distinguishing between those accepted and those rejected, with a detailed statement of the expense of making such loans.

Approved, March 31, 1848.

CHAP. XXVIII.—An Act to change the Location of certain Lighthouses and Buoys.

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 is hereby authorized and directed to change the location of the following named lighthouses, directed to be built by the act of the last session, to wit: From Telless Point, on the Hudson River, to Tarrytown Point, on said river; from Galveston Island to Bolivar Point; from Long Island, in Savannah River, to the knoll connected with Cockspur Island, in the said river; and that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to substitute a dumb beacon, instead of a lighthouse, if he shall deem it best for the public interest, from Santee River to the outer point of Bull's Island, at the entrance of Bull's Bay; and that the buoy authorized by the said act to be placed at the entrance of Bull's Bay, shall be placed at such point as the collector of the port of Charleston, South Carolina, shall direct.

Approved, April 8, 1848.

CHAP. XXXII.—An Act relating to the Collection District of New Orleans, and for other Purposes.

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, the city of Lafayette in the State of Louisiana, shall be added to and included in the port of entry of New Orleans; and that the office of surveyor for the city of Lafayette be and is hereby abolished.

Approved, April 14, 1848.

CHAP. XXXV.—An Act authorizing a Term of the United States Circuit and District Courts at Chicago, Illinois.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a term of the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the State of Illinois shall hereafter be held at the city of Chicago, on the first Monday of July in each year.

Approved, May 9, 1848.

CHAP. XXXVI.—An Act in addition to an Act therein mentioned.

WHEREAS, by a certain act approved March second, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, there was granted to the State of Indiana, to aid in constructing the Wabash and Erie Canal, “a quantity of land equal to one half of five sections wide on each side of said canal;” and whereas, by an act approved February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and forty-one, there was confirmed to said State the lands selected under said grant for that part of said canal, between the mouth of Tippecanoe River and Terre Haute, and license was given to said State to select other lands subject to private entry, or such part of said selection as was holden against the State by the legal incumbrance or title of others, which last selections have never been made and completed: Therefore,
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the State of Indiana be, and is hereby, authorized to select out of any of the public land in said State subject to private entry, a quantity of land which, together with the land already received and holden by said State for the construction of the said Wabash and Erie Canal, will make the full amount equal to one half of five sections in width on each side of said canal: Provided, nevertheless, That no selection shall be made of any land but such as was subject to private entry on the first day of April, anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

Approved, May 9, 1848.

May 9, 1848. CHAP. XL. — An Act to make Ship Island, in the Collection District of Pearl River, a Port of Delivery, and to authorize the Appointment of a Deputy Collector for said Port.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Ship Island, in the collection district of Pearl River, in the State of Mississippi, is hereby made a port of delivery, and that the President of the United States be authorized, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a deputy collector to reside at said port of Ship Island, who is hereby authorized to perform the duties of a collector of the customs, and who shall, before he enters on the duties of his office, take and subscribe the oath contained in, and in the manner prescribed by, the seventh section of the act of the third March, eighteen hundred and seventeen, entitled, "An Act to continue in force an act entitled, 'An Act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' &c., and who shall give a bond for the true and faithful discharge of his duties in the same manner as collectors, naval officers, and surveyors are required to give bonds under existing laws; and the compensation of the aforesaid deputy collector shall be the fees established by law for the services he may perform, and no more.

Approved, May 9, 1848.

May 17, 1848. CHAP. XLI. — An Act to provide for the Ventilation of Passenger Vessels, and for other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all vessels, whether of the United States or any other country, having sufficient capacity according to law for fifty or more passengers, (other than cabin passengers,) shall, when employed in transporting such passengers between the United States and Europe, have on the upper deck, a house over the passage-way leading to the apartment allotted to such passengers below deck, firmly secured to the deck, or combings of the hatch, with two doors, the sills of which shall be at least one foot above the deck, so constructed that one door or window in such house may, at all times, be left open for ventilation; and all vessels so employed, and having the capacity to carry one hundred and fifty such passengers, or more, shall have two such houses; and the stairs or ladder leading down to the aforesaid apartment shall be furnished with a hand-rail of wood or strong rope: Provided, nevertheless, Booby hatches may be substituted for such houses in vessels having three permanent decks.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That every such vessel so employed, and having the legal capacity for more than one hundred such passengers, shall have at least two ventilators to purify the apartment.