ferred by the provisions of the seventh and eighth sections of this act for trial of offences or misdemeanors.

Sec. 31. And be it further enacted, That all marriages in the presence of any consular officer in a foreign country, between persons who would be authorized to marry if residing in the District of Columbia, shall have the same force and effect, and shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as if the said marriage had been solemnized within the United States. And in all cases of marriage before any consular officer, the said consular officer shall give to each of the parties a certificate of such marriage, and shall also send a certificate thereof to the Department of State, there to be kept; which certificate shall specify the names of the parties, their ages, places of birth, and residence.

Sec. 32. And be it further enacted, That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Sec. 33. And be it further enacted, That this act shall take effect on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty.

Approved, June 22, 1860.

Chap. CLXXX.—An Act authorizing a Loan and providing for the Redemption of Treasury Notes.

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 hereby is, authorized, at any time within twelve months from the passage of this act, to borrow, on the credit of the United States, a sum not exceeding twenty-one millions of dollars, or so much thereof as, in his opinion, the exigencies of the public service may require, to be used in the redemption of Treasury notes now outstanding and to replace in the Treasury any amount of said notes which shall have been paid and received for public dues, and for no other purposes.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That stock shall be issued for the amount so borrowed, bearing interest, not exceeding six per centum per annum, and to be reimbursed within a period not beyond twenty years and not less than ten years; and the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby authorized, with the consent of the President, to cause certificates of stock to be prepared, which shall be signed by the Register, and sealed with the seal of the Treasury Department, for the amount so borrowed, in favor of the parties lending the same, their assigns, which certificates may be transferred on the books of the Treasury, under such regulations as may be established by the Secretary of the Treasury; Provided, That no certificate shall be issued for a less sum than one thousand dollars; And provided also, That, whenever required, the Secretary of the Treasury may cause coupons of semiannual interest payable thereon to be attached to certificates issued under this act; and any certificate with such coupons of interest attached may be assigned and transferred by delivery of the same, instead of being transferred on the books of the treasury.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That before awarding said loan, the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause to be inserted in two of the public newspapers of the city of Washington, and in one or more public newspapers in other cities of the United States, public notice that sealed proposals for such loan will be received until a certain day, to be specified in such notice, not less than thirty days from its first insertion in a Washington newspaper; and such notice shall state the amount of the loan, at what periods the money shall be paid, if by instalments, and at what places. Such sealed proposals shall be opened, on the day appointed in the notice, in the presence of such persons as may choose to attend, and the proposals decided by the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall accept the most favorable offered by responsible bidders for said stock. And the
said Secretary shall report to Congress, at the commencement of the next session, the amount of money borrowed under this act, and of whom and on what terms it shall have been obtained, with an abstract or brief statement of all the proposals submitted for the same, distinguishing between those accepted and those rejected, with a detailed statement of the expense of making such loans: And provided, That no stock shall be disposed of at less than its par value; and the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay for engraving and printing the certificates, and other expenses of executing this act; but no additional compensation shall be allowed to any person receiving a salary by law.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the faith of the United States is hereby pledged for the due payment of the interest and the redemption of the principal of said stock.

APPROVED, June 22, 1860.

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CHAP. CLXXXI.—An Act making Appropriations for the Naval Service for the Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

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 they are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one:

For pay of commission, warrant, and petty officers and seamen, including the engineer corps of the navy, four million five hundred and seventy-four thousand seven hundred and twenty-five dollars and ninety-seven cents.

For provisions for commission, warrant, and petty officers and seamen, including engineers and marines attached to vessels for sea-service, nine hundred and forty-one thousand seven hundred dollars.

For surgeons' necessaries and appliances for the sick and hurt of the navy, including the engineer and marine corps, thirty-five thousand six hundred dollars.

For the repair and equipment of vessels of the navy, one million five hundred and twenty-three thousand dollars: Provided, That not more than three thousand dollars shall be expended at any navy-yard in repairing the hull and spars of any vessel, until the necessity and expediency of such repair, and the probable cost thereof, be ascertained and reported to the Navy Department by an examining board, to be composed of one captain, or commander in the navy, to be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, the naval constructor of the yard where any vessel may be ordered for repairs, and two master workmen of such yard, or one master workman and an engineer of the navy, according to the nature of the repairs to be made; said master workmen and engineer to be designated by the head of the Bureau of Construction and Repairs; and not more than one thousand dollars shall be expended in repairs on the sails and rigging of any vessel until the expediency and necessity of such repairs, and the estimated cost thereof, have been ascertained and reported to the Navy Department by an examining board, to be composed of one naval officer, to be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, and the master rigger, and master sailmaker of the yard where such vessel may be ordered. Provided, That the Secretary of the Navy cause a careful examination to be made by naval officers, engineers, and constructors, into the condition of the sailing vessels of the navy, and the cost of giving them full steam power. Together with the expediency of making such change in view of the cost, condition, model, and general character of such vessels so altered; and that the report of such officers, together with the Secretary's views thereon, be communicated to Congress at its next session.