to the United States the property and franchises mentioned in the fore-
going section, upon the terms awarded by the arbitrators. It is hereby
made the duty of the Secretary of War to transmit to Congress a copy
of the report of the arbitrators, upon which Congress may, at its then
present session, elect to take such property upon making an appropriation
to pay the amount awarded: Provided, That if the Secretary of War
shall not transmit to Congress a copy of the report of the arbitrators at
least sixty days before the close of its session, Congress may at its next
session make such election and appropriation.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That all tolls and revenues derived
from the improvements made or acquired under the provisions of this act,
after providing for the current expenses of operating and keeping the
same in repair, shall be paid into the treasury of the United States, and
whenever the United States shall be reimbursed for all sums advanced
for the same, with interest thereon, then the tolls aforesaid shall be re-
duced when, &c. reduced to the least sum which, together with other revenues properly ap-
plicable thereto, if any, shall be sufficient to operate and keep the im-
provements in repair.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of War shall
annually report to Congress the progress made in the completion of said
improvements, the amount expended thereon, the amount, if any, required
for the succeeding fiscal year, and the amount of revenue derived there-
from.

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Chap. CCXI.—An Act to constitute Omaha, in the State of Nebraska, a Port of
Delivery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That Omaha, in the State of
Nebraska, shall be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery, within
the collection district of New Orleans; and there shall be appointed a
surveyor of customs, to reside at said port, who shall, in addition to his
own duties, perform the duties and receive the salary and emoluments
prescribed by the act of Congress, approved on the second of March,
eighteen hundred and thirty-one, for importing merchandise into Pitts-
burg, Wheeling, and other places.

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Chap. CCXII.—An Act to amend the Laws regulating the Assessment of Taxes in the
City of Washington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of all
officers of the corporation of the city of Washington, in the District of
Columbia, now empowered by law to make assessments of taxes upon the
real estate therein, to file forthwith, in the office of the collector of taxes
of said city, a transcript of such assessment.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of said
collector in each year to embrace in the tax books of the current year all
taxes of every kind then assessed and due upon or against the real estate
in said city, and including that of the previous year then unpaid, and to
collect all taxes so assessed and certified as aforesaid at his office in said
city.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the
mayor or city councils of the city of Washington, or any person charged
with the disbursements of money in the District of Columbia, to divert
from its legitimate object any money levied or collected as taxes from the
people of said District, but all such taxes so levied or collected shall be
kept separate and distinct, each item under its own proper head, as named