

THE STAMP ACT.

USE OF THE TAX LAWS OF THE U. STATES.

Table listing various stamp duties and their rates, including Acknowledgment of deeds, Affidavits, Assignments or Transfers of mortgage, Bills, Checks, Drafts or Orders, etc.

Provisional Note (See Bill of Exchange, inland). Renewal of, subject to same duty as an original note. Receipt for the payment of any sum of money, or debt due, exceeding twenty dollars, or for the delivery of any property, 2cts.

PENSION AGENCY. The Government having resumed the execution of the pension laws by establishing Pension Agencies in the Southern States, we call the attention of those interested to an act of Congress authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to drop from the pension rolls the names of pensioners in those States, and to the circular of the Commissioner of Pensions, giving the forms and instructions, in accordance with which application may be made for restoration to the rolls by those who still claim the benefit of the pension laws.

1. BIENNIAL EXAMINATIONS.—The biennial examinations of invalid pensioners, required by the act of March 3, 1869, will hereafter be made by one surgeon only, if he is regularly appointed, or hold a surgeon's commission in the army. In no case will an examination by unappointed civil surgeons be accepted, unless it is satisfactorily shown by the affidavit of one or more disinterested and credible witnesses, giving the reasons for such an exemption, that an examination by a commissioned or duly appointed surgeon is impracticable.

2. DECLARATIONS.—All declarations of claimants residing within twenty-five miles of any court of record must, without exception, be made before such court, or before some officer thereof having custody of its seal. For the convenience of persons residing more than twenty-five miles distant from any court of record, officers qualified by law to administer oaths may be designated by the Commissioner of Pensions, before whom such declarations shall be executed.

3. INCREASED PENSIONS IN CERTAIN CASES.—A pension of twenty-five dollars per month is granted to those having lost both hands, or both eyes in the military service of the United States, in the line of duty, and twenty dollars per month to those who, under the same conditions, shall have lost both feet, if such parties were entitled to a lower rate of pension under the act of 1862. This higher pension will date only from the 4th of July, 1861, in the case of pensioners already enrolled, or of applicants of discharge prior to that date.

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For every additional five hundred dollars, or fractional part thereof, in excess of one thousand dollars, 50cts.

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