

of the twenty-seventh of May, eighteen hundred and forty, any thing designating a particular spot contained in the act of fourteenth of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Act of July 14,
1832, ch. 224.

APPROVED, September 9, 1841.

CHAP. XIX. — *An Act authorizing the transmission of letters and packets to and from Mrs. Harrison, free of postage.*

STATUTE I.
Sept. 9, 1841.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all letters and packets, carried by post to and from Mrs. Harrison, relict of the late William Henry Harrison, be conveyed free of postage during her natural life.

Franking privilege granted to Mrs. Harrison. Act of March 3, 1845, ch. 43, sec. 23.

APPROVED, September 9, 1841.

CHAP. XX. — *An Act to make appropriations for the Post Office Department.*

STATUTE I.
Sept. 9, 1841.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of four hundred and ninety-seven thousand, six hundred and fifty-seven dollars, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Post Office Department to meet its engagements and pay its debts, and of which sum fifteen thousand dollars are hereby appropriated to enable the Auditor of said Department to purchase account-books for his office, and to bring up arrears of its business: *Provided,* That in virtue hereof no clerk shall be employed for a longer period than one year; to be accounted for in the manner prescribed in the second section of the "Act to change the organization of the Post Office Department, and to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts thereof," passed July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six: *Provided,* That the money hereby appropriated shall be accounted for by the Post Office Department hereafter, when the condition of its funds shall permit; to be refunded into the Treasury, or deducted from any sums which the Post Office Department may heretofore have paid into the Treasury.

[Obsolete.]
Appropriation to pay debts, &c.

Proviso.

1836, ch. 270.

Proviso.

APPROVED, September 9, 1841.

CHAP. XXI. — *An Act making an appropriation for the purchase of naval ordnance and ordnance stores, and for other purposes.*

STATUTE I.
Sept. 11, 1841.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of six hundred thousand dollars be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of purchasing ordnance and ordnance stores, for the use of the Navy of the United States.

[Obsolete.]

Appropriation to purchase ordnance and ordnance stores.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to apply a part of the sum herein and hereby appropriated, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, to the purpose of making experiments to test the value of improvements in ordnance, in the construction of steamers, and other vessels of war, and in other matters connected with the naval service and the national defence; and also to the purpose of defraying any charges left unpaid on account of experiments of the like character heretofore made by authority of law.

Sec. Navy to make certain experiments.

APPROVED, September 11, 1841.

CHAP. XXII. — *An Act making appropriations for outfits and salaries of diplomatic agents, and for other purposes.*

STATUTE I.
Sept. 11, 1841.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be,

and the same are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, viz :

Outfits of ministers and charges d'affaires.

For outfits of ministers to Russia, Spain, Mexico, and Brazil, and of charges d'affaires to Portugal, Denmark, Sardinia, Naples, Chili, and Texas, sixty-three thousand dollars.

Salaries of ministers.

For salaries of ministers to Spain and Brazil, for the residue of the current year, eight thousand dollars.

Secretaries of legation.

For salaries of the secretaries of legation to the same places, one thousand eight hundred dollars.

Extra pay to officers of Congress, &c.

Also, so much as may be necessary to pay, for compensation, to the clerks and other officers in the service of the two Houses, the librarian and assistant librarians of Congress, the gate-keeper and lamp-lighter, for the services rendered by them during the present extra session, three months' additional pay; and to the messengers, assistant messengers, pages and laborers of the two Houses and Library of Congress, and to the hostler of the House of Representatives, the usual allowances made at the close of each session; and to each of the police of the Capitol, the same as to the messengers, to be paid under the direction of the Committee on the Contingent Fund of each House: And the regular pay of the messenger of the office of the Secretary of the Senate, and office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be equal to the pay of any other permanent messenger employed in the Capitol.

Regular pay of messenger, off. Sec. of Senate, and off. Clerk House of Reps. Catalogue of Library of Congress.

Also, a sum not exceeding two hundred and seventy-three dollars, for completing the contract for printing and binding the catalogue of the library.

APPROVED, September 11, 1841.

STATUTE I.

Sept. 11, 1841.

CHAP. XXIII.—*An Act to provide for repairing the Potomac Bridge.*

[Obsolete.]
Appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of fifteen thousand eight hundred and six dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated and unexpended, for the repair of the Potomac bridge in the District of Columbia, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

How to be expended.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said sums shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, in the following manner, to wit: He shall designate some competent officer of the Engineer corps to draw plans and make specifications of the work to be performed, and estimates of the cost or value thereof, which shall not exceed the sum of forty-five thousand eight hundred and six dollars; the officer thus selected, shall lay his plans, specifications, and estimates before the Secretary of War for his approval, and the said Secretary shall thereupon cause the work to be constructed upon the plan most approved by him, under the immediate superintendence of some competent officer of either Engineer corps, who shall make all necessary contracts for materials and labor, and cause the work to be constructed in the best and most substantial manner within the estimates and according to the plan approved by the Secretary of War, and under the orders and general direction of said Secretary, who will, from time to time, cause such advances of the amounts for this object appropriated as he may deem necessary and proper.

Mineralizing of the timbers authorized. Appropriation therefor.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the timbers, or such of them as the superintending engineer may think fit, shall be mineralized, and a sum not exceeding three and a half cents per cubic foot is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expense and cost thereof, the proper amount to be paid on the requisition of the Secretary of War, founded on the estimate of the superintendent.

APPROVED, September 11, 1841.