

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.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

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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.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

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

the district attorney of the district in which any fine, penalty, or forfeiture may be incurred for the violation of any law of the United States relating to the revenue, a statement of all the facts and circumstances of the case within their knowledge, together with the names of the witnesses, and which may come to their knowledge from time to time, stating the provisions of the law believed to be violated, and on which a reliance may be had for condemnation or conviction, and such district attorney shall cause the proper proceedings to be commenced and prosecuted without delay for the fines, penalties, and forfeitures by law in such case provided, unless, upon inquiry and examination he shall decide that such proceedings cannot probably be sustained, or that the ends of public justice do not require that proceedings should be instituted, in which case he shall report the facts in customs cases to the Secretary of the Treasury, and in internal-revenue cases to the commissioner of internal revenue, for their direction: and for the expenses incurred and services rendered in all such cases the district attorney shall receive and be paid from the treasury such sum as the Secretary of the Treasury shall deem just and reasonable upon the certificate of the judge before whom such cases are tried or disposed of: *Provided, however,* That the annual compensation of such district attorney shall not exceed the maximum amount now prescribed by law; and if any collector shall in any case fail to report to the proper district attorney as prescribed in this section, such collector's right to any compensation, benefit or allowance in such case shall be forfeited to the United States, and the same may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, be awarded to such persons as may make complaint and prosecute the same to judgment or conviction.

cases of fines, penalties, and forfeitures, with names of witnesses, &c.

Proceedings to be commenced without delay, unless, &c.

If proceedings are not instituted, facts to be reported;

compensation to district attorney, but, &c.

Collector not reporting, to forfeit right of compensation, &c.

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CHAP. CCXLV. — *An Act to regulate the Taking of Testimony in certain Cases.*

March 3, 1873.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That no witness shall be compelled to appear or to testify before any commissioner or officer appointed to take testimony under letters rogatory, issued or to be issued from any court in any foreign country, in any suit or proceeding in which the government of such foreign country shall be a party of record or in interest, except for the purpose of answering specific written interrogatories issued with and accompanying such letters rogatory, and addressed to such witness. *Provided,* That when counsel for all the parties attend the examination, they may consent that questions in addition to those accompanying the letters rogatory may be put to the witness, unless the letters rogatory exclude such additional interrogatories.

Witnesses not compelled to appear or testify before commissioner to take testimony, under letters rogatory from foreign court, when, &c., except, &c.;

SEC. 2. That no witness shall be required, on such examination, or any other under letters rogatory, to make any disclosure or discovery which shall tend to criminate him either under the laws of the State or Territory within which such examination is had, or any other, or any foreign State.

nor to make disclosures tending to criminate themselves.

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CHAP. CCXLVI. — *An Act to restore Absalom Kirby as second assistant Engineer in the Navy.*

March 3, 1873.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to restore Absalom Kirby to his original position on the active list as a second assistant engineer in the navy of the United States.

Absalom Kirby may be replaced as second assistant engineer.

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