Rank, pay, &c. with the like rank of lieutenant-colonel; and, in like manner, may assign to each division of two or more brigades a commissary, who, while so assigned and acting, shall have the rank, pay, and emoluments of a major of the subsistence department: Provided, That when any one of said officers is relieved from such duty, his increased rank, pay, and emoluments, allowed because of such assignment, shall cease, and he shall return to his commissioned rank in the subsistence department: And provided further, that the officers authorized to be assigned by this act shall be selected for each grade from the commissaries of subsistence who hold commissions or rank in the volunteer service and in the regular subsistence department in proportion to the number of each of said classes respectively in service at the date of the passage of this act.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, March 3, 1865.

March 3, 1865.

CHAP. XCIV.—An Act to provide for two assistant local Inspectors of Steamboats in the City of New York, and for two local Inspectors at Galena, Illinois, and to reestablish the Board of local Inspectors at Wheeling; and also to amend the Act approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An Act to create an additional Inspector of Steamboats and two local Inspectors of Steamboats for Collection Districts of Memphis and Oregon, 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 designated and appointed, in the mode prescribed by law, two assistant local inspectors of steamboats in the city of New York, and two local inspectors at the city of Galena, Illinois, with an annual compensation of twelve hundred dollars for the said assistant local inspectors in the city of New York, and eight hundred dollars for the two local inspectors at the city of Galena, Illinois, as in case of other like inspectors; and said inspectors shall perform the duties and be subject to the provisions of the steamboat act of August thirtieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two. And the local board of inspectors at Wheeling is hereby reestablished.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That, in lieu of the fees for inspection prescribed by the sixth section of the act entitled "An act to create an additional supervising inspector of steamboats and two local inspectors of steamboats for the collection district of Memphis, Tennessee, and two local inspectors for the collection district of Oregon, and for other purposes," approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, there shall be levied and paid for each steam-vessel of one hundred tons or under, twenty-five dollars, and in addition thereto for each and every ton, in excess of one hundred tons, five cents.

Repealing clause.

March 3, 1865.

CHAP. XCV.—An Act to provide for the Publication of the Opinions of the Attorneys-General 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 Attorney-General may contract and he is hereby, authorized to contract on behalf of the United States with a suitable book-publisher for the printing and publishing of the unpublished opinions of the attorneys-general of the United States, delivered since the fourth of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, on the terms following, to wit: The said opinions to be published in as many volumes as may be necessary, which shall be, as to the quality of paper, printing, and binding, of uniform style and appearance with the eighth volume of said opinions, published by Robert Farnham, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, and, as nearly as possible, of uniform size
with said eighth volume, and which shall be numbered in regular order after the said eighth volume; the copyright thereof to be taken out by, and be for the use of, the publisher, who shall deliver to the Attorney-General for the use of the United States, within one month after the publication thereof, three hundred sets of said volumes, at the price of three dollars per volume, payable after they are so delivered. And the Attorney-General is hereby authorized to employ a competent person to edit and prepare the said opinions for publication, as aforesaid, with proper head-notes, and a full and complete index, and to supervise the said publication. When the said three hundred sets shall have been delivered for the use of the United States, the Attorney-General shall cause them to be distributed as follows: For the President of the United States, two sets; for the Department of State, ten sets; for the Department of the Treasury and the heads of the bureaus thereof, twenty-five sets; for the Department of War and the heads of the bureaus thereof, twenty-five sets; for the Department of the Navy and the heads of bureaus thereof, fifteen sets; for the Department of the Interior and the heads of bureaus thereof, twenty sets; for the Department of the Post-Office, ten sets; for the Attorney-General’s office, ten sets; for the judges of the supreme court of the United States, one set each; for the library of said court, three sets; for the judges of the court of claims, the solicitor and assistant and deputy solicitors of said court, one set each; for the library of congress, fifty sets, for the use of both houses of congress; the residue of the said three hundred sets to remain in charge of the librarian of congress, at the future disposal of congress. And the sum of seven thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay for the editing of the said opinions and the price of the said three hundred volumes, which money shall be disbursed on vouchers approved by the Attorney-General.

APPROVED, March 3, 1865.

CHAP. XCVI. — An Act to remove all Disqualification of Color in carrying the Mails.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act no person, by reason of color, shall be disqualified from employment in carrying the mails, and all acts and parts of acts establishing such disqualification, including especially the seventh section of the act of 1825, ch. 64, March third, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, March 3, 1865.

CHAP. XCVII. — An Act relating to the Clerkships in the Post-Office Department.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third section of an act entitled “An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four,” approved the third of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to authorize the appointment of a chief clerk in the offices of each of the three assistants postmaster-general, at a salary of two thousand dollars per annum each.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That, in lieu of temporary clerks now employed in the Post-Office Department and paid out of the appropriation for postage-stamps and stamped envelopes and the proceeds of sales of waste paper, the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint two clerks of class three, two clerks of class two, and five clerks of class one.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the sum of eighteen thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the