

the said United States which may come into my possession or control; and I also further swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; so help me God.' And this oath or affirmation may be taken before any officer civil or military holding a commission under the United States, and such officer is hereby authorized to administer and certify such oath or affirmation."

Approved, March 5, 1874.

March 5, 1874. **CHAP. 47.**—An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to discontinue the use of the cutter "Relief" as a revenue cutter, and use said vessel for a boarding station in Mobile Bay.

Revenue cutter "Relief" to be used as a boarding station in Mobile Bay. *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 is hereby, authorized to discontinue the use of the "Relief" as a revenue cutter, and to station said vessel in Mobile Bay for use as a boarding station for the customs officers of the district of Mobile, under such rules, regulations, and conditions as the Secretary of the Treasury may from time to time prescribe.

Approved, March 5, 1874.

March 7, 1874. **CHAP. 50.**—An act making an appropriation to pay the operators of the Government telegraph connecting the Departments with the two houses of Congress.

Payment of telegraph operators at Capitol. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the sum of fourteen hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the two houses of Congress to pay the telegraph operators employed under the provisions of an act entitled "An act in relation to the lines of telegraph connecting the Capitol with the various Departments of the Government," approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four. And of the sum herein appropriated, seven hundred dollars shall be added to the contingent fund of the Senate, and seven hundred dollars shall be added to the contingent fund of the House, and the clerks of the respective houses shall pay the said operators in accordance with law: *Provided,* That said lines of telegraph shall be for the use only of Senators, Members of Congress, Judges of the United States courts, and officers of Congress and of the Executive Departments, and solely on public business.

Ante, ch. 22, p. 14.

Use of telegraph restricted.

Approved, March 7, 1874.

March 7, 1874. **CHAP. 51.**—An act extending the time for the completion of the Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan Ship-Canal, in the State of Wisconsin.

Green Bay, &c., Ship-Canal. Time for completion extended. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the time for the completion of the Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan Ship-Canal be, and the same is hereby, extended to the tenth day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Approved, March 7, 1874.