CHAP. LXXVIII. — An Act to authorize the President to appoint George Plunkett a Paymaster in the Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint George Plunkett a paymaster in the United States navy, if, in his opinion, the interests of the public service will be thereby promoted.

APPROVED, April 2, 1872.

CHAP. LXXIX. — An Act to provide for the Reporting and Printing of the Debates in Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the congressional printer is hereby directed to enter into a contract, in behalf of the general government, with Franklin Rives, Jefferson Rives, and George A. Bailey, for the reporting and printing of the debates in Congress for the term of two years, on and from the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, in accordance with a proposed form of contract from the said Rives and Bailey, submitted to and approved by the joint committee on public printing on the part of the Senate.

Sec. 2. That for the purpose aforesaid there be appropriated and paid, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of four hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, the accounts having been approved, as in previous years, by the secretary of the Senate and by the clerk of the House, or their representatives.

Sec. 3. That no person shall be employed as a reporter for the House without the approval of the Speaker of the House: Provided, That it shall be the duty of the joint committee on public printing to publish an advertisement once a week, for four weeks, in one newspaper in each of the cities of Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, and San Francisco, inviting proposals in detail for reporting and for printing, together and separately, the debates of the forty-third, the forty-fourth, and the forty-fifth Congresses, together or separately, and to report all proposals which may be received before the designated day to Congress, at the earliest practicable date, with estimates, hereby directed to be made by the congressional printer, of the cost of reporting the debates and of printing them at the government printing office, accompanied by the recommendations of the joint committee on public printing on all proposals and estimates so submitted; and that the bills for such advertising be paid in equal parts from the contingent funds of the Senate and of the House of Representatives: And provided further, That no debates shall be reported or published at public expense, after the close of the present Congress, except upon written contracts entered into therefor under the authority of Congress.

APPROVED, April 2, 1872.

CHAP. LXXX. — An Act to establish a Port of Entry and Delivery at the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a port of entry and delivery