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LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES

Passed at the First Session of the Forty-First Congress.

[Public Resolution—No. 3.]

A Resolution relative to consular fees.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three of chapter two hundred and thirty-three of the public acts of the Fortieth Congress, approved July twenty-nine, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, be and the same is hereby declared to take effect from and after January first, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven. And all fees which have been paid into the treasury in compliance with the provision of said section, and which would prior to said first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, have been returned as "consular receipts," shall be refunded out of the consular receipts.

Approved, March 26, 1869.

[Public Resolution—No. 4.]

A Resolution in relation to light-houses on the coast of Oregon.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the revenues of the Light-house Establishment of Oregon, and all other appropriations for light-houses on the coast of Oregon, shall be expended under the direction of the Legislature of the State, in the manner provided by the laws of said State.

Approved, March 26, 1869.

[Public Resolution—No. 5.]

A Resolution relative to a post road between Fort Tejon, Cal., and Tejon.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause a road to be opened between Fort Tejon, in California, and Tejon, in said State, for the benefit of the Indians of said Tejon Indian Reservation, and to accept the use of said road already in use, and that material and assistance may be furnished to said Indians, under the direction of said Secretary, for the purpose of opening said road: Provided, That no appropriation shall be necessary therefor.

Approved, April 6, 1869.

[Public Resolution—No. 6.]

A Resolution for the relief of settlers on the Osage lands in Kansas.

Whereas a treaty was made between the United States and the Osage tribe of Indians, on the twenty-ninth day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, ratified by the Senate of the United States on the twenty-first day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, and proclaimed by the President of the United States on the twenty-fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, by which said treaty the Osage tribe of Indians ceded to the United States certain lands in the State of Kansas, and whereas the said lands were surveyed and divided into farms and settled upon by said Indians, and whereas the said lands were sold by the United States without the consent of said Indians, and whereas said settlers have paid into the Treasury of the United States the purchase-money of said lands, and have made valuable improvements thereon, and have been dispossessed of said lands by the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, and are now homeless and destitute of means to procure other lands, and are suffering from their losses in the settlement of said Osage lands, and are in great distress therefor: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That said Secretary of the Interior be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be paid to said settlers, or their heirs or assignees, the purchase-money of said lands, with interest thereon at the rate of six per centum per annum, from the date of said sales to said settlers, deducting therefrom the amount of said purchase-money now in the Treasury of the United States, and the amount of said purchase-money and interest shall be a lien upon said lands, and said Secretary of the Interior shall cause said lands to be resurveyed and platted, and shall cause the same to be sold to said settlers, or their heirs or assignees, at the price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, in such quantities as he may deem proper, and shall issue patents therefor to the purchasers, and shall make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

Approved, April 6, 1869.

[Public Resolution—No. 7.]

A Resolution for the relief of Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Chambers.

Resolved 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 place the name of Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Chambers, late of the Fifteenth Regiment of Infantry, on the retired list of the army with the rank of colonel, upon the recommendation of a board of three officers of the army, to be appointed by the President, to be composed of officers who served with said officer during the war of the rebellion, and who are not his relatives, and who shall be of his rank or higher, if such can be obtained, and upon the production of such evidence of his disability as said board may deem sufficient: Provided, That no pay or allowances shall be accorded said officer for any time prior to the date of his retirement.

Approved, April 6, 1869.

[Public Resolution—No. 8.]

A Resolution for the relief of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Ewing, jun., and other officers.

Whereas the Senate and House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution for the relief of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Ewing, jun., and other officers, and the same has been vetoed by the President of the United States for the reason that the officers therein named are not in his opinion, entitled to the benefit of the act of Congress approved March twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, which he has carefully considered, and which he has vetoed for the reason that he does not consider the case of these officers as a meritorious one, and that he does not consider the action of the Senate and House of Representatives in passing the said act as a precedent for the relief of other officers who served in the rebellion against the United States, and who are not relatives of the President, and who are not entitled to the benefit of the said act of March twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and who do not present cases of hardship and suffering which in his opinion, entitle them to the relief contemplated by said act; and whereas the President has stated that he would be willing to place the name of any officer who served in the army of the United States during the war of the rebellion, who is not a relative of his, and who is not entitled to the benefit of said act of March twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, upon the retired list of the army with the rank of colonel, upon the recommendation of a board of three officers of the army, to be appointed by the President, to be composed of officers who served with said officer during the war of the rebellion, and who are not his relatives, and who shall be of his rank or higher, if such can be obtained, and upon the production of such evidence of his disability as said board may deem sufficient: Provided, That no pay or allowances shall be accorded said officer for any time prior to the date of his retirement: Therefore,

Resolved 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 place the name of any officer who served in the army of the United States during the war of the rebellion, who is not a relative of his, and who is not entitled to the benefit of said act of March twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, upon the retired list of the army with the rank of colonel, upon the recommendation of a board of three officers of the army, to be appointed by the President, to be composed of officers who served with said officer during the war of the rebellion, and who are not his relatives, and who shall be of his rank or higher, if such can be obtained, and upon the production of such evidence of his disability as said board may deem sufficient: Provided, That no pay or allowances shall be accorded said officer for any time prior to the date of his retirement.

Approved, April 6, 1869.

[Public—No. 9.]

An Act relating to freedmen's hospitals.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees and Freedmen is authorized and directed to continue the freedmen's hospitals at Richmond, Virginia; Vicksburg, Mississippi; and in the District of Columbia, including the asylum for aged and infirm freedmen and for orphan children: Provided, That the expense thereof shall be paid by the Commissioner out of moneys heretofore appropriated for the use of the bureau: And provided further, That said hospitals shall be discontinued as soon as may be practicable in the discretion of the President of the United States.

Approved, April 7, 1869.

[Public—No. 10.]

An Act making an appropriation for the improvement of rivers and harbors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869, and the year ending June 30, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two million dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and the fiscal year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy, to be expended for the repair, extension, preservation, and completion of works for the improvement of rivers and harbors under the direction of the Secretary of War: Provided, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to enter into contracts for the work herein and heretofore provided for, to the extent of the appropriations for the same, in advance of the beginning of the fiscal year for which the same are made: Provided, That no contract shall be made for the purchase of any land or easement, except for the necessary lands for the deposit of material for the improvement of the Mississippi river, and for the necessary lands for the deposit of material for the improvement of harbors: Provided further, That no appropriation shall be expended on any work not previously adopted by Congress, except surveys, examinations, and estimates for the same, and such other works as may be of a character so urgent as to require immediate action for the protection of life and property, and such other works as may be necessary to complete the improvements of rivers and harbors commenced under appropriations of previous years: Provided further, That no appropriation shall be expended on any river or harbor improvement except those for which a separate appropriation is made, except for the completion of works for which appropriations have been heretofore made, and except for surveys and estimates for works for which the legislature of the State in the interest of commerce has agreed to pay one-half the cost: Provided further, That no appropriation shall be expended on any work for which the legislature of the State in the interest of commerce has agreed to pay one-half the cost, until the Secretary of War shall report to Congress at the opening of its next session, all expenditures made under this and previous appropriations up to that time, in detail.

Approved, April 7, 1869.

[Public—No. 11.]

An Act [illegible] the legislature of New Mexico to impose a license tax on house-peddlers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of the legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, entitled "An act to license house-peddlers," approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, be and the same is hereby, so far as the same relates to the collection of a license tax from house-peddlers in the counties of Mora, Taos, and Rio Arriba, in said Territory, and to the application of said tax, repealed.

Approved, April 10, 1869.

[Public—No. 12.]

An Act [illegible] the Attorney-General.

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 entitled "An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine," approved March twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, as relates to the salary of the Attorney-General, be, and the same is hereby, repealed: Provided, That the salary of the Attorney-General shall be at the rate fixed by law for the next session of Congress, and for such succeeding session, the name of all the persons employed in the performance of duties in said office, and upon what basis compensated, with the compensation paid to each.

Approved, April 10, 1869.

[Public—No. 13.]

An Act regulating the sale of property of marshals 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 any person entitled to the right of redemption of property sold on execution issued on judgments in favor of the United States, shall have the right within twenty days after such sale, to redeem such property by paying to the marshal who shall have made such sale, the amount of his bid, with interest thereon at the rate of six per centum per annum, and the amount of the purchaser's bid, with interest thereon at the same rate, and the amount of any other lien or liens on said property held by said purchaser, with interest thereon at the same rate, and the amount of any other lien or liens on said property held by any other person than the