in his judgment shall be deemed proper and necessary; and the commissioner may in any case, at his discretion, allow snuff and smoking tobacco manufactured prior to the twentieth of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, not in wooden packages, to be stamped and sold in the original packages; and the rate of duty on cigars imported prior to July twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and now remaining in bond, shall be the same as on cigars imported after that date.

Approved, April 10, 1869.

CHAP. XIX.—An Act making an Appropriation for the Improvement of Rivers and Harbors for the fiscal Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and the Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two million dollars is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and the year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy, to be expended for the repair, extension, preservation, and completion of works for the improvement of rivers and harbors under the direction of the Secretary of War: Provided, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to cause such expenditures to be made so as best to subserve the interests of commerce; and he is required to report to Congress, at the opening of its December session, all expenditures made under the provisions of this act up to that time in detail.

APPROVED, April 10, 1869.

CHAP. XX.—An Act to declare and fix the Status of Judge Advocates of the Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the number of judge advocates of the army be, and the same is hereby, fixed at eight, and the President is hereby authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to fill all vacancies which have occurred or may hereafter occur therein.

APPROVED, April 10, 1869.

CHAP. XXI.—An Act to repeal an Act of the Legislature of New Mexico imposing a Capitation Tax on bovine Cattle.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of the legislature of New Mexico, of the Territory of New Mexico, of February third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and all other laws and parts of laws of said legislature imposing a capitation tax on bovine cattle introduced into the said Territory from other Territories or States, or the Republic of Mexico, be, and the same are hereby, disapproved and repealed.

APPROVED, April 10, 1869.

CHAP. XXII.—An Act to amend the Judicial System 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 Supreme Court of the United States shall hereafter consist of the Chief Justice of the United States and eight associate justices, any six of whom shall constitute a quorum; and for the purposes of this act there shall be appointed an additional associate justice of said court.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That for each of the nine existing judicial circuits there shall be appointed a circuit judge, who shall reside in his circuit, and shall possess the same power and jurisdiction therein as the justice of the Supreme Court allotted to the circuit. The circuit courts in each circuit shall be held by the justice of the Supreme Court