

CHAP. IV. — *An Act making Appropriations to partially supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for the Service of the fiscal Year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy.* Dec. 23, 1869.

*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, to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and seventy, viz. : Deficiency appropriations.

For compensation and mileage of the members of the legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, and contingent expenses thereof, fifteen thousand dollars. New Mexico.

For publishing the laws in pamphlet form and in newspapers of the States and Territories and in the city of Washington, thirty-six thousand dollars. Pamphlet laws, &c.

APPROVED, December 23, 1869.

CHAP. V. — *An Act making a temporary Appropriation for the Prosecution of the Work upon the Improvement of the Des Moines Rapids in the Mississippi River.* Dec. 23, 1869.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be, and is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction and superintendence of the Secretary of War, for the purpose of continuing the prosecution of the work upon the improvement of the Des Moines rapids in the Mississippi River, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars. Appropriation for the improvement of the Des Moines rapids.

APPROVED, December 23, 1869.

CHAP. VI. — *An Act in Addition to the Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown Steam Packet Company."* Jan. 15, 1870.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown Steam Packet Company," approved third March, eighteen hundred and twenty-nine, and continued for twenty years by the act of twenty-sixth February, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, be, and the same is hereby, extended and continued in full force and effect for another period of twenty years, commencing with the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine : *Provided, nevertheless,* That Congress may at any time hereafter modify or repeal the same. Act incorporating the Washington, &c. Steam Packet Company, extended. 1829, ch. 56. Vol. vi. p. 398. 1849, ch. 73. Vol. ix. p. 766. Act may be repealed, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That no suit or action depending in any court whatsoever, in which the said corporation is plaintiff or defendant, shall abate or be discontinued by reason of the expiration of the charter of said corporation, but the same shall continue and be prosecuted in all respects as if said charter had not expired ; and the president and directors who were in office at the time it expired shall continue in office under and by virtue of this act until others shall be duly chosen in their places. No suit, &c. by or against the corporation, to be abated, &c.

Officers to continue.

APPROVED, January 15, 1870.

CHAP. VII. — *An Act repealing so much of the Act of August eighth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, as declared the Des Moines River, in the then Territory of Iowa, a public Highway.* Jan. 20, 1870. 1846, ch. 103, § 8. Vol. ix. p. 78.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of the act of August eighth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, entitled "An act granting certain lands to the Territory of Iowa to aid in the improve- Repeal of act making the Des

Moines river a public highway. ment of the navigation of the Des Moines river, in said Territory," as makes said river a public highway be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

APPROVED, January 20, 1870.

Jan. 20, 1870. CHAP. VIII. — An Act making Appropriations to defray the Expenses of the Committee on Banking and Currency incurred in Pursuance of Investigations ordered by the House of Representatives.

Appropriation for certain expenses of the committee on banking and currency.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of three thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the committee on banking and currency, incurred in fulfilment of the order of the House of Representatives.

APPROVED, January 20, 1870.

Jan. 21, 1870. CHAP. IX. — An Act relating to retired Officers of the Army.

Pub. Res. No. 32. Post, p. 372.

Retired officers of the army not to be assigned to duty, &c.

Former assignments to terminate.

Repealing clause.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no retired officer of the army shall hereafter be assigned to duty of any kind, or be entitled to receive more than the pay and allowances provided by law for retired officers of his grade; and all such assignments heretofore made shall terminate within thirty days from the passage of this act.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

APPROVED, January 21, 1870.

Jan. 26, 1870. CHAP. X. — An Act to admit the State of Virginia to Representation in the Congress of the United States.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the people of Virginia have framed and adopted a constitution of State government which is republican; and whereas the legislature of Virginia elected under said constitution have ratified the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution of the United States; and whereas the performance of these several acts in good faith was a condition precedent to the representation of the State in Congress: Therefore,

Virginia declared entitled to representation in Congress.

Members of State legislature and State officials to take one of two oaths before, &c.

Oaths, form of;

[Oath to include affirmation, ch. 12, p. 63.]

before whom to be taken.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the said State of Virginia is entitled to representation in the Congress of the United States: Provided, That before any member of the legislature of said State shall take or resume his seat, or any officer of said State shall enter upon the duties of his office, he shall take, and subscribe, and file in the office of the secretary of state of Virginia, for permanent preservation, an oath in the form following: "I, ———, do solemnly swear that I have never taken an oath as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, and afterward engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof, so help me God"; or such person shall in like manner take, subscribe, and file the following oath: "I, ———, do solemnly swear that I have, by act of Congress of the United States, been relieved from the disabilities imposed upon me by the fourteenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States, so help me God"; which oaths shall be taken before and certified by any officer lawfully authorized to administer oaths. And any person