March 12, 1872.

CHAP. XLVII. — An Act to provide for the Designation of a chief medical Purveyor.

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 to appoint by selection from the present assistant medical purveyors, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a chief medical purveyor of the army, to fill the vacancy now existing. Nothing herein shall be construed to increase the pay of the officers appointed to fill said vacancy.

APPROVED, March 12, 1872.

March 14, 1872.

CHAP. XLIIX. — An Act to authorize the Sale of public Property at Houlton, Maine.

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 he is hereby, authorized to sell and convey the land and building belonging to the United States at Houlton, Maine, known as Hancock barracks, if, in his opinion, it shall be for the interest of the government to sell the same, reserving to the county of Aroostook so much of said land as shall be necessary for the monuments thereon erected, by the consent of the War Department, to establish a meridian line, which land shall be granted to said county: Provided, That the land so granted shall not exceed in value the sum of five hundred dollars.

APPROVED, March 14, 1872.

March 16, 1872.

CHAP. LIV. — An Act authorizing the President of the United States to re-establish the Monroe Land District in the State of Louisiana.

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, if in his judgment the public interests would be subserved thereby, to re-establish the Monroe land district in the State of Louisiana, with the same boundaries that existed before the consolidation of said land district with the land district at New Orleans.

APPROVED, March 16, 1872.

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CHAP. LV. — An Act to continue in Force a Grant to the State of Nevada for College Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the grant made to the State of Nevada under section three of the act of July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled “An act concerning certain lands granted to the State of Nevada,” shall not cease by reason of the failure of the said State to provide at least one college, as required by the several acts of Congress as a condition of said grant, but the same shall continue in full force: Provided, That all the conditions of law be complied with prior to the tenth of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

APPROVED, March 16, 1872.

March 18, 1872.

CHAP. LVI. — An Act to restore the Records of the United States Courts in the northern District of Illinois.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in proceedings to restore
the records of the circuit and district courts of the northern district of Illinois, destroyed by fire on the ninth of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, under the act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act relating to records of the courts of the United States," the notice required by said act may be served upon any non-resident of said district anywhere within the jurisdiction of the United States, or in any foreign country, the proof of the service of such notice, if made in a foreign country, to be certified by a minister or consul of the United States in such country, under his official seal.

Sec. 2. That a certified copy of the official return of the district attorney, clerk of the circuit or district court, or the marshal of the northern district of Illinois, made in pursuance of law, and on file in the Department of Justice, relating to any cause in either of said courts to which the United States was a party, the record of which was destroyed in said fire, may be filed in the court to which it appertains, and shall have the same force and effect as if it were an original return made to said court; and in any case in which the names of the parties, and the date and amount of the judgment or decree shall appear from such returns, it shall be lawful for the court in which they are filed to issue the necessary process to enforce such decree or judgment in the same manner as if the original record was before said court.

Sec. 3. That it shall be the duty of the district attorney for the northern district of Illinois to take such steps as may be necessary to restore the records and files of the circuit and district courts of said district which were destroyed by fire on the ninth of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and in which the United States is interested, so far as the judges of said courts, respectively, shall deem it essential to the interests of the United States that said records and files be restored; and the judges of said courts, respectively, are authorized to direct such steps to be taken as, in their opinion, shall be deemed advisable to restore the judgment dockets and indices of said courts, and for that purpose, may direct the performance, by the clerks of said courts, and by the United States attorney for said district, of any duty incident thereto, and said clerks and said district attorney shall be allowed such compensation and disbursements for services rendered under this section (in cases where no compensation is now provided by law for such services) as may be allowed by the Attorney-General, and certified to be just and reasonable by the judge of the court in which said services are rendered, and the amount so allowed shall be paid out of the judiciary fund: Provided, however, That the sum allowed the clerks of said courts shall not exceed the sum of twelve thousand dollars, and the entire compensation of the United States attorney for such services shall not exceed the sum of six thousand dollars.

APPROVED, March 18, 1872.

CHAP. LVII. — An Act to amend Section thirty-five of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce internal Taxes, 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 privileges of an act entitled "An Act to reduce internal taxes, and for other purposes," approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, be, and are hereby extended to the port of Pittsburgh, in the State of Pennsylvania, with the same effect as if it had been inserted in the thirty-fifth section of said act.

APPROVED, March 18, 1872.

CHAP. LVIII. — An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for a Building suited to the Use of the Post-office, the Pension and Revenue Officers, and the judicial Officers of the United States, in the City of Trenton, New Jersey," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the entire cost of the build-