

with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, of such stores as may be required for custom-house purposes at any of the smaller revenue ports of the United States: *Provided*, That no collector or other officer of the customs shall enter into any contract or agreement for the use of any building to be thereafter erected as a public store or warehouse, and no lease of any building to be so used shall be taken for a longer period than three years, nor shall rent be paid, in whole or in part, in any case, in advance.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized, upon production of satisfactory proof to him of the actual injury or destruction, in whole or in part, of any goods, wares, or merchandise; by accidental fire, or other casualty, while the same remained in the custody of the officers of the customs in any public or private warehouse under bond, or in the appraisers' stores undergoing appraisal, in pursuance of law or regulations of the Treasury Department, or while in transportation under bond from the port of entry to any other port in the United States, to abate or refund, as the case may be, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amount of impost duties paid or accruing thereupon; and likewise to cancel any warehouse bond or bonds, or enter satisfaction thereon in whole or in part, as the case may be.

Provision for the case of fire or other casualty while goods are in bond or being transferred.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized from time to time to establish such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States, for the due execution of this act, as he may deem to be expedient and necessary; and all acts and parts of acts conflicting with this act are hereby repealed.

Secretary of the Treasury may make rules, &c., to carry out this act.

APPROVED, March 28, 1854.

CHAP. XXXII. — *An Act to authorize the Construction of Six first-class Steam-frigates, and for other purposes.*

April 6, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be constructed for the United States navy, at as early a day as practicable, consistently with a due regard for economy and efficiency, six first-class steam-frigates, to be provided with screw-propellers, and properly armed and equipped for service; said vessels and machinery to be built by contract, or in the government navy-yards, as the Secretary of the Navy may think most advisable for the public interest.

Six first-class steam-frigates to be built in navy-yards or by contract.

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SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That there be, and is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, for the purpose above specified, and for altering, completing, and launching the frigates Santee, at Kittery, and Sabine, at New York, the sum of three millions of dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

\$3,000,000 appropriated for the above purpose and for repairing, &c., the Santee and Sabine.

APPROVED, April 6, 1854.

CHAP. XXXIII. — *An Act for the Benefit of Citizens and Occupants of the Town of Council Bluffs, in Iowa.*

April 6, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the judge of the county court, as such, for the county of Pottawattomie, in the State of Iowa, be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter at the proper land office, by paying therefor, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents the acre, the west half of the southwest quarter of section thirty, the west half of the northwest quarter of section thirty-one, in township number seventy-five, north of range forty-three west; the southeast quarter and the east half

County judge of Pottawattomie, Iowa, to enter certain lands.

of the southwest quarter of section twenty-five, and the northeast quarter and the east half of the northwest quarter of section thirty-six, in township seventy-five, north of range forty-four west, in said State of Iowa, in trust for the several use and benefit of the occupants thereof, according to their respective interests; the execution of which trust, as to the disposal of said land and the proceeds of the sales thereof, to be conducted under such rules and regulations as are prescribed by the legislative assembly of the State of Iowa in an act entitled "An act regulating the disposal of lands purchased in trust for town sites," approved January twenty-two, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, or as may hereafter be prescribed by the legislative assembly of said State of Iowa: *Provided*, That any act of said judge, not in conformity to the rules and regulations herein alluded to, shall be void and of none effect: *And provided also*, That nothing herein contained shall affect pre-emption or other rights that may have accrued under any other act of Congress.

Execution of the above power.

Proviso.

Entry to be made in twelve months; patent to issue.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the entry contemplated in this act shall be made within twelve months from the date of the passage hereof, and a patent shall issue for said land as in other cases.

APPROVED, April 6, 1854.

April 12, 1854. CHAP. XXXV.—*An Act to establish additional Land Districts in the Territory of Minnesota.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the sale of the public lands to which the Indian title has been extinguished by the recent treaties, or which may hereafter be extinguished within their limits in the Minnesota Territory west of the Mississippi River, there is hereby created four additional land districts, bounded as follows, to wit: All that portion situated between the northern boundary of the State of Iowa, and the line which divides townships one hundred and five and one hundred and six of the fifth principal meridian, and extending from the Mississippi to the Big Sioux rivers, shall comprise one of said districts, to be called the Root River District. All that portion lying between the township line last mentioned, and the line dividing townships one hundred and ten, and one hundred and eleven, and between said rivers, shall constitute another of said districts, to be called the Winona District. All that portion situated north of the district last mentioned, and south of the line which divides townships one hundred and fifteen, and one hundred and sixteen, and between the rivers above mentioned, except the townships recently surveyed west of the Mississippi River from the fourth principal meridian, to include the reservation at Fort Snelling, (the whole of which townships shall be attached to and constitute a part of the Minneapolis District,) shall constitute a third district to be designated the Red Wing District; and all that portion situated north of the limits last described, south of the line dividing townships one hundred and twenty and one hundred and twenty-one, between the Mississippi River and the treaty line which runs from the Big Sioux River to Lake Travers, together with all the fractional townships one hundred and twenty-one situated east of the range line dividing ranges twenty-four and twenty-five west, shall comprise the fourth district, to be known as the Minneapolis District. And all the residuary portion of said lands situated north of the line which divides townships one hundred and twenty and one hundred and twenty-one, and west of range twenty-four west of the fifth principal meridian, and west of the Mississippi River, extending to the drift-wood and the Red River of the north, shall be, and is hereby attached to the district of lands subject to sale at Sauk Rapids.

Four additional land districts created for sale of public lands.

Root River district.

Winona district.

Red Wing district.

Minneapolis district.

Lands subject to sale at Sauk Rapids.

President to appoint a register and receiver for each district.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a register and receiver of the public moneys for each of the said new districts hereby created, who shall re-