for all of which expenses he shall submit an estimate each month in advance, and shall state the purposes for which any premises are used; and shall also render an accurate account of all fees and commissions collected by him.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the district of Sackett's Harbor, and is hereby annexed to the district of Cape Vincent, and the district so annexed is hereby abolished and constituted a part of the district to which it is annexed; and that the district of Niagara is hereby extended so as to include the entire county of Niagara to the channel of Tonawanda creek; and that Lewiston, in the district of Niagara, is hereby discontinued as a port of entry, and that the port of entry for the district be, and is hereby, established at Suspension Bridge.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That Plattsburg, in the district of Champlain, is hereby discontinued as a port of entry, and that the port of entry for the district be, and is hereby, established at Rouse's Point, at which place the collector of the district shall reside, and a deputy collector shall reside at Plattsburg; and all vessels passing through Lake Champlain, from Canada, shall hereafter be required to report to the collector of customs at Rouse's Point.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That Michilimackinack, in the district of Michilimackinack, is hereby discontinued as a port of entry, and that the port of entry for the district be, and is hereby, established at Sault Ste. Marie, at which place the collector of the district shall reside, and a deputy collector shall reside at Michilimackinack.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That all acts and parts of acts repugnant to the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, March 3, 1863.

CHAP. LXXXVIII. — An Act to facilitate the Collection of the Revenue in El Paso County, Texas, and in the Territory of New Mexico.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the tenth section of an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the year ending thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight," approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and the act entitled "An act creating a collection district in Texas and New Mexico," approved August second, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, is hereby revived and reenacted: Provided, That the collector shall reside at El Paso, Texas, instead of Frontera.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the jurisdiction of the district court of New Mexico shall extend over the citizens of El Paso county, Texas, only in cases not instituted by indictment, and the trial and proceedings for violations of the revenue laws in said district court of New Mexico shall be the same as in other district courts of the United States invested with admiralty powers; and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, March 3, 1863.

CHAP. LXXXIX. — An Act to authorize the Appointment of an Assistant Treasurer of the United States; and to fix the Pay of the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Clerks, and Messengers in the Office of the Treasurer of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, from time to time, by and with the consent and approval of the Senate of the United States, an assistant treasurer of the United States; and the treasurer of the United States may, in his discretion, with the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, authorize the said assistant to act in
Power and duties.

Cashier and assistant.

Salaries.

Sec. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall have power and authority, at any time, to fill any office or place, and at any place and time, by which actual or potential duties are required by law of the said treasurer of the United States.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized to appoint, in addition to the clerks now authorized by law, a cashier, with an annual salary of two thousand four hundred dollars per annum; an assistant cashier, with an annual salary of two thousand dollars per annum; four chiefs of divisions, with annual salaries of one thousand eight hundred dollars each per annum; and also a messenger, an assistant messenger, and two laborers, in addition to those now allowed, at the compensation now authorized by law.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That there shall be paid to the treasurer of the United States, in lieu and stead of his present compensation, commencing with and including the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, the sum of five thousand dollars per annum; but from which amount there shall be deducted all sums of money heretofore paid to, or received by, the said treasurer, on account of his compensation for services rendered as treasurer of the United States, since and including the day aforesaid, and the income tax on such additional compensation as will have accrued since the first day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-two; and there shall be paid to the assistant treasurer of the United States an annual compensation of twenty-five hundred dollars.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the compensation of the treasurer, deputy treasurer, clerks, and messengers aforesaid, for the current and next fiscal years, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Estimates for all such compensations, after the next fiscal year, shall be submitted by the Secretary of the Treasury with his annual estimates.

APPROVED, March 3, 1863.

March 3, 1863.

CHAP. XC.-An Act to protect the Liens upon Vessels in certain Cases, and for other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases now or hereafter pending wherein any ship, vessel, or other property, shall be condemned in any proceeding by virtue of the acts above mentioned, or of any other laws on that subject, the court rendering judgment of condemnation shall, notwithstanding such condemnation, and before awarding such ship, vessel, or other property, or the proceeds thereof, to the United States, or to any informer, first provide for the payment, out of the proceeds of such ship, vessel, or other property, of any bona fide claims which shall be filed by any loyal citizen of the United States, or of any foreign state or power at peace and amity with the United States, intervening in such proceeding, and which shall be duly established by evidence as a valid claim against such ship, vessel, or other property, under the laws of the United States or of any loyal state thereof: Provided, That no such claim shall be allowed in any case where the claimant shall have knowingly participated in the illegal use of such ship, vessel, or other property: And provided, also, That this act shall extend to such claims only as might have been enforced specifically against such ship, vessel, or other property, in any loyal state wherein such claim arose.

APPROVED, March 3, 1863.

March 3, 1863.

CHAP. XCI.-An Act to reorganize the Courts in the District of Columbia, and for other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be established in the District of Columbia a Supreme Court, with such power and jurisdiction as shall be vested in the Supreme Court of the State of Washington; and a Superior Court, with such power and jurisdiction as shall be vested in the Circuit Court of the Territory of the District of Columbia; and a District Court, with such power and jurisdiction as shall be vested in the District Court of the State of Washington; and the said courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction throughout the District of Columbia, and shall exercise the same powers and perform the same duties as are vested in the said courts in the said State, subject to the regulations prescribed by Congress; and shall have the power to make all such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the due administration of justice within the District of Columbia.

* Reference is had to the act of July 13, 1861, ch. 3 (Ante, p. 255), and to the act of August 6, 1861, ch. 69 (Ante, p. 319), which were recited in the title of the bill as reported. When the act was passed, its title was changed, but this clause was not altered.