CHAP. CCXLVII. — An Act providing for the Payment to the Government of Japan the
Sun due on Account of Rents for Lands and Buildings occupied by the diplomatic and
consular Representatives of the United States to Japan, 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 Secretary of State be,
and he is hereby, authorized to pay to the government of Japan, through
its resident diplomatic representative in the United States, out of any
moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, any sum not exceeding
six thousand dollars, which may be found to be due to the government of
Japan by that of the United States, on account of rents for lands or build-
ings occupied for hospital purposes, jail, and court-house by the United
States in Japan.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of State through the minister resident at
Japan be, and he is hereby, authorized to rent furnish and keep suitable
buildings with grounds appurtenant in Jedo or such other place as he may
designate for a court-house and jail at an annual cost not exceeding five
thousand dollars: Provided, That the period for which the said buildings
shall be rented shall be for two years with renewals for two years as the
Secretary of State shall determine.

SEC. 3. That a further sum, not to exceed two thousand five hundred
dollars be, and the same is hereby, also appropriated, out of any moneys
in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase of a suitable
law-library for the use of said legation in Japan, the selection of such
library to be made by the Secretary of State.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCXLVIII. — An Act authorizing the Secretary of War to furnish a duplicate
Certificate of Discharge where the same has been lost.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever satisfactory
proof shall be furnished to the War Department that any non-commissioned officer or private soldier who served in the army of the United
States in the late war against the rebellion has lost his certificate of dis-
charge, or the same has been destroyed without his privity or procure-
ment, the Secretary of War shall be authorized to furnish, on request, to
such non-commissioned officer or private, a duplicate of such certificate of
discharge, to be indelibly marked, so that it may be known as a duplicate:
Provided, Such certificate shall not be accepted as a voucher for the pay-
ment of any claim against the United States for pay bounty, or other
allowance, or as evidence in any other case.

SEC. 2. That the army regulations now in force are hereby modified in
accordance with the provisions of this act.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCXLIX. — An Act to provide for the Establishment of a military Prison,
and for its Government.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America, in Congress assembled, That there shall be estab-
lished at Rock Island, in the State of Illinois, a prison for the confinement
and reformation of offenders against the rules, regulations and laws for
the government of the army of the United States, in which shall be
securely confined, and employed at labor, and governed in the manner
hereinafter directed, all offenders convicted before any court-martial or
military commission in the United States, and sentenced according to law
to imprisonment therein.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War shall organize a board of five mem-
bers, to consist of three officers of the army and two persons from civil
life, who shall adopt a plan for the building of such prison, and who shall
frame regulations for the government of the prisoners, in accordance with