

CHAP. 57.—An act to provide for the issuing and recording of commissions to postmasters appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. March 18, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That hereafter the commissions of all postmasters appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall be made out and recorded in the Post Office Department, and shall be under the seal of said Department, and countersigned by the Postmaster General, any laws to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided,* That the said seal shall not be affixed to any such commission until after the same shall have been signed by the President of the United States.

Commissions of postmasters appointed by the President, where to be made out and recorded. To be countersigned by the Postmaster-General. Seal.

Approved, March 18, 1874.

CHAP. 58.—An act making an appropriation for a topographical survey of the Capitol grounds and plans for improving the same. March 21, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of three thousand 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, to be expended under the direction of the Committees on Public Buildings and Grounds of the Senate and House of Representatives in procuring a topographical survey of the Capitol grounds and the employment of Fred Law Olmstead, of New York, in furnishing plans for laying out, improving and enclosing the same.

Appropriation for survey and plan of improvement of Capitol grounds.

Approved, March 21, 1874.

CHAP. 61.—An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to change the name of the propeller "Wm. M. Tweed," of Buffalo. March 23, 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 be, and hereby is, authorized to change the name of the propeller "Wm. M. Tweed," of Buffalo, owned by the Union Steamboat Company, a corporation of the State of New York, to "Newburgh," and to grant said vessel proper marine papers in said name.

Name of propeller "Wm. M. Tweed" changed to "Newburgh."

Approved, March 23, 1874.

CHAP. 62.—An act to authorize the President to accept for citizens of the United States the jurisdiction of certain tribunals in the Ottoman dominions, and Egypt, established, or to be established, under the authority of the Sublime Porte, and of the government of Egypt. March 23, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That whenever the President of the United States shall receive satisfactory information that the Ottoman government, or that of Egypt, has organized other tribunals on a basis likely to secure to citizens of the United States, in their dominions, the same impartial justice which they now enjoy there under the judicial functions exercised by the minister, consuls, and other functionaries of the United States, pursuant to the act of Congress approved the twenty-second of June, eighteen hundred and sixty, entitled "An act to carry into effect provisions of the treaties between the United States, China, Persia, and other countries, giving certain judicial powers to ministers and consuls, or other functionaries of the United States in those countries, and for other purposes," he is hereby authorized to suspend the operations of said acts as to the dominions

President authorized to accept jurisdiction of certain tribunals when organized in Ottoman dominions and Egypt, and to suspend consular courts. 1860, ch. 179, vol. xii, p. 72.

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in which such tribunals may be organized, so far as the jurisdiction of said tribunals may embrace matters now cognizable by the minister, consuls, or other functionaries of the United States in said dominions, and to notify the government of the Sublime Porte, or that of Egypt, or either of them, that the United States, during such suspension will, as aforesaid accept for their citizens the jurisdiction of the tribunals aforesaid over citizens of the United States which has heretofore been exercised by the minister, consuls, or other functionaries of the United States.

Certain law of the Ottoman Porte accepted.

SEC. 2. That the President is hereby authorized for the benefit of American citizens residing in the Turkish dominions, to accept the recent law of the Ottoman Porte ceding the right of foreigners possessing immovable property in said dominions.

Approved, March 23, 1874.

March 24, 1874.

CHAP. 64.—An act to amend the act entitled "An act to prevent the extermination of fur-bearing animals in Alaska," approved July first, eighteen hundred and seventy.

1870, ch. 189, § 1, vol. xvi, p. 180.

Regulations for taking fur-seals on islands of Saint Paul and Saint George.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act to prevent the extermination of fur-bearing animals in Alaska," approved July first, eighteen hundred and seventy, is hereby amended so as to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, and he is hereby authorized, to designate the months in which fur-seals may be taken for their skins on the islands of Saint Paul and Saint George, in Alaska, and in the waters adjacent thereto, and the number to be taken on or about each island respectively.

Number from each island.

Approved, March 24, 1874.

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CHAP. 65.—An act to establish bonded warehouses for the storing and cleansing of rice intended for exportation.

Bonded warehouses for storing and cleansing imported rice.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act importers' bonded warehouses, to be used for the storage and cleansing of imported rice intended for exportation to foreign countries, may be established at any port of entry in the United States, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

Approved, March 24, 1874.

March 26, 1874.

CHAP. 69.—An act making an appropriation to defray the expenses of the Joint Select Committee to Inquire into the Affairs of the District of Columbia.

Appropriation for expenses of Joint Select Committee on the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of ten thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Joint Select Committee to Inquire into the Affairs of the District of Columbia; and that sum shall be drawn from the Treasury, upon the order of the Secretary of the Senate, as the same shall be required; and any portion of the amount hereby appropriated that shall be allowed by the said joint committee to witnesses attending before it or persons employed in its service, for per diem, traveling, or other necessary expenses, and paid by the Secretary of the Senate, in pursuance of the orders of said joint committee shall be accordingly credited and allowed by the accounting officers of the Treasury Department.

Approved, March 26, 1874.