An amount equal to interest on all bonds belonging to the aforesaid sinking fund shall be applied, as the Secretary of the Treasury shall from time to time direct, to the payment of the public debt as provided for in section five of the act aforesaid. And the amount so to be applied is hereby appropriated annually for that purpose, out of the receipts for duties on imported goods.

Approved, July 14, 1870.

CHAP. CCLVII. — An Act to require national Banks going into Liquidation to retire their circulating Notes.

National banks that have gone, or shall go, into liquidation, to deposit lawful money for outstanding circulation.

Bonds then to be surrendered. If bank fails to make deposit, &c. comptroller may sell bonds at auction in New York.

Certain banks exempt from this act.

Assets to be reported.

Approved, July 14, 1870.

CHAP. CCLVIII. — An Act for the Relief of the United States and Brazil Steamship Company.

Sums paid in New York for tonnage taxes upon certain vessels of the United States and Brazil Steamship Company to be refunded.


Provided. That satisfactory evidence shall be produced to the said Secretary that at the time the said taxes were imposed the said vessels were in Brazil specially exempted from similar exactions to which other vessels were in the ports of that country liable.

Approved, July 14, 1870.

CHAP. CCLIX. — An Act to amend existing Laws relating to internal Revenue.

Certain articles exempt.
and products hereinafter enumerated shall be exempt from internal tax, namely: Canned and preserved fish, shell-fish, meats, fruits, and vegetables.

Approved, July 14, 1870.

CHAP. CCLX. — An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Construction of a Bridge across the Missouri River upon the military Reservation at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sixth section of the act entitled "An act authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri river, upon the military reservation at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas," be amended, so as to read as follows: Section 6. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Saint Joseph and Denver City Railroad Company, a corporation chartered and created by the laws of the State of Kansas, or their assigns, to build a bridge, and maintain the same, across the Missouri river at or near Saint Joseph, Missouri, on the terms, and subject to the limitations and restrictions contained in the first, second, and third sections of the act of Congress, passed July twenty-five, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An act to authorize the construction of certain bridges, and to establish them as post-roads," and that said corporation may have, hold, and enjoy all the rights, privileges, and franchises conferred by, and contained in, said last-mentioned act; and said company may construct and maintain ways for wagons, carriages, and for foot passengers, charging and receiving reasonable tolls therefor; and when said bridge is constructed under said limitations it shall be a lawful structure and be recognized and known as a post-route: Provided, That if said bridge shall be constructed as a drawbridge the spans of the draw shall not be less than two hundred feet in the clear on each side of the central point.

Approved, July 14, 1870.

CHAP. CCLXI. — An Act to vacate the Fort Dakota military Reservation in the Territory of Dakota, and for other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the military reservation at Fort Dakota, in the county of Minnehaha, and Territory of Dakota, be, and the same is hereby, vacated, and the lands embraced in said reservation shall be subject to private entry under the provisions of the pre-emption and homestead laws of the United States, except so much thereof as may be embraced in sections heretofore reserved for school purposes: Provided, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to interfere with any rights which may have accrued previous to the withdrawal of said lands for the purposes of such reservation: And provided also, That any improvements on said reservation made by the military authorities prior to its relinquishment by the Secretary of War, shall be appraised by the register and receiver of the land office of the district in which said reservation is situated, and paid for by the purchaser of the lands on which the same are located: And provided further, That no patent shall issue for any portion of said lands until the improvements thereon shall have been paid for at their appraised value.

Approved, July 14, 1870.