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Will make liberal CASH advances on all consignments of TIMBER, LUMBER, NAVAL STORES, &c.
Wilmington, N. C., Sept 24, 1847—2-tf

LIPPITT & WILLKINGS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
DRUGGISTS,
AND DEALERS IN
Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, Window Glass, Garden Seeds, Perfumery, Patent Medicines, &c. &c.,
On Front street, between Market and Dock, two doors North of Messrs. Hart & Polley's, Wilmington, N. C.
October 8, 1847—[4

WM. A. GWYER,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
GROCER
AND
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
North Water Street, Wilmington, N. C.
REFERS TO
B. N. DISBROW, Esq., New York.
ROB'T G. RANKIN, Esq., Wilmington, N. C.
October 29, 1847.

Thos. Allibone & Co.,
GENERAL COMMISSION
MERCHANTS,
No. 8, SOUTH WHARVES,
PHILADELPHIA.
Advances made on consignments.
Refer to Messrs. DEROSSET, BROWN & Co., Wilmington, N. C.
Nov. 12, 1847. [6-1y]

HOLMES & HAWES,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS
IN ALL KINDS OF
Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, & Cutlery,
At the stand formerly occupied by Z. Latimer.
February 11, 1848.

NEW YORK
Furniture Warehouse!
FRONT STREET, NEAR MARKET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
THE subscriber would respectfully call the attention of the public to his extensive assortment of CABINET FURNITURE, which for beauty or workmanship, he will guarantee to be *superior* to any ever yet brought to the Southern Market, and at the most *reasonable prices.*—Among his stock can always be found:—
Marble and plain top Bureaus,
Egyptian and White Marble top Centre Tables,
Marble top Washstands,
Wardrobes and Sideboards,
Sofas, Divans, and Couches,
French Bedsteads,
High and low post Maple Bedsteads,
Windlass and Trunnel Bedsteads,
Walnut and Mahogany stuffed Rockers,
Walnut and Mahogany Parlor Chairs,
Writing Desks of every description,
Ladies Work Tables, Quartette Tables,
Ladies Sewing Chairs,
Cane and Wood Seat Nursing Chairs,
Mahogany Dining and Tea Tables,
Common Walnut and Cherry Tables,
Night Cabinets and sick Chairs,
Portable Writing Desks,
Ladies Work Boxes,
Cribs, Cradles, and Children's Chairs,
Butlers, Trays, and Towel Racks,
Settees, cane and wood seats,
Office Chairs and Cushions,
Large cane back Rockers,
Cane and wood seat Stools of every size,
Maple Chairs of every description,
Common Chairs in any quantity.
Looking Glasses, Cotts, Mattresses, and Pillows, &c. &c.
F. CLARK.
Any article of furniture manufactured at short notice.
☞Furniture packed safely for transportation.
May 19, 1848—[28-6mis

WOODEN & WILLOW WARE.
8 dozen Brooms, 2 doz Brushes, Cedar Tubs by the nests and single setts, measures, Iron bound do., Axe handles, Scrub brushes, Shoe do., Jute Matts, Alicant do., Step Ladders, Willow Wagons, Bung Starts, Nests Flour Pails. For sale low by
HOWARD & PEDEN.

BY AUTHORITY.

Acts and Resolutions passed at the First Session of the Thirtieth Congress.

[PUBLIC—No 73.]—An Act for the payment of liquidated claims against Mexico.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the claimants, or their legal representatives, the amount now due by reason of the claims already liquidated and decided against the Mexican republic, under the convention between that republic and the United States, severally concluded on the eleventh day of April, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, and the thirtieth day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-three, and for which certificates have been issued by the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided*, That, before such payment, the said claimants, or their legal representatives, shall surrender and deliver up the certificates issued to them, respectively, from the Treasury Department of the United States, under the provisions of the act of Congress of the first of September, eighteen hundred and forty-one.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all interest shall cease from the day of payment, which shall be notified by the Secretary of the Treasury, not exceeding ninety days from the passage of this act.

ROB'T C. WINTHROP,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
G. M. DALLAS,
Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate.
Approved, July 29, 1848.
JAMES K. POLK.

[PUBLIC—No. 74.]—An Act for the relief of certain surviving widows of officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the widows of all officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, soldiers, mariners, or marines, and Indian spies, who shall have served in the continental line, State troops, volunteers, militia, or in the naval service, in the revolutionary war with Great Britain, shall be entitled to a pension during such widowhood, of equal amount per annum that their husbands would be entitled to, if living, under existing pension laws; to commence on the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and to be paid in the same manner that other pensions are paid to widows; but no widow now receiving a pension shall be entitled to receive a further pension under the provisions of this act; and no widow, married after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred, shall be entitled to receive a pension under this act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any pledge, mortgage, sale, assignment, or transfer of any right, claim, or interest, in any way granted by this act, shall be utterly void and of no effect, nor shall the annuities or pension granted by this act be liable to attachment, levy, or seizure by any process of law or equity, but shall inure wholly to the personal benefit of the pensioner or annuitant entitled to the same. The same rules of evidence, regulations, and prescriptions shall apply and govern the Commissioner of Pensions and pension agents under this act as now prevail under existing pension laws which relate to widows of revolutionary officers and soldiers.

SEC 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved July 29, 1848.

[PUBLIC—No. 75.]—An Act making appropriations for the naval service, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be appropriated for the naval service, for the year ending June thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, in addition to the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars of the unexpended balances of former appropriations for the naval service. The remainder of such unexpended balances, after deducting the said sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars, to be carried to the surplus fund.

For pay of commission, warrant, and petty officers, and seamen, including the engineer corps of the navy, two million one hundred and eighty-nine thousand two hundred and eleven dollars.

For pay of superintendents, naval constructors, and all the civil establishments at the several navy yards, seventy-four thousand two hundred and twenty dollars.

For provisions for commission, warrant, and petty officers, and seamen, including engineers and marines, attached to vessels for sea service, six hundred and seventy-seven thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars.

For surgeons' necessaries and appliances for the sick and hurt of the navy, including the marine corps, twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars.

For increase, repair, armament, and equipment for the navy, including wear and tear of vessels in commission, coal for steamers, purchase of hemp, and one million two hundred thousand dollars for completing four first-class steamers, two million five hundred and thirty-one thousand four hundred and seventy-four dollars.

For ordnance and ordnance stores, including incidental expenses, two hundred and eighteen thousand four hundred and twenty dollars.

For nautical books, maps, charts, instruments, binding and repairing the same, and all expenses of the hydrographical office, thirty-five thousand dollars. And the Secretary of the Navy is hereby directed to expend five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, in causing the observations to be made which have been recently recommended to him by the American Philosophical Society and the Academy of Arts and Sciences.

For the pay of the superintendent of the Naval Observatory at Washington city, who shall be a captain, commander, or lieutenant in the navy, three thousand dollars, which shall be the salary per annum of said superintendent. And the provision in the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight," which is in these words, viz: "including three thousand dollars for pay of the superintendent, who shall be either a captain, commander, or lieutenant in the navy," shall be construed to apply to the superintendent of said Naval Observatory, and shall take effect from and after the passage of that act.

For contingent expenses that may accrue for the following purposes, viz: freight and transportation; printing and stationery; advertising in newspapers; books, maps, models and drawings; purchase and repair of fire engines and machinery; repair of and attending on steam engines in yards; purchase and support of horses and oxen, and driving teams; carts, timber wheels, and the purchase and repair of workmen's tools; postage of public letters; furniture for government houses; fuel, oil, and candles for navy yards and shore stations; cleaning and clearing up yards; watchmen and incidental labor not chargeable to any other appropriation; labor attending the delivery of stores and supplies on foreign stations; wharfage, dockage, and rent; travelling expenses of officers; funeral expenses; store and office rent; stationery, and fuel to navy agents, and storekeepers; flags, awnings, and packing boxes; premiums and other expenses of recruiting; apprehending deserters; per diem pay to persons attending courts-martial, and courts of inquiry, or other service authorized by law; pay to judge advocates; pilotage and towage of vessels; assistance rendered to vessels in distress, seven hundred thousand dollars. And the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized, from the sum aforesaid, without further notice or advertisement, out of the appropriation for provisions, to purchase, at his discretion, a sufficient quantity of flour and corn-meal prepared and dried by the process and machinery invented by J. R. Stafford, of Ohio, to be sent to different naval stations, to test its capacity to resist the influence of time and climate, and to ascertain what advantage there may be in introducing the use of the same in the navy.

For the transportation of the United States mail between New York and Liverpool; between New York and New Orleans, and Havana and Chagres; and between Panama and Astoria, under the act of the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, eight hundred and seventy-four thousand six hundred dollars. And the Secretary of the Navy is hereby directed to advance to the contractors for said service, or to their assignees, for the purpose of enabling them to finish the steamships contracted for under their respective contracts, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars per month on each of said ships, after such ship shall have been launched; but the money so advanced under any one of said contracts chall not exceed the amount of one year's compensation, stipulated for in such contract, to be secured in all cases by a lien on said ships, in such manner as the Secretary of the Navy may require; and the money so advanced shall be faithfully expended in finishing said ships to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Navy; and compensation on the contract from Panama to Astoria shall commence from the time the ships are ready for service, and placed at the disposal of the United States; the said annual compensation, however, not to commence until first October, eighteen hundred and forty-eight: *Provided*, That the contractor for the line from Panama to Astoria, as the condition of this advance, be required to stop and deliver and take mails at San Diego, San Francisco, and Monterey, in California, if required so to do by the Secretary of the Navy, with the concurrence of the Postmaster General: *And provided further*, That, in consideration of the foregoing advance, the line of steamers provided in the contract with A. S. Sloo shall stop, going and returning, at Charleston, if practicable, and Savannah.

For contingent expenses for objects not hereinbefore enumerated, two thousand dollars.

To pay arrearages due for grading University square, and other expenses, for the construction of the depot for charts and instruments, being a re-appropriation in part of a sum carried to the surplus fund heretofore appropriated for that purpose, ten thousand forty-three dollars and seventy-seven cents.

For furnishing the marine hospital building at New Orleans, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For "meteorological observations," to be conducted under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, two thousand dollars.

For the establishment of a depot for naval stores, which the Secretary of the Navy is hereby required to cause to be located at or near the city of New Orleans, twenty thousand dollars.

For the construction, extension, and completion of the following objects, and for the current repairs at the several navy yards, viz:

At Portsmouth.—For completing quay wall and wharf, and wharf number one; wall west side of ship-house number four, and filling in; timber shed opposite number seven, and addition to smithery 1; brick powder magazine; engine, fixtures, &c, for blowing-fires to forges; and for repairs of all kinds, fifty thousand five hundred and fifty-one dollars.

At Boston.—For timber shed number thirty-seven, and pier wharf at angle number fifty-nine; coal-house near dry-dock, and pier wharf in rear of carpenter's and joiner's shop; for eight knee docks, and tracks for stowage of guns in gun park; for completing brick barn; and repairs of all kinds, ninety-seven thousand three hundred and fifty-one dollars.

At New York.—For iron and copper store, cooperage, cob wharf, and filling in timber pond; dredging channels and wharf in front of hospital lands; steam engine in smithery, steam pipes, &c, and cistern for each reservoir, paving, and flagging, and granite skids, and platforms for cannon, and for repairs of all kinds, one hundred and six thousand dollars.

For the dry dock, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For the purchase by the Secretary of the Navy of the land, above and under water, bounded by Flushing avenue, in the city of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, the United States navy yard, hospital grounds, and the Wallabout bay to the channel, two hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no part of said sum of money shall be applied to the payment of the purchase money until a good and perfect title is secured to the United States for the said land and its appurtenances.

At Philadelphia.—For removing and extending ship-house G; completing wharf number two; dredging machine; and repairs of all kinds, fourteen thousand five hundred dollars.

At Washington.—For chain cable forges, and fitting part of number eleven for a boiler shop; steam hammer for smith's shop, and alteration in hydraulic proving machine; converting joiner's shop in number twelve to mould loft, and steam hammer in place of old tilt hammer; ordnance workshops, and extending brass foundry; extending blacksmith's shop and iron store under N, and finishing shop for smithery; converting old foundry into stables, and for repairs of all kinds, thirty-two thousand four hundred and eighteen dollars.

At Norfolk.—For extension of quay walls; completing slip forty-eight, and for the storehouse number nineteen; brick stables; steam hammer and engine; brick gun place, coal house and landing wharf; culvert drill press; punching machine and cutting shears, and for repairs of all kinds, one hundred and forty-four thousand one hundred and thirty-six dollars.

At Pensacola.—For two third-class officers' houses; completing timber shed number twenty-six; dredge machine scows; four warrant officers' houses, and guard-house; coal-house; paint shop and rail tracks; permanent wharf; drain in rear of officers' quarters; wharf and rail track in front of storehouse number twenty-six; paving, grading, planting trees, and levelling, and for repairs of all kinds, one hundred and fifty-nine thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars.

For construction, in part, of a new timber shed at said navy yard, fifty thousand dollars.

For payment of such arrearages as the Secretary of the Navy may in law and equity decide to be due to Jerrison and Foster, seven thousand dollars.

At Memphis.—For completing commandant's house and storehouse; tarring-house; engine and machinery for saw mill; timber shed, and boat builder's shop, and wall to enclose yard; embankment and excavations; machinery for ropewalk, and for repairs of all kinds, one hundred and seventy-four thousand and thirty-eight dollars.

At Sackett's Harbor.—For the completion of officers' quarters, and for repairs of all kinds, two thousand dollars.

For Hospitals, viz:—At Boston.—For repairing hospital buildings and dependencies, fences and furnaces, painting, glazing, and white-washing, two thousand eight hundred dollars.

For the completion of the marine hospitals now building, viz: At Pittsburg, ten thousand dollars; at Cleveland, ten thousand dollars; at Louisville, ten thousand dollars.

For the purpose of erecting marine hospitals on the sites owned by the United States at the following places, viz:

At St. Louis, ten thousand dollars; at Natchez, ten thousand dollars; at Paducah, ten thousand dollars.

At Napoleon, Arkansas, (so soon as the government title to the site selected and purchased shall be perfected) ten thousand dollars.

Also for the construction of a marine hospital on such site as shall be selected by the Secretary of the Treasury on the lands owned by the United States at Chicago, ten thousand dollars.

At New York.—For purchase from the city of New York of water—front to hospital lands; for surgeon's house; paving, guttering, and completing sewer, and for current repairs, twenty thousand and fifty-seven dollars.

At Washington.—For current repairs, one hundred dollars.

At Norfolk.—For repairs of galleries, cells, bath-house, fence, and surgeon's house, one thousand four hundred dollars; and for making necessary repairs for the marine hospital at Norfolk, sixteen hundred dollars.

At Pensacola.—For bricking up ponds and drain; repairs to hospital, and for current repairs, six thousand three hundred and seventy-eight dollars.

At Mobile.—For necessary repairs of the marine hospital, one thousand and ninety dollars.

For Magazines, viz:—At Boston, five hundred dollars.

At New York, five hundred dollars.

At Washington, two hundred dollars.

At Norfolk, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight dollars.

Marine Corps.—For pay of officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, and servants, serving on shore, subsistence of officers, and pay for undrawn clothing, two hundred and eighty-three thousand dollars.

For provisions for marines, serving on shore, sixty thousand dollars

For clothing, eighty-one thousand four hundred and ninety-two dollars.

For fuel, eleven thousand three hundred and thirty-four dollars.

For military stores, repair of arms, pay of armorers, accoutrements, ordnance stores, flags, drums, fifes, and musical instruments, eight thousand dollars.

For transportation of officers and troops, and for expenses of recruiting, twelve thousand dollars.

For contingencies, viz:

Freight, ferriage, toll, cartage, wharfage, compensation to judges-advocate, per diem for attending courts martial, courts of inquiry, and for constant labor; house rent, in lieu of quarters; burial of deceased marines; printing, stationery, forage, postage, pursuit of deserters; candles, oil, straw, furniture, bed sacks, spades, axes, shovels, picks, carpenter's tools; keep of a horse for messenger, pay of the matron, washerwoman, and porter at hospital headquarters, twenty-two thousand dollars.

For the relief and protection of American seamen in foreign countries; further to supply deficiencies in appropriations made for the service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, twenty thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of seventeen thousand and three hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for improvements and repairs at the naval school at Annapolis, to be expended as follows: For enclosing the grounds embraced in the new purchase, repairing the houses thereon, docking, grading, and improving the grounds, six thousand eight hundred dollars.

For repairing and tinning superintendent's house, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For building an arsenal, five hundred dollars.

For raising the row of houses occupied by professors, one story, six thousand dollars.

For completing mess-room and lyceum, five hundred dollars.

For painting outside of houses, and other necessary repairs, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For five engines and apparatus, complete, five hundred dollars.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in execution of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, making appropriations for the naval service, &c., directing among other things the construction of floating dry-docks at the navy-yards at Philadelphia, Pensacola, and Kittery, and in pursuance of the reports in favor of the two plans hereinafter named as best adapted to naval purposes, made by a board of officers appointed to examine all the plans, and by the Bureau of Yards and Docks, the Secretary of the Navy is hereby directed forthwith to enter into a contract with Samuel D. Dakin and Rutherford Moody, for the complete construction, within a reasonable time from the date of the contract, of a sectional floating dry-dock, basin, and railways, at the navy-yard at Philadelphia, according to the plan and specifications submitted by them to the Navy Department; and also to enter into a contract with John S. Gilbert and Zeno Secor for the complete construction, within a reasonable time from the date of the contract, of a balance floating dry-dock, basin, and railways, at the navy-yard at Pensacola, according to the plan and specifications submitted by them to the Navy Department; and also to enter into a contract with one or the other of the respective parties above named, for the complete construction, within a reasonable time from the date of the contract, at the navy-yard at Kittery, of a floating dry-dock, basin, and railways, upon either of the above named plans that the said Secretary may prefer as best adapted to said yard; the said works at each yard to be of the largest dimensions proposed in said plans and specifications: *Provided*, That in each case such contract can be made at prices that shall not exceed by more than ten per cent the prices which have been submitted by either of the said proprietors to the Navy Department for a floating dry-dock on either of said plans and for the basins and railways, of the dimensions aforesaid, at any of the said navy-yards; *And provided further*, That the said Secretary shall also, by further contract with said parties, enlarge the dimensions of said works at each yard to a capacity sufficient for docking war-steamers of the largest class, at least three hundred and fifty feet in length, if the dimensions above mentioned should not be found adequate for that purpose.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of four hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated towards said works from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, which sum, together with the sums that remain unexpended of the appropriations made by said act of March third, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, for floating dry-docks at the three navy-yards aforesaid, shall be applied towards the payments to be provided for in the said contracts, and be equally divided between the said contracts for the said works at the three navy-yards aforesaid.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That hereafter the amount of money commutation allowed by law in lieu of the spirit ration shall be increased to four cents.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That when any master in the navy, or passed midshipman, holding an acting appointment as master from the Secretary of the Navy, has performed, or shall hereafter perform, the duty of a lieutenant, under an order of the commander of the vessel to which he was or shall be at the time attached, to supply a deficiency in the established complement of lieutenants of said vessel, whether belonging to a squadron or on seperate service, which order shall have been subsequently approved by the Secretary of the Navy, shall be allowed the pay of a master for the period or periods during which he shall have performed such duty.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That in calculating for the pay of surgeons in the navy, hereafter the time upon the graduated scale of pay shall be reckoned from their original entry into the service.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Navy be and he is hereby directed to report to Congress, at the commencement of the next session, the number of persons in the naval service flogged in each of the years eighteen hundred and forty-six and eigteen hundred and forty-seven, specifying the name of the ship, the offence, the sentence, and the number of lashes inflicted; and it shall be his duty to make a similar report for each year thereafter.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That, on the application of the Secretary of the Navy, the President of the United States be authorized, when, in his opinion, the contingencies of the public service may require it, to transfer any portion of the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars of unexpended balences of former appropriations, mentioned in the first section of this act, from one head of appropriation to any other head of the appropriations made for the naval service; and in all cases of such transfer, a special account of the moneys transferred, and their application, shall be laid before Congress at each session previous to its adjournment

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Postmaster General, under the direction of the President, to cause the nett receipts of postages collected on the several lines of steamers from New York to Liverpool, from New York to Chagres, and from Panama to some point in the territory of Oregon, stipulated for in contracts made with the Secretary of the Navy, to be deposited in the treasury to the credit of the appropriation, for the annual compensation for the service to be rendered under said contracts, or otherwise apply the said postage in payment of the said annual compensaiton.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the proviso of the act of third March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the first of January, and ending the thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four," &c., as requires that materials of every name and nature for the use of the navy be furnished by contract with the lowest bidder, be and the same is hereby so far modified, that it shall be lawful for the Secretary of the Navy, hereafter, to enter into contract for tobacco, from time to time, as the service requires, for a period not exceeding four years; and in making such contracts, he shall not be restricted to the lowest bidder, unless, in his opinion, economy and the best interests of the service will be thereby promoted.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That the number of professors of mathematics in the navy shall not exceed twelve; that they shall be appointed and commissioned by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by order of the Secretary of the Navy, at the naval school, the observatory, and on board ships-of-war, in instructing the midshipmen of the navy, or otherwise. That when on duty, the pay of a professor of mathematics shall be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, with a ration; and when on leave of absence or waiting orders, the pay shall be at the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause persons in the naval service or marine corps, who shall become insane while in the service, to be placed in such lunatic hospital as in his opinion will be most convenient and best calculated to promise a restoration of reason: and that in addition to the pay which may from time to time be due to such person, he may, from the annual appropriation for the naval service, under the head of contingent enumerated, pay any deficiency of a reasonable expense; provided, that in each case it does not exceed one hundred dollars per annum.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That the proviso of the act of August fourth, eighteen hundred and forty-two, limiting the number of officers of the navy of the grade of midshipmen to the number that were in service on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-one, be and is hereby so modified as to authorize the appointment of officers of that grade, to the number of four hundred and sixty-four: *Provided*, That the appointments shall be made according to the direction of the fifth section of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and forty-five entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and forty six; and in appointing from each State, hereafter, its proportion of officers of that grade, the appointments shall be apportioned, as nearly as practicable, equally among the several Congressional districts therein.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act, the annual pay of boatswains, gunners, carpenters, and sail-makers at the navy yard at Pensacola shall be the same as now allowed by law to the forward warrant officers at the navy yards at Boston, New York, and Norfolk.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That the restriction established by the fourth section of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and forty-five, whereby no more than one hundred and eighty passed midshipmen, and those senior in rank, shall at the same time receive the pay fixed by law for that class of officers, be suspended in its operation from the passage of this act, until the class of eighteen hundred and forty-one and eighteen hundred and forty-two shall have been examined, and the relative rank established among those who shall pass their examination.

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