

July 8, 1886.

CHAP. 746.—An act referring to the Court of Claims the claims for property seized by General Johnston on the Utah expedition for examination and report.

Joseph C. Irwin
& Co.
C. A. Perry & Co.
to Court of Claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claims of Joseph C. Irwin and Company and C. A. Perry and Company, freighters, for property claimed to have been taken and impressed into the service of the United States in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, by orders of Colonel Albert Sidney Johnston, in command of the Utah expedition, as well as for property alleged to have been sold to the Government, be, and the same are hereby, referred, with all the papers relating thereto, to the Court of Claims, for adjudication, according to law, on the proofs heretofore presented and such other proofs as may be adduced, and report the same to Congress

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CHAP. 747.—An act to authorize the purchase of a certain tract of land near San Antonio, Texas, and to provide for the sale of the old site of Fort Brady, Michigan, and for a new site and the construction of suitable buildings thereon.

San Antonio,
Texas.
Secretary of War
to purchase tract
of land near.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and is, authorized and directed to purchase and to acquire a valid title to, for the United States, a certain tract of land lying in the county of Bexar, in the State of Texas, near the city of San Antonio, consisting of three hundred and ten acres, more or less, and being the same now held by the United States for a drill-ground under a rental contract with John H. Kampmann, and dated July first, eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

Appropriation

SEC. 2. That in order to make said purchase and to acquire said title the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, upon the order of the Secretary of War, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars, which is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of purchasing and acquiring a valid title to said tract of land.

Fort Brady mili-
tary reservation,
Michigan, to be
sold: exception.

Property to be
platted and sold in
lots.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to sell the military reservation known as Fort Brady, in the village of Sault Sainte Marie, in the State of Michigan, except that portion lying north of Water street extended, which shall be reserved for canal and wharf purposes, and except the plat of ground now occupied as a military cemetery, which shall also be reserved. In disposing of said property the Secretary of War shall cause the grounds to be platted in blocks, streets, and alleys, corresponding as near as may be with the plat of the village of Sault Sainte Marie, and in lots not exceeding one-quarter of an acre in each, unless with due reference to the requirements of the houses and buildings now located on said grounds. The Secretary of War shall also cause the lots to be appraised and sold at public or private sale, at not less than the appraised value, having first been offered at public sale. The expense of advertising, appraisement, survey, and sale shall be paid out of the proceeds of said sale, and the balance paid into the Treasury of the United States.

Expenses.
Proceeds.

Secretary of War
to purchase
grounds in or near
Sault Ste. Marie,
Mich., and con-
struct military
post called Fort
Brady.

Appropriation.

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of War is also authorized to purchase grounds in or near the village of Sault Sainte Marie, suitable and sufficient for fortifications and for garrison purposes and construct thereon the necessary buildings, with appurtenances, sufficient for a four company military post, to be known as Fort Brady, in accordance with estimates to be prepared by the War Department; and a sufficient sum of money, not exceeding one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of War to comply with the provisions of this act: *Provided*, That the title to lands authorized to be purchased under the fourth section of this act shall be approved by the Attorney-General.

Proviso.
Title.

SEC. 5. That in platting these grounds the Secretary of War, in his discretion, may reserve all that part of the reservation lying south of Portage street, to be set apart and kept by the municipal authorities of Sault Sainte Marie, as a public park for its citizens and the people of the United States.

Ground for public park may be reserved.

SEC. 6. That section three of this act shall not be of effect until the purchase of a new site, provided for in section four, shall have been effected.

New site to be purchased before sale of old.

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CHAP. 755.—An act relating to the licensing of vessels engaged in towing, to carry persons in addition to their crews.

July 9, 1886.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any steam-vessel engaged in the business of towing vessels, rafts, or water-craft of any kind, and not carrying passengers, may be authorized and licensed by the supervising inspector of the district in which said steamer shall be employed, to carry on board such number of persons, in addition to its crew, as the supervising inspector in his judgment, shall deem necessary to carry on the legitimate business of such towing steamers, not exceeding, however, one person to every net ton of measurement of said steamer: Provided, however, That the person so allowed to be carried shall not be carried for hire.

Steam tow-boats allowed to carry other persons than their crews; limitation.

R. S., sec. 4252, p. 820.

Proviso.
Not to charge therefor.

Life-preservers.

SEC. 2. That every steam-vessel licensed under the foregoing section shall carry and have on board, in accessible places, one life-preserver for every person allowed to be carried, in addition to those provided for the crew of such vessel.

SEC. 3. That steam-vessels of one hundred tons burden or under, engaged in the coastwise bays and harbors of the United States, may be licensed by the United States local inspectors of steam-vessels to carry passengers or excursions on the ocean or upon the Great Lakes of the North or Northwest, not exceeding fifteen miles from the mouth of such bays or harbors, without being required to have the three water-tight cross-bulkheads provided by section forty-four hundred and ninety of the Revised Statutes for other passenger steamers: *Provided, That in the judgment of the local inspector such steamers shall be safe and suitable for such navigation without danger to human life, and that they shall have one water-tight collision bulkhead not less than five feet abaft the stem of said steamer.*

Certain steam vessels may carry excursions, etc., without having bulkheads.

R. S., sec. 4490, p. 863.

Proviso.

Approved, July 9, 1886.

CHAP. 756.—An act to reimburse the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for losses incurred through the failure of the Exchange National Bank of Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes.

July 9, 1886.

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 and directed to pay, or cause to be paid, to the treasurer of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers the sum of twenty thousand two hundred and sixty-two dollars and forty-six cents, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be held and expended by him as originally intended and any dividends hereafter made in favor of the Home shall be paid to the United States and covered into the Treasury.

National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, reimbursed for losses incurred through failure of Exchange National Bank, Norfolk, Va.

SEC. 2. That from and after the passage of this act it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to require from the president and cashier of all banks used as depositories by the treasurer of the Home a deposit of bonds sufficient in amount to fully secure all moneys pertaining to said Home left on deposit with any such bank.

Depositories of Home funds to give bonds.

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