

hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry out the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. That this act shall expire on the first day of September, eighteen hundred and seventy-five. Expiration of act.

Approved, February 10, 1875.

CHAP. 41.—An act to amend section two thousand three hundred and twenty-four of the revised statutes, relating to the development of the mining-resources of the United States. Feb. 11, 1875.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section two thousand three hundred and twenty-four of the revised statutes, be, and the same is hereby, amended so that where a person or company has or may run a tunnel for the purposes of developing a lode or lodes, owned by said person or company, the money so expended in said tunnel shall be taken and considered as expended on said lode or lodes, whether located prior to or since the passage of said act; and such person or company shall not be required to perform work on the surface of said lode or lodes in order to hold the same as required by said act. Amending, R. S., 2324. p. 428.

Moneys expended on tunnels to be deemed expended on lode.

Approved, February 11, 1875.

CHAP. 76.—An act to amend the act entitled "An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and for other purposes," approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four. Feb. 15, 1875.

*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 making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and for other purposes," approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding to the clause of said act relating to the engraving and printing of the plates illustrating the report of the geographical and geological explorations and surveys west of the one hundredth meridian the following words: and "that two thousand copies of the report shall be printed by the Congressional Printer," after substituting the word "dollars" in lieu of the concluding word of said clause. Amending, 1874. c. 455; ante, p. 224.

Approved, February 15, 1875.

CHAP. 77.—An act to facilitate the disposition of cases in the Supreme Court of the United States, and for other purposes. Feb. 16, 1875.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the circuit courts of the United States, in deciding causes of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction on the instance-side of the court, shall find the facts and the conclusions of law upon which it renders its judgments or decrees, and shall state the facts and conclusions of law separately. And in finding the facts, as before provided, said court may, upon the consent of the parties who shall have appeared and put any matter of fact in issue, and subject to such general rules in the premises as shall be made and provided from time to time, impanel a jury of not less than five and not more than twelve persons, to whom shall be submitted the issues of fact in such cause, under the direction of the court, as in cases at common law. And the finding of such jury, unless set aside for lawful cause, shall be entered of record, and stand as the finding of the court, upon which judgment shall be entered according to law. The review of the judgments and decrees entered upon such findings by the Supreme Court, upon appeal, shall be limited to a determination of the questions Separate finding of facts and conclusions of law, in admiralty cases in circuit court.

Jury impaneled by consent.

Finding of jury.

Review by Supreme Court; how limited.

of law arising upon the record, and to such rulings of the circuit court, excepted to at the time, as may be presented by a bill of exceptions, prepared as in actions at law.

Jury in patent cases heard in equity by circuit court.

SEC. 2. That said courts, when sitting in equity for the trial of patent causes, may impanel a jury of not less than five and not more than twelve persons, subject to such general rules in the premises as may, from time to time, be made by the Supreme Court, and submit to them such questions of fact arising in such cause as such circuit court shall deem expedient; and the verdict of such jury shall be treated and proceeded upon in the same manner and with the same effect as in the case of issues sent from chancery to a court of law and returned with such findings.

Value of matter in dispute, necessary for review in Supreme Court.

SEC. 3. That whenever, by the laws now in force, it is required that the matter in dispute shall exceed the sum or value of two thousand dollars, exclusive of costs, in order that the judgments and decrees of the circuit courts of the United States may be re-examined in the Supreme Court, such judgments and decrees hereafter rendered shall not be re-examined in the Supreme Court unless the matter in dispute shall exceed the sum or value of five thousand dollars, exclusive of costs.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 4. That this act shall take effect on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Approved, February 16, 1875.

Feb. 17, 1875.

CHAP. 78.—An act to make an appropriation to the contingent fund of the House of Representatives.

Appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty thousand dollars; the same to be added to the contingent fund of the House of Representatives.*

Contingent fund of House of Representatives.

Approved, February 17, 1875.

Feb. 18, 1875.

CHAP. 80.—An act to correct errors and to supply omissions in the Revised Statutes of the United States.

Amendment of Revised Statutes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of correcting errors and supplying omissions in the act entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the statutes of the United States in force on the first day of December, anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three," so as to make the same truly express such laws, the following amendments are hereby made therein:*

R. S., 65, p. 13.

Section sixty-five is amended by striking out the whole section and inserting the following: "The Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives shall annually advertise, once a week for at least four weeks, in one or more of the principal papers published in the District of Columbia, for sealed proposals for supplying the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, during the next session of Congress with the necessary stationery."

R. S., 67, p. 13.

Section sixty-seven is amended by striking out the whole section and inserting the following: "All such proposals shall be kept sealed until the day specified in such advertisement for opening the same, when the same shall be opened in the presence of at least two persons, and the contract shall be given to the lowest bidder, provided he shall give satisfactory security to perform the same, under a forfeiture not exceeding double the contract price in case of failure; and in case the lowest bidder shall fail to enter into such contract and give such security, within a time to be fixed in such advertisement, then the contract shall be given to the next lowest bidder, who shall enter into such contract,