thousand dollars per annum: Provided, however, That said officer may be required, in addition to his duties as such deputy collector, to perform the duties of an inspector of the customs, without additional compensation.

Approved, March 3, 1873.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section two of the act entitled "An act to amend an act relating to soldiers' and sailors' homesteads," approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, be amended so as to read as follows: That any person entitled under the provisions of the foregoing sections to enter a homestead, who may have heretofore entered under the homestead laws a quantity of land less than one hundred and sixty acres, shall be permitted to enter so much land as, when added to the quantity previously entered, shall not exceed one hundred and sixty acres.

Approved, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCLXXV. — An Act for the Relief of the State of Connecticut and other States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed out of any money appropriated to continue the settlement of accounts presented under the act of July twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to pay to the governor of Connecticut, or to his duly-authorized agents, any amounts advanced by said State in payment of chaplains, extra surgeons, or assistant surgeons employed by said State in said capacities during the late war; the said claims to be settled by the proper accounting officers of the treasury upon vouchers filed: Provided, That certificates of actual employment are filed with the accounts.

Sec. 2. That when the vouchers of other States for payments made to chaplains, extra surgeons, or assistant surgeons situated similarly with those of Connecticut are filed, the Treasury Department shall adjust and settle them according to the provisions of the foregoing section.

Approved, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCLXXVI. — An Act to authorize the Interment of honorably discharged Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the national Cemeteries of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines who served during the late war either in the regular or volunteer forces, dying subsequent to the passage of this act may be buried in any national cemetery of the United States free of cost and their graves shall receive the same care and attention as the graves of those already buried. The production of the honorable discharge of the deceased shall be authority for the superintendent of the cemetery to permit the interment.

Approved, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCLXXVII. — An Act to encourage the Growth of Timber on western Prairies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who shall plant, protect, and keep in a healthy, growing condition for ten years forty acres of timber, the trees thereon not being more than twelve feet apart each