PUBLIC ACTS OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS
OF THE
UNITED STATES.

Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the fifth day of December, A. D. 1864, and ended Saturday, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1865.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, Vice-President, and President of the Senate. DANIEL CLARK was elected President of the Senate, pro tempore, on the ninth day of February, and so acted until and including the nineteenth day of that month. SCHUYLER COLFAX, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. I.-An Act in Addition to the "Act respecting Quarantines and Health Laws," approved February twenty-fifth, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and for the better Execution of the third Section thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase or erect suitable warehouses and other conveniences for the storage of goods and merchandise imported in any vessel subject to quarantine or other restraint, pursuant to the health laws of the State of New York, at such convenient place or places within or near the port of New York as the safety of the public revenue and the observance of such health laws may require; and the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expense thereof.

APPROVED, December 15, 1864.

CHAP. II.-An Act authorizing the Holding of a special Session of the United States District Court for the District of Indiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a special session of the United States district court for the district of Indiana shall be holden at the usual place of holding said court on the first Tuesday in January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That all suits and proceedings of a civil or criminal nature, now pending in or returnable to said court, shall be proceeded in, heard, tried, and determined by said court, at said special session, in the same manner as at a regular term of said court, and the judge thereof is hereby empowered to order the empanelling of a petit and grand jury for said session.

APPROVED, December 20, 1864.

CHAP. III.-An Act to authorize the Purchase or Construction of Revenue Cutters on the Lakes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to construct, or purchase and alter, not exceeding six steam revenue cutters, for service on the Lakes; and for that purpose the sum of one million of dollars, or so much thereof as is necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, December 20, 1864.