transferred: Provided, That the contract shall stipulate for the full reimbursement to the United States of the value of such gunboat in annual instalments, not exceeding ten in number, with interest on each at six per centum per annum from the date of the contract.

Approved, April 17, 1866.

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CHAP. XLVIII. — An Act to provide that the “Soldier’s Individual Memorial” shall be carried through the Mails at the usual Rate of Printed Matter.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the ornamental records of the personal services of federal officers and soldiers, composed partly of written and partly of printed matter, but containing no private communications, and known as the “soldier’s individual memorial,” shall be allowed to pass through the mails upon the payment of the usual postage on printed matter.

Approved, April 17, 1866.

April 20, 1866.

CHAP. LXIII. — An Act to authorize the Sale of Marine Hospitals and of Revenue Cutters.

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 lease, or to sell at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, after due notice in the public newspapers, such marine hospital buildings and lands appertaining thereto as he may deem advisable, and he is hereby empowered to make, execute, and deliver all needful conveyances to the lessees or purchasers thereof respectively; and the proceeds of said leases and sales are hereby appropriated for the marine hospital establishment: Provided, That the hospitals at Cleveland, Ohio, and Portland, Maine, shall not be sold or leased, nor shall any hospital be sold or leased where no other suitable and sufficient hospital accommodations can be procured upon reasonable terms for the comfort and convenience of the patients.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to sell at public auction, to the highest and best bidder for cash, after due notice in the public newspapers, such of the revenue cutters as he shall find to be ill adapted to the purposes of the revenue service, and to expend the proceeds of said sales in the purchase or construction of other vessels better suited to the wants of said service.

Approved, April 20, 1866.

April 25, 1866.


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 hereby directed to issue American registers to the Canadian-built steamers “Michigan” and “Dispatch,” and the American-built steamer “William K. Muir,” of the collection district of Detroit; and American registers, or enrolment and license, to the following named vessels, that is to say, to the sloop “Jenny Lind of Wolf Island,” of Oswego, New York; the schooners “Coquette of Oakville,” “Trenton of Trenton,” “Forest Queen,” “Two Brothers of Wallaceburg,” “Minetta of Gananoque,” and “Elizabeth,” of Oswego, New York; the barque “St. Elizabeth,” of Provincetown, Massachusetts; the barques “Advance” and “Acorn,” and schooner “Asia,” of Chicago, Illinois; the barges “Harvest,” “Aja,” and “Matilda,” of Chicago, Illinois; the steamer “Prince Albert,” of Georgetown, District of Columbia; the brig “Maitland,” propeller “Niagara,” and steamboat “Canadian,” of Buffalo, New York; the schooner