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in which such tribunals may be organized, so far as the jurisdiction of said tribunals may embrace matters now cognizable by the minister, consuls, or other functionaries of the United States in said dominions, and to notify the government of the Sublime Porte, or that of Egypt, or either of them, that the United States, during such suspension will, as aforesaid accept for their citizens the jurisdiction of the tribunals aforesaid over citizens of the United States which has heretofore been exercised by the minister, consuls, or other functionaries of the United States.

SEC. 2. That the President is hereby authorized for the benefit of American citizens residing in the Turkish dominions, to accept the recent law of the Ottoman Porte ceding the right of foreigners possessing immovable property in said dominions.

Approved, March 23, 1874.

March 24, 1874.

CHAP. 64.—An act to amend the act entitled "An act to prevent the extermination of fur-bearing animals in Alaska," approved July first, eighteen hundred and seventy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act to prevent the extermination of fur-bearing animals in Alaska," approved July first, eighteen hundred and seventy, is hereby amended so as to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, and he is hereby authorized, to designate the months in which fur-seals may be taken for their skins on the islands of Saint Paul and Saint George, in Alaska, and in the waters adjacent thereto, and the number to be taken on or about each island respectively.

Approved, March 24, 1874.

March 24, 1874.

CHAP. 65.—An act to establish bonded warehouses for the storing and cleansing of rice intended for exportation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act importers' bonded warehouses, to be used for the storage and cleansing of imported rice intended for exportation to foreign countries, may be established at any port of entry in the United States, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

Approved, March 24, 1874.

March 26, 1874.

CHAP. 69.—An act making an appropriation to defray the expenses of the Joint Select Committee to Inquire into the Affairs of the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of ten thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Joint Select Committee to Inquire into the Affairs of the District of Columbia; and that sum shall be drawn from the Treasury, upon the order of the Secretary of the Senate, as the same shall be required; and any portion of the amount hereby appropriated that shall be allowed by the said joint committee to witnesses attending before it or persons employed in its service, for per diem, traveling, or other necessary expenses, and paid by the Secretary of the Senate, in pursuance of the orders of said joint committee shall be accordingly credited and allowed by the accounting officers of the Treasury Department.

Approved, March 26, 1874.