CHAP. XXI. — An Act making an additional Appropriation for the Improvement of the Louisville and Portland Canal for the fiscal Year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, 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 additional sum of two hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the improvement of the Louisville and Portland canal during the current fiscal year, to be expended in accordance with existing laws; and for the completion of the section work at the Des Moines rapids, three hundred and forty-one thousand dollars.

APPROVED, January 18, 1871.

CHAP. XXIII. — An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of the national Debt."  

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the amount of bonds authorized by the act approved July fourteen, eighteen hundred and seventy, to be issued bearing five per centum interest per annum, be, and the same is, increased to five hundred millions of dollars, and the interest of any portion of the bonds issued under said act, or this act, may, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, be made payable quarterly: Provided, however, That this act shall not be construed to authorize any increase of the total amount of bonds provided for by the act to which this act is an amendment.

APPROVED, January 20, 1871.

CHAP. XXIV. — An Act ceding certain Jurisdiction to the State of Ohio.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the jurisdiction over the place purchased for the location of the "National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers," under and by virtue of the act of Congress of March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, entitled "An act to incorporate a National Military and Naval Asylum for the relief of the totally disabled officers and men of the volunteer forces of the United States," and the act of March twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, amendatory thereto, and upon which said asylum is located, is hereby ceded to the State of Ohio, and relinquished by the United States. And the United States shall claim or exercise no jurisdiction over said place after the passage of this act: Provided, That nothing contained in this act shall be construed to impair the powers and rights heretofore conferred upon the board of managers of the National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, incorporated under said act, in and over said territory.

APPROVED, January 21, 1871.

CHAP. XXVIII. — An Act for the Relief of Pierpont Seymour, of East Bloomfield, New York.

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 hereby authorized and required to hear and decide the application of Pierpont Seymour, of East Bloomfield, in the State of New York, for an extension of the letters-patent granted to him by the United States on the twenty-fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, for an improvement in seed planters, or grain drills, and shall have power to extend said patent for the term of seven years, with the same effect that such extension might have been granted had the said Pierpont Seymour