CHAP. 8.—An act authorizing the donation of twenty condemned bronze cannon to aid in the erection of a monument to the memory of General George A. Custer, at the Military Academy at West Point.

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 hereby is, authorized and directed to deliver to the commandant of the United States Military Academy twenty condemned bronze cannon, if the same can be spared without detriment to the public service to be disposed of by him as he may see proper for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a monument to the memory of General George A. Custer on the grounds of the Military Academy at West Point.

Approved, December 21, 1878.

CHAP. 9.—An act changing the time of holding the terms of the United States Circuit Court for the district of West Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the Circuit Court of the United States for the district of West Virginia shall be held at Parkersburg on the tenth days of January and June. And when either of said dates shall fall on Sunday the term shall commence on the following Monday. And all pending cases, process, rules, and proceedings shall be conducted in the same manner and with the same effect as to time as if this act had not passed.

Approved, December 21, 1878.

CHAP. 10.—An act to provide for a deficiency in the appropriation for transportation of mails by railroads for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to meet the deficiency in the appropriation for the transportation of mails by railroads for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine: Provided, That no increase in the postal-car service beyond what existed on the first of December eighteen hundred and seventy-eight shall be made during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

Approved, December 21, 1878.

CHAP. 11.—An act to amend an act approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight and to fix the rate of interest on bonds authorized by said act to be issued by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provision of the act making appropriation for sundry civil expenses approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to issue bonds to redeem certain bonds of said District falling due January first and March first, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, be, and the same is hereby, amended so that the last clause of the paragraph containing said provision shall read as follows: "Said bonds shall be registered or coupon bonds and shall be of the denomination of one hundred dollars or five hundred dollars or both and shall be payable twenty years after date, and bearing a rate of interest, not exceeding six per centum, and not to be sold for less than their par value, and to be awarded to the most favorable bidder or bidders, after having been advertised by the Treasurer of the United States, as sinking-
fund commissioner of said District, for ten successive insertions in two
daily papers in Washington and two in New York; the bids to be
opened in the presence of the Secretary of the Treasury, and the award
to be subject to his approval."

Redemption of maturing bonds.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, au-
thorized to advance to the sinking-fund commissioner, upon requisition
of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, a sum not exceeding
two hundred and eighty-one thousand and five hundred dollars, to pay
the bonds of said District falling due as aforesaid, and the amount so
advanced shall be reimbursed to the United States from the sale of the
bonds to be issued in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Re-assessment and census expenses.

SEC. 3. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be author-
ized to expend a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars to defray the
expenses of the re-assessment of real property and taking the census in
said District, as directed in the act of Congress approved April third,
eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Approved, December 23, 1878.

CHAP. 12.—An act to authorize the proper accounting-officer of the Treasury to audit
and pay the claim of the State of Tennessee for keeping United States military pris-

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting-
officer of the Treasury be, and hereby is, authorized to audit, and, when
audited, to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
priated, the amount due the State of Tennessee if any amount is found
due for keeping and maintaining United States military prisoners.

Approved, January 13, 1879.

CHAP. 19.—An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy
for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty, and for other
purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and
the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury
not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Military Academy,
for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty:

For pay of two professors, at three thousand five hundred dollars per
annum each, seven thousand dollars.

For pay of seven professors, at three thousand dollars per annum each,
twenty-one thousand dollars.

For additional pay of professors for length of service, seven thousand
two hundred and thirteen dollars and thirty-three cents.

For pay of one instructor of practical military engineering, in addition
to pay as first lieutenant, nine hundred dollars.

For pay of one instructor of ordnance and science of gunnery, in addi-
tion to pay as first lieutenant, nine hundred dollars.

For pay of eight assistant professors, in addition to pay as first lieu-
tenants, four thousand dollars.

For pay of three instructors of cavalry, artillery, and infantry tactics,
in addition to pay as first lieutenants, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For pay of four assistant instructors of tactics, commanding com-
panies, in addition to pay as second lieutenants, two thousand four hun-
dred dollars.

For pay of adjutant, in addition to pay as first lieutenant, three hun-
dred dollars: Provided, That the sum paid to said officer shall not ex-
ceed one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum.

For pay of one master of the sword, one thousand five hundred dollars.
For pay of cadets, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and no