it expedient, to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a lieutenant-general, to be selected from among those officers in the military service of the United States, not below the grade of major-general, most distinguished for courage, skill, and ability, who, being commissioned as lieutenant-general, may be authorized, under the direction, and during the pleasure of the President, to command the armies of the United States.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the lieutenant-general appointed as hereinbefore provided shall be entitled to the pay, allowances, and staff specified in the fifth section of the act approved May twenty-eighth, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight; and also the allowances described in the sixth section of the act approved August twenty-third, eighteen hundred and forty-two, granting additional rations to certain officers: Provided, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed in any way to affect the rank, pay, or allowances of Winfield Scott, lieutenant-general by brevet, now on the retired list of the army.

APPROVED, February 29, 1864.

CHAP. XV.--An Act to extend the Time for the Withdrawal of Goods from public Stores and bonded Warehouses, 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 goods, wares, and merchandize, now in public stores or bonded warehouses, on which duties are unpaid, and which shall have been in bond more than one year, and less than three years, at the time of the passage of this act, may be entered for consumption, and the bonds cancelled at any time before the first day of September next, on payment of duties and charges according to law; and that all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed. This act to take effect from and after its passage.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the term "license," in the first proviso to the fifteenth section of the act entitled "An act increasing temporarily the duties on imports, and for other purposes," approved July fourteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, shall be held to extend to all vessels authorized by law to engage in the coasting trade, whether sailing under registers or enrolments and licenses.

APPROVED, February 29, 1864.

CHAP. XVI.--An Act to authorize the Appointment of a Warden of the Jail in the District of Columbia.

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 shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, some suitable person to be warden of the jail in the District of Columbia, who shall hold his office for the term of four years, and who shall receive an annual salary of sixteen hundred dollars, which shall include all fees and emoluments. And said warden shall annually, in the month of November, make a detailed report to the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the said warden shall have the exclusive supervision and control of the jails in said district, and be accountable for the safe-keeping of all the prisoners legally committed thereto, and shall have all the power and discharge all the duties heretofore legally exercised and discharged over said jails and the prisoners therein by the marshal of the said district.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the warden of the penitentiary in the said district, upon the order of the supreme court of said district or the Secretary of the Interior, shall transport all convicts sentenced