

This act shall be subject to amendment or repeal at the pleasure of Congress.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCLXI. — *An Act for the Creation of a Court for the Adjudication and Disposition of certain Moneys received into the Treasury under an Award made by the Tribunal of Arbitration constituted by Virtue of the first Article of the Treaty concluded at Washington the eighth of May, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-one, between the United States of America and the Queen of Great Britain.* March 3, 1873.
Post, p. 863.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That immediately upon the payment of the sum of money awarded to the United States by the tribunal of arbitration at Geneva to be paid by the government of Great Britain the same shall be paid into the treasury and used to redeem, so far as it may the public debt of the United States. And the amount equal to the debt so redeemed shall be invested in the five per cent. registered bonds of the United States to be held subject to the future disposition of Congress.

The money paid to the United States by Great Britain awarded by the tribunal at Geneva, how to be used, &c.

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CHAP. CCLXII. — *An Act to place colored Persons who enlisted in the Army on the same Footing as other Soldiers as to Bounty and Pension.* March 3, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all colored persons who enlisted in the army during the late war, and who are now prohibited from receiving bounty and pension on account of being borne on the rolls of their regiments as "slaves," shall be placed on the same footing as to bounty and pension, as though they had not been slaves at the date of their enlistment.

All colored persons who enlisted in the army, to have the same rights as to bounties and pensions.

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CHAP. CCLXIII. — *An Act fixing the Time of holding the Fall Term of the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska.* March 3, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the fall term of the United States district court for the district of Nebraska shall hereafter be held at Omaha upon the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday in the month of October of each year.

Term of the United States district court for Nebraska.

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CHAP. CCLXIV. — *An Act creating the Collection District of Southern Oregon.* March 3, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the ports, harbors, bays, rivers, and waters of the main land of all that portion of the State of Oregon lying south and east of the north bank of the Siuslaw river, shall constitute a collection district by the name of the southern collection district of Oregon; and a port of entry shall be, and hereby is, established for said district at Coos bay, in Coos county, of said State; and a collector of customs shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to reside at Empire city.

Southern collection district of Oregon established.
Port of entry.
Collector, appointment, pay, &c.

SEC. 2. That ports of delivery shall be, and are hereby, established in the collection district aforesaid, at Ellensburg, at the mouth of Rogue river, Port Orford, out at Gardner on the Umpqua river; and the collector of customs of said district is hereby authorized to appoint, with the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury, three deputy collectors, to be stationed at the ports of delivery aforesaid.

Ports of delivery.
Three deputy collectors authorized.

SEC. 3. That the collector of said district shall be allowed a compensation of one thousand dollars per annum, with the fees allowed by law,

Pay of collector and deputies.

and a commission on all customs money collected and accounted for by him, such salary, fees, and commissions not to exceed the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars per annum; and said deputy collectors shall each be allowed a compensation of one thousand dollars per annum.

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March 3, 1873. CHAP. CCLXV. — *An Act to provide for the Payment in Gold of certain Wages to Seamen in foreign Countries.*

Payments in foreign ports by consular officers, as wages to seamen, to be in gold, or, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That moneys paid under the laws of the United States, by direction of consular officers or agents, at any foreign port or place, as wages, extra or otherwise, due American seamen, shall be paid in gold or its equivalent, without any deduction whatever, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

March 3, 1873. CHAP. CCLXVI. — *An Act to authorize Pre-emptors or Settlers upon Homesteads on the public Land to alienate Portions of their Pre-emptions or Homesteads for certain public Purposes.*

Pre-emptors and homestead settlers upon public lands may alienate portions of their estate for certain purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who has already settled or hereafter may settle on the public lands of the United States, either by pre-emption, or by virtue of the homestead law or any amendments thereto, shall have the right to transfer by warranty, against his or her own acts, any portion of his or her said pre-emption or homestead for church, cemetery, or school purposes, or for the right of way of railroads across such pre-emption or homestead, and the transfer for such public purposes shall in no way vitiate the right to complete and perfect the title to their pre-emptions or homesteads.

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March 3, 1873. CHAP. CCLXVII. — *An Act to provide for the Care and Preservation of the Cemetery near the City of Mexico, purchased in Accordance with the Act of September twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and fifty.*

Cemetery near the city of Mexico to be properly cared for:

subject to rules, &c.

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 is authorized to provide out of the ordinary annual appropriations for establishing and maintaining United States military cemeteries, for the proper care and preservation and maintenance of the cemetery or burial-ground near the city of Mexico, in which are interred the remains of officers and soldiers of the United States, and of citizens of the United States, who fell in battle or died in and around said city; and that this cemetery shall be subject to the rules and regulations affecting United States national military cemeteries within the limits of the United States, so far as they may, in the opinion of the President, be applicable thereto.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

March 3, 1873. CHAP. CCLXVIII. — *An Act to establish the Custom-house Value of the Sovereign or Pound sterling of Great Britain, and to fix the Par of Exchange.*

Value of foreign coin in United States money of account, to be, &c.
Values of standard coins in circulation to be estimated annually and proclaimed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the value of foreign coin as expressed in the money of account of the United States shall be that of the pure metal of such coin of standard value; and the values of the standard coins in circulation of the various nations of the world shall be estimated annually by the director of the mint, and be proclaimed on the first day of January by the Secretary of the Treasury.