Compensation of commissioners.

Provisions of this act to apply to Ohio.

Appropriation.

March 29, 1867.

CHAP. XV. — An Act to grant to the American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company, of New York, the right of Way and Privilege to lay, land, and operate a Submarine Telegraph Cable on the Atlantic Coast of the United States, and establish Telegraph Communication between the United States and Europe, via the Bermudas and Azores Islands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company, of New York, be, and are hereby, vested with the right, power, and privilege, having acquired the necessary land therefor, to lay, land, and operate their cable or cables on the Atlantic coast, except the coast of Florida, within the jurisdiction of the United States, and the right, power, and privilege so to lay, land, and operate their cable or cables shall be vested in the said American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company for the period of twenty years from the approval of this act: Provided, That the said company shall commence active operations within the space of two years from the approval of this act.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company, having acquired the necessary land therefor, shall have the right, power, and privilege to lay, land, and operate their cable or cables within any of the harbors, waters, inlets, towns, and cities on the Atlantic coast, except the coast of Florida, offering the most practical and convenient landing, and to construct or erect all the necessary fixtures to accomplish the object of this act.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the government of the United States shall at all times have the preference in its use; upon terms that may be agreed upon between the Postmaster-General and the said company.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That Congress shall have power to alter, amend, or repeal this act.

Approved, March 29, 1867.

March 29, 1867.

CHAP. XVI. — An Act to establish a Port of Delivery at Chester, Pennsylvania.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Chester, in the district of Philadelphia, be a port of delivery, and a surveyor shall be appointed, who shall reside at said port of delivery and receive a salary of five hundred dollars per annum.

Approved, March 29, 1867.

March 29, 1867.

CHAP. XVII. — An Act to increase the Force in the Patent-Office.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioner of patents is authorized from time to time to appoint, in the manner already