

Feb. 14, 1880.

**CHAP. 25.**—An act authorizing the conversion of national gold banks.

National gold  
banks.  
Conversion.  
R. S. 5154.

R. S. 5133.

*Proviso.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any national gold bank organized under the provisions of the laws of the United States, may, in the manner and subject to the provisions prescribed by section fifty-one hundred and fifty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States, for the conversion of banks incorporated under the laws of any State, cease to be a gold bank, and become such an association as is authorized by section fifty-one hundred and thirty-three, for carrying on the business of banking, and shall have the same powers and privileges, and shall be subject to the same duties, responsibilities, and rules, in all respects, as are by law prescribed for such associations: *Provided,* That all certificates of organization which shall be issued under this act shall bear the date of the original organization of each bank respectively as a gold bank.

Approved, February 14, 1880.

Feb. 24, 1880.

**CHAP. 30.**—An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to appoint a deputy-collector at Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Lake Charles,  
La.  
Deputy collect-  
or.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint a deputy-collector at Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, State of Louisiana, who shall have power to enter and clear all vessels coming to that port.

Approved, February 24, 1880.

March 5, 1880.

**CHAP. 33.**—An act for the relief of colored emigrants.

Charitable con-  
tributions for col-  
ored persons, emi-  
grants, free of im-  
port duty.  
Regulations.

*Proviso.**Proviso.*

Takes effect.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all clothing and other articles, being charitable contributions or the avails of charitable contributions, imported in good faith for the relief or aid of colored persons who may have emigrated from their homes to other States, and not for sale, and all such articles imported and now in bond, shall be admitted free of duty under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe: *Provided,* That such articles shall be delivered only to State or municipal corporations, or to some society or institution established for charitable purposes. *And provided further,* That the importers or consignees of such articles shall give such security as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe for the payment of lawful duties on such articles, should any of them be sold, or used contrary to the provisions and intent of this act. This act shall take effect from its passage and remain in force until February first, eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

Approved, March 5, 1880.

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**CHAP. 34.**—An act to provide for the purchase of a site for a Post Office and other government buildings in the city of Baltimore, Maryland.

Site for post of-  
fice in Baltimore,  
Md.

Appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase at private sale, in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, the site selected by him in the square designated by him in his letter of December sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, bounded by Monument Square, Fayette, Lexington and North Streets, for a Post-Office and other government buildings and for this purpose there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of five hundred and