the refunding act; and the money so received shall be applied only to
the payment of the bonds bearing interest at a rate of not less than five
per centum in the mode prescribed by said act, and he is authorized to
prescribe suitable rules and regulations in conformity with this act.

Approved, February 26, 1879.

CHAP. 103.—An act to amend section twenty-three of the act approved June
twenty-second, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, entitled "An act to amend
customs-revenue laws and to repeal moieties."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the twenty-third section
of an act entitled "An act to amend customs-revenue laws and to repeal
moieties," approved the twenty-second day of June, eighteen hundred
and seventy-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended, to take effect
from that date, as follows: After the words "to the naval officers of the
districts of Boston and Charlestown, Massachusetts; and San Francisco,
California; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania," insert the words "and
Baltimore, Maryland; and New Orleans, Louisiana"; and after the
words " to the surveyors of the ports of Boston, Massachusetts, and San
Francisco, California, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, each five thou-
sand dollars," insert the words "Provided, the surveyors at Portland,
Maine, and Baltimore, Maryland, shall each receive the sum of four
thousand five hundred dollars, and the surveyor at New Orleans, Louisi-
am, shall receive the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars;"

Approved, February 26, 1879.

CHAP. 104.—An act relating to the Cumberland Road in the State of Ohio, and to
authorize the same to become a free road.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of the United
States shall be, and is hereby, given to an act of the general assembly
of the State of Ohio, passed April sixth, anno Domini eighteen hundred
and seventy-six, entitled "An act to authorize the commissioners of the
several counties in that State through which the National (Cumberland)
Road passes to take under their care and control so much of said road
as lies within the limits of such counties respectively"; and also to an
act passed March twenty-second, anno Domini eighteen hundred and
seventy-seven, to amend section three of said last named act, granting
authority to said commissioners to make certain parts of said road a free
road.

Sec. 2. That the consent of the United States is hereby granted to
the State of Ohio to authorize any portion of the Cumberland Road
lying east of Springfield, Ohio, and in said State, to become, or to be
declared, a free road: Provided, That this consent shall have no effect
in respect of creating or recognizing any duty or liability whatever on
the part of the United States.

Approved, February 26, 1879.

CHAP. 105.—An act to promote a knowledge of steam-engineering and iron-ship
building among the students of scientific schools or colleges in the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of promot-
ing a knowledge of steam-engineering and iron-ship building among the
young men of the United States, the President may, upon the application
of an established scientific school or college within the United
States, detail an officer from the Engineer Corps of the Navy as professor
in such school or college: Provided, That the number of officers so
tabled shall not at any time exceed twenty-five, and such details shall
be governed by rules to be prescribed from time to time by the Presi-
dent: And provided further, That such details may be withheld or with-
drawn whenever, in the judgment of the President, the interests of the
public service shall so require.

Approved, February 26, 1879.

CHAP. 106.—An act to amend an act entitled “An act making appropriations for
sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth,
eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes”, approved June twen-
tieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

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 mak-
ing appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for
the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine,
and for other purposes”, approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred
and seventy-eight, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding to the
clause of said act relating to the binding of books for the depart-
ments of the government, after the words “Congressional Library”, the
following words: “nor to the Library of the Patent Office”, nor to the
Library of the Department of State.

Approved, February 26, 1879.

CHAP. 109.—An act authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to accept for the purposes
of a voyage of exploration by way of Behring’s Straits, the ship Jeannette, tendered
by James Gordon Bennett for that purpose.

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 accept and take charge of, for the
use of a North Polar Expedition by way of Behring’s straits, the ship
Jeannette, owned by James Gordon Bennett, and by him devoted to
this purpose; that he may use, in fitting her for her voyage of explora-
tion, any material he may have on hand proper for the purposes of an
Arctic voyage; and that he is further authorized to enlist the necessary
crew for the said vessel for “special service”, their pay to be temporarily
met from the pay of the Navy, and to be paid or refunded by James
Gordon Bennett to the Navy Department under the order of the Secre-
tary of the Navy and as he may require; the vessel to proceed on her
voyage of exploration under the orders and instructions of the Navy
Department; that the men so “specially enlisted” as above shall be
subject in all respects to the Articles of War and Navy Regulations and
discipline; and that all parts of the act approved March eighteenth,
eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, inconsistent with the above, be,
and they are hereby, repealed: Provided, That the government of the
United States shall not be held liable for any expenditure incurred or
to be incurred on account of said exploration.

Approved, February 27, 1879.

CHAP. 110.—An act to provide for the settlement of tax-lien certificates erroneously
issued by the late authorities 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 in order to settle and pay
to the holders of certain tax-lien certificates purporting to have been
issued pursuant to an act of the legislative assembly of the District of
Columbia approved June twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-
three, which the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may deter-