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For interpreters to the consulates in China, including loss by exchange thereon, five thousand eight hundred dollars.

For expenses incurred, under instructions from the Secretary of State, in bringing home from foreign countries persons charged with crime, and expenses incident thereto, ten thousand dollars.

For salaries of the marshals for the consular courts in Japan, China, Siam, and Turkey, including loss by exchange thereon, nine thousand dollars.

For rent of prisons for American convicts in Japan, China, Siam, and Turkey, and for wages of the keepers of the same, nine thousand dollars.

For salaries of commissioners and consuls-general to Hayti and Liberia, eleven thousand five hundred dollars.

For expenses under the act of Congress to carry into effect the treaty between the United States and her Britannic Majesty for the suppression of the African slave-trade, passed July eleventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, seventeen thousand dollars.

APPROVED, February 4, 1863.

CHAP. XX.—An Act in Relation to Commissioned Officers of the United States Revenue Cutter Service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioned officers of the United States revenue cutter service shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the grades of engineers shall

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Grades of engineers, be chief engineers, first and second assistant engineers, with the pay and relative rank of first, second, and third lieutenants, respectively.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the wages of petty officers and crew shall not exceed the average wages paid for like services on the Atlantic or Pacific coasts, respectively, in the merchant service.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the officers of the revenue cutter service, when serving in accordance with law, as part of the navy, shall be entitled to relative rank, as follows: Captains, with and next after lieutenants commanding in the navy; first lieutenants, with and next after lieutenants in the navy; second lieutenants, with and next after masters in line in the navy; third lieutenants, with and next after passed midshipmen in the navy: Provided, That no change of rank by this bill shall increase the pay to which such officer is now entitled by law.

APPROVED, February 4, 1863.

February 6, 1863. CHAP. XXI.—An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the Collection of Direct Taxes in Insurrectionary Districts within the United States and for other Purposes," approved June seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the seventh section of an act entitled "An act for the collection of direct taxes in insurrectionary districts within the United States and for other purposes," approved June seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, be amended so as to read as follows: Section 7. And be it further enacted, That the said Board of Tax Commissioners shall be required, in case the taxes charged upon the said lots and parcels of land shall not be paid, as provided for in the third section of this act, to cause the same to be advertised for sale in a newspaper published in the town, parish, district, or county where situate; and if there be no such newspaper published in said town, parish, district, or county, or if the publisher thereof refuse to publish the same, then in any other newspaper to be selected by said commissioners in said district, or in the city of Washington, for at least four weeks, and by posting notices of said sale in three public places in the town, parish, district, or county within which said lands are situate, at least four weeks previous to the day of sale; and at the time and place of sale to cause the same to be severally sold to the highest bidder for a sum not less than the taxes, penalty, and costs, and ten per centum per annum interest on said tax, pursuant to said notice; in all cases where the owner of said lots or parcels of ground shall not, on or before the day of sale, appear in person before the said Board of Commissioners and pay the amount of said tax, with ten per centum interest thereon, with the cost of advertising the same, or request the same to be struck off to a purchaser for a less sum than two thirds of the assessed value of said several lots or parcels of ground, the said commissioners shall be authorized at said sale to bid off the same for the United States at a sum not exceeding two thirds of the assessed value thereof, unless some person shall bid a larger sum; and in that case the same shall be struck off to the highest bidder, who shall, upon paying the purchase-money in gold and silver coin, or in the Treasury notes of the United States, or in United States notes, or in certificates of indebtedness against the United States, be entitled to receive from said commissioners their certificate of sale; which said certificate shall be received in all courts and places as prima facie evidence of the regularity and validity of said sale, and of the title of the said purchaser or purchasers under the same: Provided, That the owner of said lots of ground, or any loyal person of the United States having any valid lien upon or interest in the same, may, at any time within sixty days after said sale, appear before the said Board of Tax Commissioners in his or her own proper person, and, if a citizen, upon taking an oath to support the Con-