THIRTY-SIXTH CONGRESS. Sess. I. Ch. 5, 7, 8. 1860.

CHAP. V.—An Act to extend the Provisions of “An Act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim the Swamp Lands within their limits” to Minnesota and Oregon, and for other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the act of Congress entitled “An act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim the swamp lands’ within their limits,” approved September twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and fifty, be, and the same are hereby, extended to the States of Minnesota and Oregon: Provided, That the grant hereby made shall not include any lands which the government of the United States may have reserved, sold, or disposed of (in pursuance of any law heretofore enacted) prior to the confirmation of title to be made under the authority of the said act.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the selection to be made from lands already surveyed in each of the States including Minnesota and Oregon, under the authority of the act aforesaid, and of the act to aid the State of Louisiana in draining the swamp lands therein, approved March second, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, shall be made within two years from the adjournment of the legislature of each State at its next session after the date of this act; and, as to all lands hereafter to be surveyed, within two years from such adjournment, at the next session, after notice by the Secretary of the Interior to the governor of the State, that the surveys have been completed and confirmed.

APPROVED, March 12, 1860.

CHAP. VII.—An Act to repeal the third Section of an Act entitled “An Act to increase and regulate the Terms of the Circuit and District Courts for the Northern District of the State of New York,” approved July seventh, 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 third section of the act entitled “An act to increase and regulate the terms of the circuit and district courts for the northern district of the State of New York,” approved July seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

APPROVED, March 24, 1860.

CHAP. VIII.—An Act to amend an Act entitled “An Act to regulate the Carriage of Passengers in Steamships and other Vessels,” approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, for the better Protection of Female Passengers, and other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every master or other officer, seaman or other person employed on board of any ship or vessel of the United States, who shall, during the voyage of such ship or vessel under promise of marriage, or by threats, or by the exercise of his authority, or by solicitation, or the making of gifts or presents, seduce and have illicit connexion with any female passenger, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars: Provided, That the subsequent intermarriage of the parties seducing and seduced may be pleaded in bar of a conviction.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That neither the officers, seamen, or other persons employed on board of any ship or vessel bringing emigrant passengers to the United States, or any of them, shall visit or frequent any part of such ship or vessel assigned to emigrant passengers, except by the direction or permission of the master or commander of such ship or vessel first made or given for such purpose; and every officer, seaman, or other person employed on board of such ship or vessel, who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be deemed Seduction and illicit connection with female passenger on any vessel of the United States, how punished.

March 24, 1860.

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