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 merchandise, 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to law; and that all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.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 hitherto 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
to imprisonment beyond the limits of said district to the place of confinement, receiving therefor the actual expenses of himself, guard, and of each convict. And in case of absence or other disability of said warden, the warden of said jail, having the custody of said convicts, shall, upon order as aforesaid, transport them to the place of confinement, receiving therefor the compensation aforesaid.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That said warden shall, before entering upon the duties of the office, execute to the United States a bond for the faithful performance of the duties thereof in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, with sureties to be approved by some judge of the supreme court of said district.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That all acts and parts of acts coming in conflict with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

APPROVED, February 29, 1864.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in lieu of so much of the loan authorized by the act of March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, to which this is supplementary, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to borrow, from time to time, on the credit of the United States, not exceeding two hundred millions of dollars during the current fiscal year, and to prepare and issue therefor coupon or registered bonds of the United States, bearing date March first, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, or any subsequent period, redeemable at the pleasure of the government after any period not less than five years, and payable at any period not more than forty years from date, in coin, and of such denominations as may be found expedient, not less than fifty dollars, bearing interest not exceeding six per centum a year, payable on bonds not over one hundred dollars annually, and on all other bonds semi-annually, in coin; and he may dispose of such bonds at any time, on such terms as he may deem most advisable, for lawful money of the United States, or, at his discretion, for treasury notes, certificates of indebtedness, or certificates of deposit, issued under any act of congress; and all bonds issued under this act shall be exempt from taxation by or under state or municipal authority. And the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay the necessary expenses of the preparation, issue, and disposal of such bonds out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, but the amount so paid shall not exceed one half of one per centum of the amount of the bonds so issued and disposed of.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue to persons who subscribed on or before the twenty-first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, for bonds redeemable after five years and payable twenty years from date, and have paid into the treasury the amount of their subscriptions, the bonds by them respectively subscribed for, not exceeding eleven millions of dollars, notwithstanding that such subscriptions may be in excess of five hundred millions of dollars; and the bonds so issued shall have the same force and effect as if issued under the provisions of the act to “authorize the issue of United States notes and for other purposes,” approved February twenty-sixth [fifth], eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

APPROVED, March 3, 1864.