An Act to establish the Grade of Vice-Admiral in the United States Navy.

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 and empowered, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint one vice-admiral, who shall be selected from the list of active rear-admirals, and who shall be the ranking officer in the navy of the United States, and whose relative rank with officers of the army shall be that of lieutenant-general in the army.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the pay of the vice-admiral of the navy shall be seven thousand dollars when at sea, six thousand dollars when on shore duty, and five thousand dollars when waiting orders.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the first section of an act, approved December twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, entitled “An act further to promote the efficiency of the navy,” shall not be so construed as to apply to any one holding a commission as vice-admiral in the navy.

Approved, December 21, 1864.

An Act to amend the Act entitled “An Act to provide internal Revenue to support the Government, to pay Interest on the public Debt, and for other Purposes,” approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section fifty-five of an act entitled “An act to provide internal revenue to support the government, to pay interest on the public debt, and for other purposes,” approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, be amended by striking out the word “February” wherever it occurs in said section, and inserting, in lieu thereof, the word January.

Approved, December 22, 1864.

An Act to extend the Time allowed for the Withdrawal of certain Goods therein named from public Stores.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in computing the three years allowed by the twenty-first section of the act entitled “An act increasing temporarily the duties on imports, and for other purposes,” approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, for the withdrawal of goods from any public store or bonded warehouse for exportation to foreign countries, or transshipment to any port of the Pacific or western coast of the United States, if such exportation or transshipment of any goods shall, either for the whole or any part of the said term of three years have been prevented by reason of any order of the President of the United States, the time during which such exportation or transshipment of such goods shall have been so prevented, as aforesaid, shall be excluded from the said computation.

Approved, December 22, 1864.

An Act to repeal the Provision of Law requiring certain Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to be Members of the National Institute.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the act “To establish the Smithsonian Institution, for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men” as requires that two of the regents of said institution shall be members of the National Institute in the city of Washington, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Approved, January 10, 1865.