

CHAP. 310.—An act granting a site for a dry-dock in the city of Baltimore upon certain conditions.

June 19, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to convey to the Baltimore Dry Dock Company of Baltimore City, a body corporate created under the laws of the State of Maryland, for the consideration hereinafter described, so much of the land belonging to the United States, in said city, known as the Fort McHenry tract, as lies between the northwestern boundary line of the said tract, and a line parallel thereto and distant four hundred and fifty feet therefrom, and between a line two hundred and fifty feet from the northern side of Fort avenue (a street or avenue of said city, extended), and parallel thereto, and the northwest branch of the Patapsco River.

Fort McHenry tract, Baltimore. Part of, to be conveyed as site for dry-dock.

SEC. 2. That in consideration of the said conveyance, and as the condition upon which the same is made, the said dry-dock company shall be required to construct, upon the land conveyed as aforesaid, within two years from the date of the conveyance, an efficient "Simpson's improved dry-dock", four hundred and fifty feet in length, and to accord to the United States the right to the use forever of the said dry-dock, at any time, for the prompt examination and repair of vessels belonging to the United States, free from charge for docking; and if at any time said property hereby conveyed shall be diverted to any other use than that herein named, or if the said dry-dock shall be at any time unfit for use for a period of six months, or more, the property hereby conveyed with all its privileges and appurtenances shall revert to, and become the absolute property of the United States.

Conditions of conveyance.

Diversion to other uses.

Approved, June 19, 1878.

CHAP. 311.—An act to regulate expenditures in the Navy.

June 19, 1878.

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, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to Congress, annually, a tabular statement showing in detail the receipts and expenditures in the Naval service under each appropriation, as made up and determined by the proper officers of the Treasury Department, upon the accounts of disbursing-officers rendered for settlement.

Expenditures in naval service. Annual tabular statement.

SEC. 2. There shall be appended to this statement an account of balances in the hands of disbursing agents at the close of each fiscal year, and a report of any amounts lost or unaccounted for by voucher

Account of balances.

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CHAP. 312.—An act authorizing a general account of advances for naval appropriations

June 19, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue his requisitions for advances to disbursing officers and agents of the Navy under a "General account of advances", not to exceed the total appropriation for the Navy, the amount so advanced to be exclusively used to pay current obligations upon proper vouchers and that "Pay of the Navy" shall hereafter be used only for its legitimate purpose, as provided by law.

Requisitions of Secretary of Navy for advances, how to be issued.

"Pay of Navy," how used.

SEC. 2. That the amount so advanced be charged to the proper appropriations, and returned to "General account of advances" by pay and counter warrant; the said charge, however, to particular appropriations, shall be limited to the amount appropriated to each.

Advances, how charged, etc.