CHAP. XLVIII. — An Act concerning the Fire Department of Washington City.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the right to have, use, and occupy all the several buildings, with their appurtenances, known as the Union, Franklin, Columbia, and Anacostia Engine-houses, be, and is hereby, granted to the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, said possession and occupation to continue so long as used for the purposes of the fire department and the pleasure of the Congress of the United States: Provided, That said use and occupancy of the Columbia Engine-house shall not in any way interfere with the possession and occupancy by the Columbia Fire Company of the rooms now used as library rooms in said building.

APPROVED, February 18, 1867.

CHAP. LVI. — An Act to regulate the Duties of the Clerk of the House of Representatives in preparing for the Organization of the House, and for other Purposes.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That before the first meeting of the next Congress, and of every subsequent Congress, the clerk of the next preceding House of Representatives shall make a roll of the representatives elect, and place thereon the names of all persons claiming seats as representatives elect from States which were represented in the next preceding Congress, and of such persons only, and whose credentials show that they were regularly elected in accordance with the laws of their States respectively, or the laws of the United States.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That in case of a vacancy in the office of clerk of the House of Representatives, or of absence or inability of said clerk to discharge the duties imposed on him by law or custom relative to the preparation of the roll of representatives or the organization of the House, the said duties shall devolve on the sergeant-at-arms of the next preceding House of Representatives; and in case of vacancies in both of the before-mentioned offices, or of the absence or inability of both the clerk and sergeant-at-arms to do the same duty, if the clerk and sergeant-at-arms are unable, the door-keeper of the next preceding House of Representatives shall perform the duties.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

LA FAYETTE S. FOSTER,
President of the Senate pro tempore.

Endorsed by the President: "Received 9th of February, 1867."

CHAP. LVII. — An Act to declare the Sense of an Act entitled "An Act to restrict the Jurisdiction of the Court of Claims, and to provide for the Payment of certain Demands for Quartermasters’ Stores and Subsistence Supplies furnished to the Army 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 provisions of chapter two hundred and forty of the acts of the Thirty-eighth Congress, first session, approved July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, shall not be construed to authorize the settlement of any claim for supplies or stores taken or used for the use of, or used by, the armies of the United States, nor for the occupation of, or injury to, real estate, nor for the consumption, appropriation, or destruction of, or damage to, personal supplies, &c. taken or used by the Union troops, or for injuries caused by them in a State, &c. declared in insurrection, or
property, by the military authorities or troops of the United States, where
such claim originated during the war for the suppression of the southern
rebellion, in a State, or part of a State, declared in insurrection by the
proclamation of the President of the United States, dated July first, eigh-
teen hundred and sixty-two, or in a State which by an ordinance of seces-
sion attempted to withdraw from the United States government: Provided,
That nothing herein contained shall repeal or modify the effect of any
act or joint resolution, extending the provisions of the said act of July
fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to the loyal citizens of the State
of Tennessee, or of the State of West Virginia, or any county therein.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

LA FAYETTE S. FOSTER,
President of the Senate pro tempore.

Endorsed by the President: “Received February 9th, 1867.”

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been pre-
sented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been
returned by him to the House of Congress in which it originated within the time
prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his
approval.]

Feb. 22, 1867. CHAP. LVIII. — An Act making Appropriations for the Payment of Invalid and other
Pensions of the United States for the Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be,
and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury
not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the year end-
ing the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight:

Invalid. For invalid pensions under various acts, ten million dollars.

Revolutionary pension agents, &c.

1818, ch. 13.
1822, ch. 36.
1836, ch. 382.
1838, ch. 189.
1843, ch. 103.
1844, ch. 192.
1848, ch. 8.
1853, ch. 41.
1858, ch. 85.
1862, ch. 106.

Navy pensions.

1848, ch. 155.
1862, ch. 106.

APPROVED, February 22, 1867.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the Senate shall elect
some competent person, who shall be a practical printer, to take charge of
and manage the government printing office.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the person so elected shall be
deemed an officer of the Senate, and shall be designated “congressional
printer.” He shall superintend the printing and binding of the journals
and such other documents as shall be ordered by each house of Congress,