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LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES,

PASSED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

AN ACT in addition to the "Act respecting Quarantines and Health Laws," approved February twenty-fifth, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and for the better execution of the third section thereof.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase or erect suitable warehouses and other conveniences for the storage of goods and merchandise imported in any vessel subject to quarantine or other restraint, pusuant to the health laws of the State of New York, at such convenient place or places within or near the port of New York as the safety of the public revenue and the observance of such health laws may require; and the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expense thereof.

Approved, December 15, 1864.

AN ACT authorizing the holding of a special session of the United States District Court for the District of Indiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a special session of the United States district court for the district of Indiana shall be holden at the usual place of holding said court on the first Tuesday in January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all suits and proceedings of a civil or criminal nature, now pending in or returnable to said court, shall be proceeded in, heard, tried and determined by said court, at said special session, in the same manner as at a regular term of said court, and the Judge thereof is hereby empowered to order the empanelling of a petit and grand jury for said session.

Approved, December 20, 1864.

AN ACT to authorize the purchase or construction of Revenue cutters on the lakes.

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 authorized to construct, or purchase and alter, not exceeding six steam revenue cutters, for service on the lakes; and for that purpose the sum of one million of dollars, or so much thereof as is necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, December 20, 1864.

AN ACT to establish the grade of Vice-Admiral in the United States navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint one Vice-Admiral, who shall be selected from the list of active Rear-Admirals, and who shall be the ranking officer in the navy of the United States, and whose relative rank with officers of the army shall be that of Lieutenant-General in the army.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the pay of the Vice-Admiral of the navy shall be seven thousand dollars when at sea, six thousand dollars when on shore duty, and five thousand dollars when waiting orders.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the first section of an act, approved December twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, entitled "An act further to promote the efficiency of the navy," shall not be so construed as to apply to any one holding a commission as Vice-Admiral in the navy.

Approved, December 21, 1864.

AN ACT to amend the act entitled "An Act to provide internal Revenue to support the Government, to pay interest on the Public Debt, and for other Purposes," approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section fifty-five of an act entitled "An act to provide internal revenue to support the government, to pay interest on the public debt, and for other purposes," approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, be amended by striking out the word "February," wherever it occurs in said section, and inserting, in lieu thereof, the word January.

Approved, December 22, 1864.

AN ACT to extend the time allowed for the withdrawal of certain goods therein named from public stores.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in computing the three years allowed by the twenty-first section of the act entitled "An act increasing temporarily the duties on imports, and for other purposes," approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, for the withdrawal of goods from any public store or bonded warehouse for exportation to foreign countries, or transshipment to any port of the Pacific or western coast of the United States, if such exportation or transshipment of any goods shall, either for the whole or any part of the said term of three years, have been prevented, by reason of any order of the President of the United States, the time during which such exportation or transshipment of such goods shall have been so prevented, as aforesaid, shall be excluded from the said computation.

Approved, December 22, 1864.

AN ACT to repeal the provision of law requiring certain Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to be Members of the National Institute.

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 "To establish the Smithsonian Institution for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men," as requires that two of the Regents of said institution shall be members of the National Institute in the city of Washington be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Approved, January 10, 1865.

AN ACT making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

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 year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-six:

For invalid pensions under various acts, four million dollars.

For revolutionary pensions, per acts of March eighteenth, eighteen hundred and eighteen; May fifteenth, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight; June seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty-two; third section of act of July seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight; March third, eighteen hundred and forty-three; June seventeenth, eighteen hundred and forty-four; February second and July twenty-nine, eighteen hundred and forty-eight; and second section [of] act of February third, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, six hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

For pensions to widows, mothers, children and sisters, under the first section of the act of fourth July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six; act of July twenty-first, eighteen hundred and forty-eight; first section of the act of February third, eighteen hundred and fifty-three; June third, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight; and July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, seven million dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the present fiscal year: for the payment of pensions under the acts of March eighteenth, eighteen hundred and eighteen; May fifteenth, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight; June seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty-two; third section of act of July fourth, eighteen hundred and thirty-six; July seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight; *January* [June] seventeenth, eighteen hundred and forty-four; March third, eighteen hundred and forty-three; February second and July twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight; and second section of act of February third, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, sixty-five thousand dollars.

For the payment of pensions under the first section of the act of July fourth, eighteen hundred and thirty-six; act of July twenty-first, eighteen hundred and forty-eight; first section of the act of February third, eighteen hundred and fifty-three; June third, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight; and July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, three million five hundred thousand dollars.

Approved, January 11, 1865.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An Act for the punishment of crimes in the District of Columbia," approved March second, eighteen hundred and thirty-one.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second section of an act entitled "An act for the punishment of crimes in the District of Columbia," approved March second, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows: That every person duly convicted of manslaughter, or of any assault with intent to kill, shall be sentenced to suffer imprisonment and labor, for the first offence, for a period not less than two nor more than eight years, for the second offence, for a period not less than six nor more than fifteen years.

Approved, January 13, 1865.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An Act to provide for carrying the mails from the United States to foreign ports, and for other purposes," approved March twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the fourth section of an act entitled "An act to provide for carrying the mails from the United States to foreign ports, and for other purposes," approved March twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, be so amended as to insert in the proviso in said section, after the word "newspaper," the words "periodicals, magazines, and exchanges," so that it will read: *Provided,* That this section shall not be held to extend to the transmission by mail of newspapers, periodicals, magazines and exchanges, from a known office of publication, to bona fide subscribers, not exceeding one copy to each subscriber from any one office.

Approved, January 20, 1865.

AN ACT making appropriations for the Consular and Diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

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 objects hereafter expressed, for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, namely:

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For salaries of envoys extraordinary, ministers, and commissioners of the United States at Great Britain, France, Russia, Prussia, Spain, Austria, Brazil, Republic of Mexico, China, Italy, Chili, Peru, Portugal, Switzerland, Rome, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Turkey, New Granada, Bolivia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Sandwich Islands, Costa Rica, Honduras, Argentine Confederation, Paraguay, Japan, and Salvador, three hundred and eight thousand five hundred dollars.

For salaries of secretaries of legation, thirty thousand dollars.

For salaries of assistant secretaries of legation at London and Paris, three thousand dollars.

For salary of the interpreter to the legation to China, five thousand dollars.

For salary of the secretary of legation to Turkey, acting as an interpreter, three thousand dollars.

For salary of the interpreter to the legation to Japan two thousand five hundred dollars

For contingent expenses of all the missions abroad, sixty thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses of foreign intercourse, eighty thousand dollars.

For expenses of intercourse with the Barbary Powers, three thousand dollars.

For expenses of the consulates in the Turkish dominions, namely: interpreters, guards, and other expenses of the consulates at Constantinople, Smyrna, Candia, Alexandria and Beirut, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For the relief and protection of American seamen in foreign countries, two hundred thousand dollars.

For expenses which may be incurred in acknowledging the services of the masters and crews of foreign vessels in rescuing citizens of the United States from shipwreck, seven thousand dollars.

For the purchase of blank-books, stationery, bookcases, arms of the United States, seals, presses and flags, and for the payment of postages and miscellaneous expenses of the consuls of the United States, including loss by exchange, fifty-five thousand dollars.

For office rent for those consuls-general, consuls, and commercial agents who are not allowed to trade, including loss by exchange thereon, fifty thousand dollars.

For salaries of consuls-general, consuls, commercial agents, and thirteen consular clerks, namely:

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Alexandria, Calcutta, Constantinople, Frankfort-on-the-main, Havana, Montreal, Shanghai.

III. CONSULATES.

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Acapulco, Aix-la-Chapelle, Algiers, Amoy, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Aspinwall, Aux Cayes, Bahia, Barcelona, Bankok, Basle, Belfast, Beirut, Bergen, Bermuda, *Bilbao,* [Bilboa,] Buenos Ayres, Bordeaux, Bremen, Bristol, Brindisi, Bourbourg, Cadiz, Callao, Candia, Canton, Cardiff, Chin Kiang, Clifton, Coaticook, Cork, Curacoa, Demarara, Dundee, Elsinore, Erie, Foo Choo, Funchal, Galatz, Gaspe Basin, Geneva, Genoa, Gibraltar, Glasgow, Goderich, Gottenberg, Guaymas, Halifax, Hamburg, Havre, Honolulu, Hong-Kong, Jerusalem, Kanagawa, Kingston, Kingston in Canada, La Rochelle, Laguayra, Lahaina, La Paz, La Union, Leeds, Leghorn, Leipsic, Lisbon, Liverpool, London, Lyons, Macao, Malaga, Malta, Manchester, Manzanillo, Maracaibo, Matanzas, Marseilles, Mauritius, Melbourne, Messina, Moscow, Munich, Nagasaki, Nantes, Naples, Nassau, (West Indies,) Newcastle, Nice, Odessa, Oporto, Palermo, Panama, Paramaribo, Paris, Pernambuco, Pictou, Ponce, Port Mahon, Prescott, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Revel, Rio de Janerio, Rotterdam, San Juan del Sur, San Juan, (Porto Rico,) Santander, Santiago de Cuba, Santos, Port Sarnia, Scio, Singapore, Smyrna, Southampton, Stockholm, Saint John, (Newfoundland,) Saint John, (New Brunswick,) Saint Petersburg, Saint Pierre, (Martinique,) Saint Thomas, Stuttgardt, Swatow, Saint Helena, Tabasco, Tampico, Tangier, Tehauntepec, Toronto, Trieste, Trinidad de Cuba, Trinidad, Tripoli, Tunis, Turk's Island, Valparaiso, Valencia, Venice, Vera Cruz, Vienna, Windsor, Zurich.

IV. COMMERCIAL AGENCIES.

SCHEDULE B.

Amoor River, Antigua, Balize, (Honduras,) Gaboon, Madagascar, San Juan del Norte, Saint Domingo, St. Marc.

V. CONSULATES.

SCHEDULE C.

Barbadoes, Batavia, Bay of Islands, Cape Haytien, Cape Town, Carthagena, Ceylon, Cobija, Cyprus, Falkland Islands, Fayal, Guyaquil, Lanthala, Maranham, Matamoras, Mexico, Montevideo, Ouse, Para, Paso del Norte, Piraus, Rio Grande, Sabanilla, Saint Catherine, Santa Cruz, (West Indies,) Santiago, (Cape Verde,) Spezzia, Stettin, Tahita, Talcahuano, Tumbez, Zanzibar.

VI. COMMERCIAL AGENCIES.

SCHEDULE C.

Apia, Saint Paul de *Loanda,* [Loanda,] including loss by exchange thereon, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For interpreters to the consulates in China, including loss by exchange thereon, five thousand eight hundred dollars.

For expenses incurred, under instructions from the Secretary of State, in bringing home from foreign countries persons charged with crime, and expenses incident thereto, twenty thousand dollars.

For salaries of the marshals for the consular courts in Japan, China, Siam, and Turkey, including loss by exchange thereon, nine thousand dollars.

For rent of prisons for American convicts in Japan, China, Siam, and Turkey, and for wages of the keepers of the same, nine thousand dollars.

For salaries of commissioners and consuls-general to Hayti and Liberia, eleven thousand five hundred dollars.

For expenses under the act of Congress to carry into effect the treaty between the United States and her Britannic Majesty for the suppression of the African slave-trade, seventeen thousand dollars.

For expenses under the act to encourage immigration, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For expenses under the neutrality act, twenty thousand dollars.

For expenses of the commission to run and mark the boundary line between the United States and the British possessions bounding on Washington Territory, thirteen thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

Approved, January 24, 1865.

AN ACT to provide for an advance of Rank to Officers of the Navy and Marine Corps for distinguished Merit.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any officer of the navy or marine corps, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, may be advanced, not exceeding thirty numbers in rank, for having exhibited eminent and conspicuous conduct in battle, or extraordinary heroism.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any officer of the navy or marine corps, either of volunteers or otherwise, who shall be nominated to a higher grade by the provisions of the first section of this act, or of that of section nine of an act entitled "An act to establish and equalize the grades of line officers of the United States navy," approved July sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, shall be promoted, notwithstanding the number of said grade may be full, but no further promotions shall take place in that grade, except for like cause, until the number is reduced to that provided by law.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts, or parts of acts, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Approved, January 24, 1865.

AN ACT supplementary to an Act entitled "An Act to prescribe an oath of Office, and for other Purposes," approved July two, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

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, for the service of the Post-Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, out of any moneys in the treasury arising from the revenues of the said Department, in conformity to the act of the second of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six:—

For transportation of the mails, (inland,) seven million eight hundred thousand dollars.

For ship, steamboat, and way letters, eight thousand dollars.

For compensation to postmasters, three million one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

For clerks for post-offices, one million three hundred thousand dollars.

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For payment to letter-carriers, four hundred thousand dollars.

For wrapping paper, seventy-five thousand dollars.

For twine, seventeen thousand dollars.

For office stamps, six thousand dollars.

For letter balances, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For compensation to blank agents and assistants, seven thousand dollars.

For office furniture, two thousand dollars.

For advertising, sixty-eight thousand dollars.

For postage stamps and stamped envelopes, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For mail depredations and special agents, seventy thousand dollars.

For mail-bags, sixty thousand dollars.

For mail locks and keys, eight thousand dollars.

For payment of balances due to foreign countries, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For miscellaneous payments, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For foreign mail transportation, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Approved, January 28, 1865.

AN ACT to amend the Charter of the "Washington Gas-Light Company."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the acts of June twenty-five, eighteen hundred and sixty, and July eleven, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, as relate to the price of gas furnished by the "Washington Gas-Light Company," be, and the same are hereby, repealed; and the act incorporating the "Washington Gas-Light Company" is hereby so amended as to prohibit the said company from receiving, on and after the first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, for the benefit of its stockholders, a greater price for gas than forty cents per hundred cubic feet, subject to a discount of ten per centum on all bills for gas furnished to the general government, and five per centum on all bills for gas furnished to other consumers, if paid at the office of the company within seven days from the rendition thereof.

Approved, January 30, 1865.

AN ACT to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Metropolitan Railroad Company, in the District of Columbia," approved July first, eighteen hundred and sixty four.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section seventeen of the act to incorporate the Metropolitan Railroad Company, of the District of Columbia, approved July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to extend the time for the completion of their railroad line, except that part thereof between Seventeenth Street and the Capitol, for one year from the passage of this act: *Provided, however,* That the line from Seventeenth Street and the Capitol be completed, equipped, and running, within thirty days from the passage of this act.

Approved, January 30, 1865.

AN ACT to amend the Act entitled "An Act to amend and extend the Charter of the Franklin Insurance Company," approved second March, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act to amend and extend the charter of the Franklin Insurance Company, passed on the second day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, be, and the same is hereby, extended and continued in force for the period of twenty years, from the ninth day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, the time at which such amendatory act expired; and that all proceedings had by said Franklin Insurance Company, and all legal rights accrued or acquired, and all legal obligations entered into by said company between the ninth day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, and the date of this act be, and the same are hereby, made valid for all legal purposes.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Franklin Insurance Company are hereby authorized to increase their capital stock to an amount not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Approved, January 30, 1865.

AN ACT for the Relief of certain friendly Indians of the Sioux Nation, in Minnesota.

WHEREAS certain Indians of the Sioux nation did, during the outbreak in Minnesota in eighteen hundred and sixty-two, at the risk of their lives, aid in saving many white men, women and children from being massacred, and, in consequence of such action, were compelled to abandon their homes and property, and are now entirely destitute of the means of support: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized and requested to cause an examination to be made in relation to all the facts pertaining to the action of the said Indians, and to make such provision for their welfare as their necessities and future protection may require.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; one-third of said sum to be paid and expended for the benefit of Am-pe-tu-to-ke-cha, or John Other-day, and the remainder for the benefit of such other Indians as shall appear specially entitled thereto, for their friendly, extraordinary, and gallant services in rescuing white settlers from massacre in Minnesota: *Provided,* That not more than the sum of five hundred dollars shall be expended for any one Indian, except the chief above mentioned; and that the Secretary of the Interior shall report to the next Congress the names of the Indians for whose benefit the same shall be expended, and the amount expended for each.

Approved, February 9, 1865.

AN ACT to extend to certain Persons in the Employ of the Government, the Benefits of the Asylum for the Insane in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That during the continuance of the rebellion, civilians employed in the service of the United States in the quartermaster's department and subsistence department of the army, who may be, or may hereafter become insane while in such employment, shall be admitted, on the order of the Secretary of War, the same as persons belonging to the army and navy, to the benefits of the asylum for the insane in the District of Columbia, as provided in such other cases by the fourth section of the "Act to organize an institution for the insane of the army and navy, and of the District of Columbia in the said District," approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

Approved, February 9, 1865.

AN ACT to provide for Acting Assistant Treasurers or Depositaries of the United States in certain Cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in case of the sickness or unavoidable absence of any assistant treasurer or depositary of the United States from his office, he may, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, authorize the chief clerk, or some other clerk employed therein, to act in his place, and to discharge all the duties required by law of such assistant treasurer or depositary: *Provided,* That the official bond given by the principal of the office shall be held to cover and apply to the acts of the person appointed to act in his place in such cases: *And provided further,* That such acting officer shall, for the time being, be subject to all the liabilities and penalties prescribed by law for the official misconduct, in like cases, of the assistant treasurer or depositary respectively for whom he shall act.

Approved, February 13, 1865.

AN ACT to incorporate the National Union Insurance Company of Washington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That James Harper, Thomas Patton, C. H. Moody, John W. Magill, John M. Reilly, B. F. Guy, Valentine Blanchard, Thomas J. Fisher, Hudson Taylor, Augustus F. Perry, D. Walker, James Montgomery, Joseph J. May, or any five of them, be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to receive subscriptions to the capital stock of a company to be denominated "The National Union Insurance Company of Washington," who shall open a book for that purpose in the city of Washington, at the time and place to be by them designated, of which they shall give ten day's notice in two or more of the daily papers of said city, and shall keep the same open until twenty thousand shares of fifty dollars a share each shall have been subscribed; and any person of lawful age, and a citizen of the United States, shall be permitted to subscribe upon paying five dollars on each share at the time of subscribing. And it shall be lawful for the said corporation to have a common seal, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and have and exercise all the rights, privileges and immunities for the purposes of the corporation hereby created.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the affairs of the company shall be managed by nine directors, to be elected annually by the stockholders on the second Monday of July by the stockholders or by their legally empowered agents; and each share of stock shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote; the election to be held at the office of the company at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for that purpose, by ten days' public notice in two or more of the daily papers of the city of Washington: *Provided,* That the first election for directors shall be held pursuant to ten days' notice given in one or more of the daily papers of the city of Washington by the persons named in the first section of this act, or any five of them, who shall designate the time when and the place where said election shall be held; and the stockholders shall then and there elect nine directors to serve until the next ensuing election as provided for in this act. And at the first ensuing meeting of the directors after every election, they shall appoint one of their number as president, who, together with themselves, shall hold office until the next ensuing election as herein provided for; and five members of said board shall compose a quorum. And in case that an election for directors should not be made when pursuant to this act it should have been made, the company for that cause shall not be dissolved; and it shall be lawful, within forty days thereafter, to hold and make an election for directors in such manner as the by-laws of the company may prescribe, and the president and directors for the time being shall be continued in office, until such election takes place. And in the event of death, resignation or removal of any director from office, his place for the remainder of his term may be filled by the president and directors for the time being, in such manner as the by laws may prescribe.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the presidefit and directors shall have power to appoint a secretary and such other officers, agents and clerks as may to them appear proper, to fix their compensation and pay the same.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the capital stock shall be called in, and paid in such instalments and proportions, and at such times and place, as the president and directors for the time being may require and designate, who shall give fifteen days' notice thereof in two or more daily papers of the city of Washington. And if any stockholder, subscriber, their assignee or transferee, shall refuse or neglect to pay such proportion or instalment, at the time and place appointed, such stockholder, subscriber, transferee, or assignee shall, at the option of the president and directors, forfeit to the use of the company all his, her or their right, title, and interest in and to every share on which such instalment has not been duly made; and fresh subscriptions may be opened for the same, in such manner

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as the by-laws may prescribe, or the president and directors may, at their option, commence suit for the same and recover against the holder of said stock for the amount of the instalment or proportion so unpaid: *Provided,* That no stockholder or subscriber shall be permitted to vote at any election for directors, or at any general or special meeting of the company, on whose shares any instalments or arrearages may be due more than fifteen days previous thereto.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the president and directors for the time being, shall have power to ordain, establish and put in execution such rules, regulations, ordinances, and by-laws as they may deem essential for the well government of the institution, not contrary to the laws and Constitution of the United States, or of this act, and generally to do and perform all acts, matters and things which a corporation may or can lawfully do.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the president and directors are hereby empowered and fully authorized, on behalf of the company, to make insurance against losses by fire on any house, building, tenement, manufactories, mills, or other buildings; on goods, wares, chattels, and effects of all kinds therein, or otherwise; upon grain, produce, and implements, and upon vessels building on the stocks, in port or at moorings; and, generally, upon all and every sort and description of property, of whatever kind soever, on land or water; and to make, execute, perfect, and conclude so many contracts, bargains, agreements, policies, and other instruments as the nature of the case shall or may require; and all such instruments, bargains, contracts, policies, or agreements, shall be in print or writing, and shall be signed by the president and secretary, or such other persons as the managers may appoint for such purpose, and shall be under the seal of the company: *Provided,* That said president and directors may, at their option and discretion, make insurance on such terms and conditions as to them may appear equitable, reserving the premiums, or appropriating and returning such portions thereof to the insured, as may to them appear conducive to the interest of the company and the insured, in such manner and on such conditions as may appear to them just and proper.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the president and directors shall, on the third Monday in June of each and every year, divide so much of the profits of said company as to them may appear advisable, first deducting all expenses, and pay the same to the respective stockholders or their agents, duly empowered, in ten days thereafter: but the money received as premiums upon risks which remain outstanding and undetermined at the time of declaring such dividend, shall not be considered as any part of the profits; and, if the capital stock paid in shall be lessened by losses, no subsequent dividend shall be made or declared until a sum equal to said diminution shall have been added to the capital stock.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the stock of said company shall be transferred on the books of the company in such manner only as the by-laws of the company shall direct.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That nothing in this act shall be construed as making it perpetual, but Congress may at any time alter, amend, or repeal the same.

Approved, February 14, 1865.

AN ACT for the Relief of Collectors and Surveyors of the Customs in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases in which any collector or surveyor of the customs has paid or accepted for, or is charged with duties accruing under the joint resolution to increase temporarily the duties on imports," approved April twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and in which the Secretary of the Treasury shall be satisfied that the collection of the said duties was omitted by such collector or surveyor, for the reason that he was not informed of the passage of said resolution when said duties accrued, the said Secretary be, and hereby is, authorized, under such rules as he may prescribe, to remit or refund, as the case may require, such duties to such collector or surveyor.

Approved, February 14, 1865.

AN ACT to authorize the establishment of Ocean Mail Steamship Service between the United States and China.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to invite proposals, by public advertisement, for the period of sixty days, in one or more newspapers published in the cities of Washington, New York, Philadelphia, Boston and San Francisco, respectively, for mail-steamship service between the port of San Francisco, in the United States, and some port or ports in the Chinese Empire, touching at Honolulu, in the Sandwich Islands, and one or more ports in Japan, by means of a monthly line of first-class American sea-going steamships, to be of no less than three thousand tons burden each, and of sufficient number to perform twelve round trips per annum between said ports, and to contract with the lowest responsible bidder for said service for a term of not more than ten years, to commence from the day the first steamship of the proposed line shall depart from the port of San Francisco with the mails for China: *Provided,* That no bid shall be considered which shall amount to more than five hundred thousand dollars for the twelve round trips per annum, nor unless the same is from a citizen or citizens of the United States, and accompanied by an offer of good and sufficient sureties (also citizens of the United States) for the faithful performance of such contract.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any contract which the Postmaster-General may execute, under the authority of this act, shall go into effect on or before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, and shall, in addition to the usual stipulations of ocean mail-steamship contracts, provide that the steamships accepted for the service shall be constructed of the best material and after approved models, with all the modern improvements adapted to sea-going steamships of the first-class, and shall be subject to inspection and survey by an experienced naval constructor, to be detailed for that purpose by the Secretary of the Navy, whose report shall be made to the Postmaster-General. That the government of the United States shall be entitled to have transported, free of expense, on each and every steamer, a mail-agent, to take charge of and arrange the mail-matter, to whom suitable accommodations for that purpose shall be assigned. That, in case of failure from any cause to perform any of the regular monthly voyages stipulated for in the contract, a pro rata deduction shall be made from the compensation on account of such omitted voyage or voyages. That suitable fines and penalties may be imposed for delays and irregularities in the performance of the service, and that the Postmaster-General shall have the power to determine the contract at any time in case of its being underlet or assigned to any other party.

Approved, February 17, 1865.

AN ACT Supplementary to an Act approved July fourteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled "An Act to establish certain Post-Roads."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of Congress approved July fourteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled "An act to establish certain post-roads," shall be, and the same is hereby, so amended as to authorize the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, and the Jeffersonville Railroad Company (stockholders in the Louisville Bridge Company) to construct a railroad bridge over the Ohio River at the head of the falls of the Ohio, subject to all the provisions of said act: *Provided,* That the said bridge may be constructed at a height not less than fifty-six feet above low-water mark, and with three draws, sufficient to pass the largest boats navigating the Ohio River, one over the Indiana chute, one over the middle chute, and one over the canal: *Provided,* That the spans of said bridge shall not be less than two hundred and forty feet, except over the Indiana and middle chute and the canal: said bridge shall be constructed with draws of one hundred and fifty feet wide on each side of the pivot pier over the Indiana and middle chutes, and ninety feet wide over the canal: *And provided further,* That said bridge and draws shall be so constructed as not to interrupt the navigation of the Ohio River.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the bridge erected under the provisions of this act shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post-route.

Approved, February 17, 1865.

AN ACT to establish a Bridge across the Ohio River at Cincinnati, Ohio, a Post-Road.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the bridge across the Ohio River at Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, and at Covington, in the State of Kentucky, is hereby declared to be, when completed, in accordance with the laws of the States of Ohio and Kentucky, a lawful structure and post-road for the conveyance of the mails of the United States.

Approved, February 17, 1865.

AN ACT to provide for the Payment of the Value of certain Lands and Improvements of private Citizens, appropriated by the United States for Indian Reservations, in the Territory of Washington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of eighteen thousand six hundred and eleven dollars and sixty-two cents, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying for the lands and improvements of private citizens, taken and appropriated, by order of the Department of the Interior, for Indian reservations and uses in the Territory of Washington; and the claims herein provided to be paid shall be allowed and paid in such manner and upon such proofs of the value of the property as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Approved, February 23, 1865.

AN ACT to extinguish the Indian Title to Lands in the Territory of Utah suitable for agricultural and mineral Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to enter into treaties with the various tribes of Indians of Utah Territory, upon such terms as may be deemed just to said Indians and beneficial to the government of the United States: *Provided,* That such treaties shall provide for the absolute surrender to the United States, by said Indians, of their possessory right to all the agricultural and mineral lands in said Territory except such agricultural lands as by said treaties may be set apart for reservations for said Indians: *And provided, further,* That all such reservations shall be selected at points as remote as may be practicable from the present settlements in Utah Territory.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That in agreeing with said Indians upon the amounts to be paid to them under the provisions of the treaties to be negotiated in pursuance of this act, care shall be taken to obtain from the Indians, to the greatest possible extent, their consent to receive for such payments agricultural implements, stock, and other useful articles, rather than money.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That for the purpose of negotiating said treaties and carrying out the provisions of this act, making presents to said Indians, and defraying the necessary expenses incident to such negotiation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Approved, February 23, 1865.

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AN ACT to enlarge the Port of Entry and Delivery for the District of Philadelphia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the port of entry and delivery for the district of Philadelphia shall be bounded on the river Delaware by Frankford Creek, on the north, and Broad Street, on the south.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, February 20, 1865.

AN ACT to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to remove the United States Arsenal from the City of Saint Louis, and to provide for the Sale of the Lands on which the same is located."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An Act to remove the United States arsenal from the city of Saint Louis, and to provide for the sale of the lands on which the same is located," approved March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Approved, February 20, 1865.

AN ACT authorizing the President to appoint a Second Assistant Secretary of War.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for the term of one year from the passage of this act, an officer in the War Department, to be called the Assistant Secretary of War, whose salary shall be three thousand dollars per annum, payable in the same manner as that of the Secretary of War, who shall perform all such duties in the office of the Secretary of War, belonging to that Department, as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War, or as may be required by law.

Approved, February 20, 1865.

AN ACT to facilitate the Collection of certain Debts due the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases where debts are due from postmasters, mail-contractors, or other officers, agents, or employees of the Post-Office Department, who