

February 13, 1890.

CHAP. 12.—An act to provide an American register for the steamer Jamaica, of New York.

"Jamaica." American register granted to foreign-built steamer "Vertumnus," and name changed.

Inspection, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Navigation is hereby authorized and directed to cause the foreign-built steamer Vertumnus, owned at the port of New York, State of New York, by Gerhard Wessels, an American citizen, and rebuilt by him at Brooklyn, New York, to be registered as a vessel of the United States under the name of Jamaica.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to authorize and direct the inspection of said steam-vessel, steam-boiler, steam-pipes, and the appurtenances of said boiler, and cause to be granted the proper and usual certificate issued to steam-vessels of the merchant marine, without reference to the fact that said steam-boiler, steam-pipes, and appurtenances were not constructed pursuant to the laws of the United States, and were not constructed of iron stamped pursuant to said laws; and the tests to be applied on the inspection of said boiler, steam-pipes, and appurtenances will be the same in all respects as to strength and safety as are required in the inspection of boilers constructed in the United States for marine purposes, save that the fact that said boiler, steam-pipes, and appurtenances not being constructed pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the United States, and are of unstamped iron, shall not be an obstacle to the granting of the usual certificate if said boiler, steam-pipes, and appurtenances are found to be of sufficient strength and safety.

Approved, February 13, 1890.

February 18, 1890.

CHAP. 13.—An act to modify existing laws relating to duties on imports and the collection of the revenue.

Hat trimmings.

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Amended.

Import duty on hat materials modified.

Laces and trimmings omitted.

Repeal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on and after the passage and approval of this act the following amendments to, and provision for, existing laws shall take effect, as follows:

Section six of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, entitled "An act to reduce internal-revenue taxation, and for other purposes," providing a substitute for title thirty-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States, is hereby amended as to the following section or part of section or schedule in such substituted title as follows:

Section 2502, Schedule N, strike out the clause of this schedule commencing with the words "hats, and so forth, materials for," and insert in lieu thereof the following: Braids, plaits, flats, willow sheets, and squares fit only for use in making or ornamenting hats, bonnets, and hoods, composed of straw, chip, grass, palmleaf, willow, hair, whalebone, or any vegetable material, not specially enumerated or provided for twenty per centum ad valorem.

SEC. 2. All laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved, February 18, 1890.

February 19, 1890.

CHAP. 14.—An act to constitute Albany, New York, a port of immediate transportation.

Albany, N. Y.
Immediate transportation privileges extended to.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the privileges of the seventh section of the act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An act to amend the statutes in relation

to immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes," be, and the same are hereby, extended to the port of Albany, New York.

Approved, February 19, 1890.

CHAP. 15.—An act for the relief of the sufferers by the wreck of the United States steamers Trenton and Vandalia, and the stranding of the United States steamer Nipsic, at Apia, Samoan Islands.

February 19, 1890.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, to reimburse the survivors of the officers and crews of the United States steamers Trenton and Vandalia, wrecked in the harbor of Apia, Samoan Islands, on the sixteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and the survivors of the officers and crew of the United States steamer Nipsic, stranded at the same time and place, for losses incurred by them, respectively, in the wreck and stranding of said vessels, there shall be paid to each of said survivors, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to the losses so incurred by them: *Provided,* That the accounting officers of the Treasury shall, in all cases, require a schedule and certificate from each person making a claim under this act: *Provided further,* That, in no case, shall the aggregate sum allowed as compensation for such losses exceed the amount of twelve months' sea pay of the grade or rating held by such person at the time such losses were incurred.

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Losses re-imbursed.

Provisos.
Schedules.

Not to exceed twelve months' pay.

SEC. 2. That the widow, child, or children, and, in case there be not such, that the parent or parents, and if there be no parents, the brothers and sisters, of the officers, enlisted men, and others in the service who were lost in the wreck of the said steamers Trenton and Vandalia and by the stranding of the said steamer Nipsic, or who died in consequence of the hardship and exposure to which they were thereby subjected, shall be entitled to and shall receive, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, as follows, to wit: The relatives in the order named of the persons connected with the vessels hereinbefore referred to, a sum equal to twelve months' sea pay of the grade or rating of each person deceased as aforesaid: *Provided,* That the legal representatives of the deceased persons hereinbefore referred to shall also be paid from the Treasury of the United States any arrears of pay due the said deceased at the time of their death; *And Provided further,* That the provisions of this section shall apply to the relatives, in the order named of Chief Engineer George W. Hall and Lieutenant Frank R. Heath, who were on board said steamers Nipsic and Vandalia, respectively, at the time of the stranding and wreck of said vessels, and have since died.

Payment to heirs of deceased.

Provisos.

Arrearages.

George W. Hall.
Frank R. Heath.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized, at such time as in his discretion may be proper, to cause the remains of the officers and others who perished by the wreck of the United States steamers Trenton and Vandalia and the stranding of the United States steamer Nipsic, at Apia, Samoan Islands, on the sixteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, or who died in consequence of the hardship and exposure to which they were thereby subjected and have been buried at the Samoan Islands, to be removed to the United States and buried in the Naval Cemetery at Mare Island, California: *Provided,* That the relatives of any such deceased officers and others, and of Chief Engineer George W. Hall and Lieutenant Frank R. Heath, who were on board said steamers Nipsic and Vandalia, respectively, at the time of the stranding and wreck of said vessels, and have since died, who prefer that the

Removal of remains to Mare Island Naval Cemetery, Cal.

Provisos.