

of the Treasury Department who may be detailed to conduct such investigation, or to examine into any alleged incompetency or misconduct of any of the officers or employees of the Life-Saving Service, shall have authority to administer an oath to any witness attending to testify or depose in the course of such investigation.

Administering oaths.

SEC. 10. That section six of said act of June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, is so amended as to extend the compensation of the enrolled members of volunteer crews of life-boat stations therein named to occasions of actual and deserving service at any shipwreck, or in the relief of any vessel in distress, and that such persons as may volunteer to take the place of any absent or disabled enrolled members of a crew, and who shall be accepted by the keeper, may be paid therefor, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, a sum not to exceed eight dollars each on every such occasion: *Provided*, That all crews and volunteers employed under authority of this act who may be present at a wreck shall be required to use their utmost endeavors to save life and properly care for the bodies of such as may perish, and, when such efforts are no longer necessary, to save property and protect the same, under the direction of the senior keeper present or of the superintendent of the district, until the arrival of persons legally authorized to take charge; and for the time employed in so saving and protecting property volunteers shall be entitled to compensation not to exceed three dollars per day each, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Volunteer crews. Compensation. 1874, ch. 344, 18 Stat., 127.

Duty of crews.

Volunteers. Compensation for saving property. Drill and exercise.

SEC. 11. That the enrolled members of the crews of life-boat stations may be called out for drill and exercise in the life-boat and life-saving apparatus as often as the general superintendent may determine, not to exceed twice a month, for each day's attendance at which they shall be entitled to the sum of three dollars each.

SEC. 12. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to bestow the life-saving medal of the second class upon persons making such signal exertions in rescuing and succoring the shipwrecked, and saving persons from drowning, as, in his opinion, shall merit such recognition.

Life-saving medals.

Approved, June 18, 1878.

CHAP. 266.—An act for the restoration to market of certain lands in the Territory of Utah.

June 18, 1878.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That so much of the act of Congress approved May fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and entitled "An act to vacate and sell the present Indian reservation in Utah Territory, and to settle Indians of said Territory in the Uinta Valley", as directs the Secretary of the Interior to cause to be appraised and offer for sale upon sealed bids the reservations therein referred to, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to restore the same to the public domain for disposition as other public lands.

Indian reservation in Utah restored to market. 1864, ch. 77, 13 Stat., 63.

Repealed in part.

Approved, June 18, 1878.

CHAP. 267.—An act relative to examinations for promotions in the Navy.

June 18, 1878.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That hereafter in the examination of officers in the Navy for promotion no fact which occurred prior to the last examination of the candidate whereby he was promoted, which has been enquired into and decided upon, shall be again enquired into, but such previous examination, if approved, shall be conclusive, unless such fact continuing shows the unfitness of the officer to perform all his duties at sea.

Examinations for promotion in Navy. Facts once examined not included.

Where rule violated.

**SEC. 2.** The President of the United States may in cases wherein the rule herein prescribed has been violated order and direct the re-examination of the same.

Approved, June 18, 1878.

June 18, 1878.

**CHAP. 268.**—An act to amend section forty-six hundred and ninety five of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

Lieutenant commanders' pension. R. S. 4695, p. 921, Amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after July sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two pensions granted to lieutenant-commanders in the Navy for disability, or on account of their death, shall be the same as theretofore provided for lieutenants-commanding.

Approved, June 18, 1878.

June 18, 1878.

**CHAP. 269.**—An act to provide for the holding of terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Indiana. Terms of U. S. courts at Fort Wayne.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be two terms of the United States district and circuit courts for the district of Indiana, held in the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana, in each year, from and after the passage of this act; the time and length of the terms to be fixed by the judges of said court respectively.

Clerk, etc., to act. 1879, ch. 182, Post, 399.

Deputy clerk and deputy marshal.

**SEC. 2.** That the clerk of the district court for the district of Indiana, the marshal, and district attorney for said district shall perform the duties appertaining to their offices, respectively, for said courts; and the said clerk and marshal shall appoint a deputy, to reside and keep their offices at Fort Wayne, and who shall, in the absence of their principals, do and perform all the duties appertaining to their said offices respectively.

Court-house.

**SEC. 3.** That each of said courts shall be held in a building to be provided for that purpose by the county or city authorities, without expense to the United States.

Approved, June 18, 1878.

June 19, 1878.

**CHAP. 309.**—An act to provide for the revision and correction of assessments for special improvements in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Special-improvement taxes to be enforced.

Revision of assessments.

Drawback-certificates.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, directed to enforce the collection, according to existing laws, of all assessments for special improvements prepared under an act of the legislative assembly of August tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, as charges upon the property benefitted by the improvements in respect to which said assessments were made: *Provided,* That upon complaint being made to the Commissioners, within thirty days from the passage of this act, of erroneous or excessive charges in respect to any of said assessments which remain unpaid, said Commissioners are hereby authorized to revise such assessments so complained of, and to correct the same; and where certificates of assessment have been issued, they shall issue to the holder of such certificate a drawback-certificate for the amount of such erroneous or excessive charges, which certificates shall be received at any time in payment of assessments for special improvements, and they shall be redeemed in the manner prescribed for the redemption and purchase of certificates, as provided by an act of the legislative assembly of May twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled "An act for extending the time of payment of special assessments, and for other purposes", after the provisions for the purchase and redemption of certificates named in said act shall have been fully carried out.

Approved, June 19, 1878.