

of, with notice to the United States as terre tenant pro forma, and serve process upon any officer of the United States who shall have the superintendence of said canal, whose duty it shall be to notify the Attorney-General of the United States of such service; whereupon said Attorney-General shall enter an appearance in said case, and take all necessary steps to represent and defend the interests of the United States in such proceedings, so that the same may be conducted in the same manner and with the like effect as if the said Louisville and Portland Canal Company were still in existence as a corporation.

Approved, May 11, 1874.

**CHAP. 166.**—An act to authorize the Secretary of War to furnish copies of certain papers called for by resolution of the House. May 11, 1874.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to employ such number of temporary clerks as may be necessary to speedily copy and furnish to this House the papers heretofore called for in the matter of the trial of Captain Hurtt, by resolution of March tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses thereof.

Appropriation for copying papers relating to trial of Captain Hurtt.

Approved, May 11, 1874.

**CHAP. 168.**—An act to establish an assay-office at Helena, in the Territory of Montana. May 12, 1874.

*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 is hereby authorized and required to establish an assay-office at Helena, in the Territory of Montana, the said assay-office to be conducted under the provisions of the act entitled "An act revising and amending the laws relative to the mints, assay-offices, and coinage of the United States," approved February twelfth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three.

Assay-office at Helena, Montana. 1873, ch. 131, vol. xvii, p. 424.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be constructed a suitable building at Helena, in the Territory of Montana, for the purpose of said assay-office, and provide the same with the necessary fixtures and apparatus, at a cost not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Building to be constructed.

Limit of cost,

Approved, May 12, 1874.

**CHAP. 170.**—An act to enable the Secretary of War to carry out the act of April twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, entitled "An act to provide for the relief of the persons suffering from the overflow of the Mississippi River," and for other purposes. May 13, 1874.

Ante, ch. 125, p. 34.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That to enable the Secretary of War to carry out the provisions of the act approved April twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, entitled "An act to provide for the relief of the persons suffering from the overflow of the lower Mississippi River," the sum of ninety thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of purchasing supplies of food to be issued under his direction to any and all classes of destitute or helpless persons living

Appropriation for supplies to sufferers from overflow of lower Mississippi River.