companies.

SEC. 2. That any telegraphic line or cable laid be subject to the following conditions, stipulations, and reservations, to-wit:

First. The Government of the United States shall be entitled to exercise and enjoy the same or similar privileges with regard to the control and use of such line or lines, or cable or cables, as there may, by law, agreement, or otherwise be exercised and enjoyed by any foreign government whatever.

Secondly. Citizens of the United States shall enjoy the same privileges as to the payment of rates for the transmission of messages as are enjoyed by the citizens of the most favored nations.

Thirdly. The transmission of dispatches shall be made in the following order: First, dispatches of state, under such regulations as may be agreed upon by the governments interested, the rates not to exceed those charged to individuals; secondly, dispatches on telegraphic service; and, thirdly, private dispatches.

Fourthly. The lines of any such cables shall be kept open to the public for the daily transmission of market and commercial reports and intelligence, and all messages, dispatches, and communications shall be forwarded in the order in which they are received, except as hereinbefore provided.

Stipulations.

Fifthly. Before extending and establishing any such line or lines, or cable or cables, in or over any waters, reefs, islands, shores, and lands within the jurisdiction of the United States, a written acceptance of the terms and conditions imposed by this act shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State by the parties above named, or a majority of them, their associates, successors, or assigns, or by the company or corporation which may be organized to construct and operate cables under this act.

Reservations.

SEC. 3. That nothing in this act shall be construed to limit the United States in granting to other persons or companies similar privileges herein contained.

SEC. 4. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act at any time is hereby reserved to Congress.

Approved, July 25, 1882.

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CHAP. 349.—An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and for other purposes.

Pensions.
Appropriations.

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 fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and for other purposes, namely:

Army pensions.

For Army pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives, and survivors and widows of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, ninety-seven million six hundred and forty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the amount expended for each of the above items shall be accounted for separately.

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Navy pensions.

For Navy pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives, one million eight hundred thousand dollars:

Provided, That the appropriations aforesaid for Navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the Navy pension fund, so far as the same may be sufficient for that purpose: *And provided further*, That the amount expended under each of the above items shall be accounted for separately.

For fees and expenses of examining surgeons two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

For pay and allowances of pension agents for salary, fees for preparing vouchers, rent, fuel, lights, and postage on letters to the executive departments and to pensioners, two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses of pension agents, ten thousand dollars.

SEC. 2.—That section forty-seven hundred and forty-four, title fifty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 4744.—The Commissioner of Pensions is authorized to detail from time to time clerks or persons employed in his office to make special examinations into the merits of such pension or bounty land claims, whether pending or adjudicated, as he may deem proper, and to aid in the prosecution of any party appearing on such examinations to be guilty of fraud, either in the presentation or in procuring the allowance of such claims; and any person so detailed shall have power to administer oaths and take affidavits and depositions in the course of such examinations, and to orally examine witnesses, and may employ a stenographer, when deemed necessary by the Commissioner of pensions, in important cases, such stenographer to be paid by such clerk or person, and the amount so paid to be allowed in his accounts.”

SEC. 3.—“That in addition to the authority conferred by section one hundred and eighty-four, title four of the Revised Statutes, any judge or clerk of any court of the United States in any State, District, or Territory shall have power, upon the application of the Commissioner of Pensions, to issue a subpoena for a witness, being within the jurisdiction of such court, to appear, at a time and place in the subpoena stated, before any officer authorized to take depositions to be used in the courts of the United States, or before any officer, clerk, or person from the Pension Bureau designated or detailed to investigate or examine into the merits of any pension claim and authorized by law to administer oaths and take affidavits in such investigation or examination, there to give full and true answers to such written interrogatories and cross interrogatories as may be propounded, or to be orally examined and cross-examined upon the subject of such claim; and witnesses subpoenaed pursuant to this and the preceding section shall be allowed the same compensation as is allowed witnesses in the courts of the United States, and paid in the same manner.”

SEC. 4.—That the Commissioner of Pensions is hereby authorized to appoint surgeons who, under his control and direction shall make such examination of pensioners and claimants for pension or increased pension as he shall require; and he shall organize boards of surgeons, to consist of three members each, at such points in each State as he shall deem necessary, and all examinations, so far as practicable, shall be made by the boards, and no examination shall be made by one surgeon excepting under such circumstances as make it impracticable for a claimant to present himself before a board: *Provided*, That the Commissioner may, when in his opinion the exigencies of the service require it, organize a board of three surgeons who, under his direction, shall review the work of any regularly-appointed board or surgeon: *Provided further*, That all examinations shall be thorough and searching, and the certificate contain a full description of the physical condition of the claimant at the time, which shall include all the physical and rational signs and a statement of all structural changes.

The fee for each examination, and satisfactory certificate thereof, shall be two dollars to each member when made by a board, and two dollars when made by one surgeon: *Provided*, That when a claimant is so dis-

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Fees, etc., of surgeons.
Pension agents.

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Amended.

Special service in examining claims.

Fraudulent claims.

Subpoenas to witnesses.

Witnesses' fees

Commissioner authorized to appoint surgeons, etc.
Boards of surgeons.

Special board of surgeons.
Provisos.

Fee for examination, etc.
Proviso.

- abled as not to be able to present himself to a board of surgeons for examination, the Commissioner may order a surgeon to make the examination at the claimant's residence; and the fee for such examination shall be two dollars, in addition to the payment of the actual traveling expenses of the surgeon: *Provided further*, That no fee shall be allowed or paid to any member of such board of examining surgeons who does not actually participate in such examination and sign the certificate thereof.
- Proviso.* Expert surgeons to make examinations. The Commissioner may, when in his judgment the degree of disability cannot be determined truthfully or satisfactorily excepting by expert examination, employ an expert, not a regularly appointed surgeon, to make the examination; and the fee for such examination shall be five dollars: *Provided*, That the fee for an expert examination shall not be paid to any regularly-appointed examining surgeon.
- Proviso.* Fees. Non-resident claimants. The fee for the examination of claimants who reside out of the United States shall not exceed ten dollars, which shall be paid, upon the presentation of satisfactory vouchers, out of the appropriation for the payment of the examining surgeons, and through the United States consulate nearest to the claimant's place of residence.
- Pensioners under special law not to receive any other relief unless, etc. SEC. 5.—That no person who is now receiving or shall hereafter receive a pension under a special act shall be entitled to receive in addition thereto a pension under the general law, unless the special act expressly states that the pension granted thereby is in addition to the pension which said person is entitled to receive under the general law.
- Approved, July 25, 1882.

- July 27, 1882. CHAP. 350.—An act to authorize the preparation and publication of a classified, analytical, and descriptive catalogue of all government publications from July fourth, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, to March fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-one.
- Catalogue of all publications made by Government of the United States, etc., from July 4, 1776, to March 4, 1881, authorized to be prepared and published. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there be prepared and published, under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing, a classified, analytical, and descriptive catalogue of all publications made by the authority of the Government of the United States and the preceding government of the Colonies, and all departments, bureaus, and offices thereof, from July fourth, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, to March fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-one; and upon the request of the said joint committee, the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the heads of all the executive departments and of all the bureaus and offices thereof, shall furnish to said joint committee all such information and assistance in reference to said publications as will facilitate or assist in the completion of said work; and the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purposes of this act which sum may be expended as additional pay or compensation to any officer or employé of the United States.
- Appropriation. Approved, July 27, 1882.

- July 27, 1882. CHAP. 351.—An act to fix the times for holding terms of the Circuit and District courts of the United States, in the Northern District of Ohio.
- Terms of United States circuit and district courts in northern district of Ohio. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the sessions of the Circuit and District Courts of the United States in the Northern District of Ohio, shall begin and be held as follows: In Cleveland, in the eastern division, on the first Tuesday of February, April, and October of each year; and in Toledo in the western division, on the first Tuesday of June and December of each year. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.
- Approved, July 27, 1882.