

priation, the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, June 18, 1878.

CHAP. 265.—An act to organize the Life-Saving-Service.

June 18, 1878.

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 to establish additional life-saving and life-boat stations at or near the following-named points upon the sea and lake coasts of the United States, namely: One complete life-saving station at Cranberry Isles, Maine; one complete life-saving station at or near Scituate, Massachusetts; one complete life-saving station at or near Watch Hill, Rhode Island; one complete life-saving station on the coast of Delaware between Cape Henlopen and Indian River; two complete life-saving stations on the coast of Maryland, to be located, one between Indian River and Green Run, and one between Green Run and Chincoteague; fifteen complete life-saving stations on the coasts of Virginia and North Carolina, ten of them to be located at intermediate points between the existing stations, three between the southernmost existing station and Hatteras Inlet, one at or near Cape Lookout, and one at or near Cape Fear Point; five complete life-stations on the coast of Texas, to be located, one at or near Sabine Pass, one on Galveston Island, near west end, one at or near Pass Cavallo, one at or near Aransas Pass, and one at Brazos Santiago, and one life boat station on Galveston Island, near east end; two complete life-saving stations on the coast of Lake Michigan, to be located, one at or near Sleeping Bear Point, and one at or near Bayley's Harbor, and four life-boat stations to be located, one at or near Manistee, one at Ludington, one at or near Muskegan, and one at Kenosha; one life-boat station on the coast of Lake Superior, at or near the mouth of Portage Lake and Lake Superior Ship Canal; two complete life-saving stations on the coast of Lake Huron, one at or near Port Austin and one on Middle Island, and a life-boat station at or near Sand Beach Harbor of Refuge; and on the coast of California, a life-boat station at Bolinas Bay, in place of that authorized to be established at Point Reyes by the act of June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of life-saving stations and houses of refuge upon the sea and lake coasts of the United States, and to promote the efficiency of the Life-Saving Service"; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized, whenever, in his opinion, it may become necessary for the proper administration of the Life-Saving Service and the protection of the public property at the stations, to appoint a district superintendent for the coast of the United States bordering on the Gulf of Mexico, whose compensation shall be at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, and also a keeper for each of the stations hereby authorized to be established.

Additional life-saving stations.

Cranberry Isles; Scituate;

Delaware coast; Maryland coast;

Virginia coast; North Carolina coast;

Texas coast;

Lake Michigan;

Lake Superior; Lake Huron;

California; 1874, ch. 344, 18 Stat., 126.

Superintendent, Gulf of Mexico.

Salary. Keepers.

Unexpended balances available.

Proceeds of sale of old stations, etc.

Keepers' compensation, powers.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. That the unexpended balances of appropriations heretofore made for the establishment of life-saving and life-boat stations are hereby made available for the payment of the expenses of the establishment of the stations herein authorized.

SEC. 3. That all moneys received from the sale of old stations and equipments and other material condemned by a board of survey as unserviceable may be expended in rebuilding or improving and equipping stations.

SEC. 4. That hereafter the compensation of the keepers of life-saving and life-boat stations and houses of refuge shall be at the rate of four hundred dollars per annum; and they shall have the powers of inspectors of customs, but shall receive no additional compensation for duties performed as such: *Provided*, That said keepers shall have authority and be required to take charge of and protect all property saved from ship-

Custodians of property saved. wreck at which they may be present, until it is claimed by parties legally authorized to receive it, or until otherwise instructed to dispose of it by the Secretary of the Treasury; and keepers of life-saving stations shall be required to reside continually at or in the immediate vicinity of their respective stations.

Residence.

Stations to be open, how long. SEC. 5. That hereafter the life-saving stations upon the sea and gulf coasts at which crews are employed shall be manned and the stations opened for active service on the first day of September in each year, and so continue until the first day of May succeeding, and upon the lake coasts from the opening to the close of navigation, except such stations as, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, are not necessary to be manned during the full period specified; and the crews shall reside at the stations during said periods.

Residence of crews.

General superintendent. SEC. 6. That the President of the United States may, by and with the consent of the Senate, appoint a suitable person, who shall be familiar with the various means employed in the Life-Saving-Service for the saving of life and property from shipwrecked vessels, as general superintendent of the Life-Saving-Service, who shall, under the immediate direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, have general charge of the service and of all administrative matters connected therewith, and whose compensation shall be at the rate of four thousand dollars per annum; and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to appoint an assistant to the general superintendent, whose compensation shall be two thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

Assistant superintendent.

Duties of general superintendent. SEC. 7. That it shall be the duty of the general superintendent to supervise the organization and government of the employees of the service; to prepare and revise regulations therefor as may be necessary; to fix the number and compensation of surfmen to be employed at the several stations within the provisions of law; to supervise the expenditure of all appropriations made for the support and maintenance of the Life-Saving-Service; to examine the accounts of disbursements of the district superintendents, and to certify the same to the accounting-officers of the Treasury Department; to examine the property returns of the keepers of the several stations, and see that all public property thereto belonging is properly accounted for; to acquaint himself, as far as practicable, with all means employed in foreign countries which may seem to advantageously affect the interests of the service, and to cause to be properly investigated all plans, devices, and inventions for the improvement of life-saving apparatus for use at the stations, which may appear to be meritorious and available; to exercise supervision over the selection of sites for new stations the establishment of which may be authorized by law, or for old ones the removal of which may be made necessary by the encroachment of the sea or by other causes; to prepare and submit to the Secretary of the Treasury estimates for the support of the service; to collect and compile the statistics of marine disasters contemplated by the act of June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four; and to submit to the Secretary of the Treasury, for transmission to Congress, an annual report of the expenditures of the moneys appropriated for the maintenance of the Life-Saving Service, and of the operations of said service during the year.

1874, ch. 344,
18 Stat., 126.

Annual report.

Revenue Marine officers as inspectors. SEC. 8. That the Secretary of the Treasury may detail such officer or officers of the Revenue Marine Service as may be necessary, to act as inspector and assistant inspectors of stations, who shall perform such duties in connection with the conduct of the service as may be required of them by the general superintendent.

Investigation of shipwrecks with loss of life. SEC. 9. That upon the occurrence of any shipwreck within the scope of the operations of the Life-Saving Service, attended with loss of life, the general superintendent shall cause an investigation of all the circumstances connected with said disaster and loss of life to be made, with a view of ascertaining the cause of the disaster, and whether any of the officers or employees of the service have been guilty of neglect or misconduct in the premises; and any officer or clerk in the employment

of the Treasury Department who may be detailed to conduct such investigation, or to examine into any alleged incompetency or misconduct of any of the officers or employees of the Life-Saving Service, shall have authority to administer an oath to any witness attending to testify or depose in the course of such investigation.

SEC. 10. That section six of said act of June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, is so amended as to extend the compensation of the enrolled members of volunteer crews of life-boat stations therein named to occasions of actual and deserving service at any shipwreck, or in the relief of any vessel in distress, and that such persons as may volunteer to take the place of any absent or disabled enrolled members of a crew, and who shall be accepted by the keeper, may be paid therefor, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, a sum not to exceed eight dollars each on every such occasion: *Provided*, That all crews and volunteers employed under authority of this act who may be present at a wreck shall be required to use their utmost endeavors to save life and properly care for the bodies of such as may perish, and, when such efforts are no longer necessary, to save property and protect the same, under the direction of the senior keeper present or of the superintendent of the district, until the arrival of persons legally authorized to take charge; and for the time employed in so saving and protecting property volunteers shall be entitled to compensation not to exceed three dollars per day each, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 11. That the enrolled members of the crews of life-boat stations may be called out for drill and exercise in the life-boat and life-saving apparatus as often as the general superintendent may determine, not to exceed twice a month, for each day's attendance at which they shall be entitled to the sum of three dollars each.

SEC. 12. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to bestow the life-saving medal of the second class upon persons making such signal exertions in rescuing and succoring the shipwrecked, and saving persons from drowning, as, in his opinion, shall merit such recognition.

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Administering oaths.

Volunteer crews. Compensation. 1874, ch. 344, 18 Stat., 127.

Duty of crews.

Volunteers. Compensation for saving property. Drill and exercise.

Life-saving medals.

CHAP. 266.—An act for the restoration to market of certain lands in the Territory of Utah.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the act of Congress approved May fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and entitled "An act to vacate and sell the present Indian reservation in Utah Territory, and to settle Indians of said Territory in the Uinta Valley", as directs the Secretary of the Interior to cause to be appraised and offer for sale upon sealed bids the reservations therein referred to, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to restore the same to the public domain for disposition as other public lands.

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Indian reservation in Utah restored to market. 1864, ch. 77, 13 Stat., 63.

Repealed in part.

CHAP. 267.—An act relative to examinations for promotions in the Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter in the examination of officers in the Navy for promotion no fact which occurred prior to the last examination of the candidate whereby he was promoted, which has been enquired into and decided upon, shall be again enquired into, but such previous examination, if approved, shall be conclusive, unless such fact continuing shows the unfitness of the officer to perform all his duties at sea.

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Examinations for promotion in Navy. Facts once examined not included.