

representative to represent said State in the forty-fourth Congress of the United States.

representatives in Congress from California.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCXL. — *An Act to authorize the Unlading of Steamships at Night.*

March 3, 1873.

*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 the collector of customs (with the concurrence of the naval officer, if there be one,) of any port at which a steamship from a foreign port or place may arrive, upon or after the issuing of a general order, to grant upon proper application therefor, a special license to unlade the cargo of said vessel at night, that is to say, between sunset and sunrise; but before any such special license is granted, the master, agents, or consignees of the vessel shall execute and deliver to the said collector a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by him, conditioned to indemnify and save the said collector harmless from any and all losses and liabilities which may occur or be occasioned by reason of the granting of such special license: *And provided,* That any liability of the master or owner of any such steamship to the owner or consignee of any merchandise landed from said vessel shall not be affected by the granting of such special license or of any general order, but such liability shall continue until said merchandise is properly removed from the dock whereon the same may be landed; and the collector, under such general regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, shall fix a uniform and reasonable rate of compensation for like service, to be paid by the master, owner, or consignee whenever such special license is granted, and shall collect and distribute the same among the inspectors assigned to superintend the unlading of the cargo.

Special license may be given to foreign steamship to unlade cargo between sunset and sunrise.

Master, &c., to give bond.

Liability of master and owner to consignee not affected.

Compensation when license is granted, and how distributed.

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CHAP. CCXLI. — *An Act to provide for the Preparation and Presentation to Congress of the Revision of the Laws of the United States, consolidating the Laws relating to the Post-roads, and a Code relating to military Offenses, and the Revision of Treaties with the Indian Tribes now in Force.*

March 3, 1873.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That a committee of three of the committee of the House of Representatives on the revision of the laws, with committee on the part of the Senate, is hereby authorized, by resolution, to be filed in the Department of Justice, to accept, on the part of Congress, the draft on revision of the laws of the United States prepared by the commissioners to revise the statutes, so far as the same has been reported by them, and may be hereafter reported by them, at the expiration of the time designated for performing that service, to wit: the fourth day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and to discharge said commissioners, from and after which all acts and parts of acts declaring the duties, powers, rights, and privileges of said commissioners, are hereby repealed; but nothing herein contained shall be construed as an approval or adoption by Congress of any part of the work of the commissioners.

Committee authorized to accept, for Congress, the draft of the revision of the laws from the commissioners, and to discharge them;

certain acts repealed from, &c.;

work of commissioners not hereby approved.

SEC. 2. That the committee of the House of Representatives on the revision of the laws, together with such committee as the Senate may join, be, and they hereby are, authorized to contract with some suitable person or persons, learned in the law, to prepare a bill revising and embodying in one act all the laws authorizing post-roads in force at the expiration of the present session of Congress; and also to prepare a bill codifying and regulating the laws in regard to military offenses, according to the recommendation made by the President of the United States in his annual message communicated to Congress at the present session, and also to prepare a revision of all the Indian treaties now in force as law:

The committee may contract for a bill embodying in one act all laws authorizing post-roads in force; for codifying laws as to military offenses; for revision of Indian treaties in force as laws.

The committee may contract for preparing the revision reported by the commissioners in a bill to be presented to Congress, and with indexes, &c.

SEC. 3. That said committee are also authorized to contract with some suitable person or persons under the supervision of said committee and such regulations as may be by them prescribed, to prepare the revision of the statutes already reported by the commissioners, or which may be reported before said fourth day of May, in the form of a bill, to be presented at the opening of the session of Congress in December next, embodying all the laws so revised and the bills and provisions herein provided for, with proper indexes, so that the same may be in form to be acted upon forthwith by Congress at said session.

Revisions and bills, &c., to be printed by congressional printer, and distributed, for correction.

SEC. 4. That said committee is further authorized to have such revisions and bills printed by the congressional printer from time to time, uniform with the revision already reported, and to distribute them, and also the consolidation and codification of the postal and military laws and treaties herein provided for, to members of Congress and others competent to judge of their merits, in order for their correction by such persons.

Appropriations herefor to be distributed by the Department of Justice.

SEC. 5. That any moneys appropriated for the payment of the work herein provided for shall be disbursed by the Department of Justice from time to time only so far as that Department shall be satisfied that the work has been well and faithfully performed, and as said Department shall be satisfied that the work will be fully done and completed by the commencement of said session of Congress in December next.

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CHAP. CCXLII. — *An Act to provide for the Apportionment of the Territory of Wyoming for legislative Purposes.*

Apportionment of the Territory of Wyoming for election of members of the legislative assembly. 1868, ch. 235. Vol. xv. p. 178. No new census.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the apportionment of the Territory of Wyoming for the election of members of the next legislative assembly of said Territory shall be made by the governor thereof, in accordance with the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide a temporary government for the Territory of Wyoming," approved July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight: *Provided,* That for the purpose of such apportionment it shall not be necessary to take a new or additional census or enumeration of said Territory.

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CHAP. CCXLIII. — *An Act to amend the Law requiring consular Officers to collect three Months' extra Pay for Seamen in certain Cases.*

When a seaman is discharged in a foreign port for misconduct, consular officers may remit the three months' extra wages, if he can be at once reshipped without expense to the United States.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the law to regulate the consular system of the United States which requires consular officers to collect three months' extra wages upon the discharge of seamen be, and the same hereby is, so amended as to permit said officers whenever, after a full hearing of both parties, the cause of discharge is found to be the misconduct of the seaman, to remit so much of the extra wages as is now by law paid to the seaman discharged: *Provided,* That relief can immediately be offered to such seaman by reshipment without expense to the United States.

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March 3, 1873. 1866, ch. 201, § 7. Vol. xiv. p. 179.

CHAP. CCXLIV. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to prevent Smuggling, and for other Purposes," approved July eighteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six.*

Collectors of customs and of internal revenue to report within ten days to district attorney all

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the seventh section of the act entitled "An act to further prevent smuggling, and for other purposes," approved July eighteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: That it shall be the duty of the several collectors of customs and of internal revenue to report within ten days to