

CHAP. V.—*An Act to extend the Provisions of "An Act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim the Swamp Lands within their Limits" to Minnesota and Oregon, and for other Purposes.*

March 12, 1860.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the act of Congress entitled "An act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim the 'swamp lands' within their limits," approved September twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and fifty, be, and the same are hereby, extended to the States of Minnesota and Oregon: *Provided,* That the grant hereby made shall not include any lands which the government of the United States may have reserved, sold, or disposed of (in pursuance of any law heretofore enacted) prior to the confirmation of title to be made under the authority of the said act.

Provisions of act of 1850, ch. 84, (vol. ix. p. 519,) extended to Minnesota and Oregon.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the selection to be made from lands already surveyed in each of the States including Minnesota and Oregon, under the authority of the act aforesaid, and of the act to aid the State of Louisiana in draining the swamp lands therein, approved March second, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, shall be made within two years from the adjournment of the legislature of each State at its next session after the date of this act; and, as to all lands hereafter to be surveyed, within two years from such adjournment, at the next session, after notice by the Secretary of the Interior to the governor of the State, that the surveys have been completed and confirmed.

Selections under said act, and the act of 1849, ch. 87, (vol. ix. p. 352,) when to be made.

APPROVED, March 12, 1860.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act to repeal the third Section of an Act entitled "An Act to increase and regulate the Terms of the Circuit and District Courts for the Northern District of the State of New York," approved July seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight.*

March 24, 1860.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third section of the act entitled "An act to increase and regulate the terms of the circuit and district courts for the northern district of the State of New York," approved July seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Repeal of § 3 of act of 1838, ch. 182, (vol. v. p. 295,) which subdivided the district into three divisions for the trial of issues of fact.

APPROVED, March 24, 1860.

CHAP. VIII.—*An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the Carriage of Passengers in Steamships and other Vessels," approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, for the better Protection of Female Passengers, and other Purposes.*

March 24, 1860.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every master or other officer, seaman or other person employed on board of any ship or vessel of the United States, who shall, during the voyage of such ship or vessel, under promise of marriage, or by threats, or by the exercise of his authority, or by solicitation, or by the making of gifts or presents, seduce and have illicit connexion with any female passenger, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars: *Provided,* That the subsequent intermarriage of the parties seducing and seduced may be pleaded in bar of a conviction.

1855, ch. 213.
Vol. x. p. 715.

Seduction and illicit connexion with female passenger on any vessel of the United States, how punished.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That neither the officers, seamen, or other persons employed on board of any ship or vessel bringing emigrant passengers to the United States, or any of them, shall visit or frequent any part of such ship or vessel assigned to emigrant passengers, except by the direction or permission of the master or commander of such ship or vessel first made or given for such purpose; and every officer, seaman, or other person employed on board of such ship or vessel, who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be deemed

The frequenting without permission the part of such vessel assigned to emigrant passengers, to work forfeiture of wages.

A master permitting persons to frequent such part of such vessel to be fined.

guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall forfeit to the said ship or vessel his wages for the voyage of the said ship or vessel during which the said offence has been committed. Any master or commander who shall direct or permit any officer or seaman or other person employed on board of such ship or vessel, to visit or frequent any part of said ship or vessel assigned to emigrant passengers, except for the purpose of doing or performing some necessary act or duty as an officer, seaman, or person employed on board of said ship or vessel, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of fifty dollars for each occasion on which he shall so direct or permit the provisions of this section to be violated by any officer, seaman, or other person employed on board of such ship or vessel.

Notices hereof, in different languages to be posted.

Penalty on master for neglect.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the master or commander of every ship or vessel bringing emigrant passengers to the United States to post a written or printed notice in the English, French, and German languages containing the provisions of the second section of this act in a conspicuous place on the fore-castle, and in the several parts of the said ship or vessel assigned to emigrant passengers, and to keep the same so posted during the voyage; and upon neglect so to do, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Fine under the first section may be paid to the female seduced, &c.

Testimony of the female must be corroborated, and indictment found within one year.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, in case of the conviction of any person under the provisions of the first section of this act, and the imposition of a fine, the court sentencing the person so convicted may, in its discretion, by an order to be entered on its minutes, direct the amount of the fine when collected, to be paid for the use or benefit of the female seduced, or her child or children, if any.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That no conviction shall be had under the provisions of this act on the testimony of the female seduced uncorroborated by other evidence, nor unless the indictment shall be found within one year after the arrival of the ship or vessel at the port for which she was destined when the offence was committed.

APPROVED, March 24, 1860.

March 27, 1860.

CHAP. IX.—*An Act to establish Mail Routes in the Territory of Kansas.*

Mail routes in Kansas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and are hereby, established in the Territory of Kansas, the following mail routes:

A mail route from Denver City to Missouri City, via Arrapahoe, Golden City, Golden Gate, and Mountain City, a distance of forty miles.

A mail route from Denver City to Breckenridge, via Baden and Tarryall, a distance of one hundred miles.

A mail route from Denver City to Boulder, in Nebraska Territory, a distance of forty miles.

A mail route from Denver City, down the Platte River, to Julesburg, a distance of two hundred and forty miles.

A mail route from Denver City to Colorado City, a distance of sixty-eight miles, via Belmont.

APPROVED, March 27, 1860.

March 29, 1860.

CHAP. X.—*An Act making Appropriations for fulfilling Treaty Stipulations with the Ponca Indians, and with certain Bands of Indians in the State of Oregon and Territory of Washington, for the Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty.*

Appropriation.

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 they are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not