

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the first day of December, 1879, and was adjourned without day on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of June, 1880.

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES, President: WILLIAM A. WHEELER, Vice-President, and President of the Senate. ALLEN G. THURMAN was elected President of the Senate *pro tempore* on the seventh of April, 1880. He was again chosen on the sixth day of May, 1880. SAMUEL J. RANDALL was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives on the eighteenth day of March, 1880, and acted as such until the twenty-first day of March, 1880, when he authorized JOSEPH C. S. BLACKBURN to act in his stead as Speaker *pro tempore* for one day. On the twenty-sixth day of April, 1880, Mr. BLACKBURN was appointed Speaker *pro tempore*, to act as such for three days; and on the twenty-fourth day of May, 1880, Mr. BLACKBURN was again appointed Speaker *pro tempore*, to act as such until the return of the Speaker.

CHAP. 1.—An act authorizing an allowance for loss by leakage or casualty of spirits withdrawn from distillery warehouses for exportation.

Dec. 20, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That where spirits are withdrawn from distillery warehouses for exportation according to law, it shall be lawful, under such rules and regulations and limitation as shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, for an allowance to be made for leakage or loss by an unavoidable accident, and without any fraud or negligence of the distiller, owner, exporter, carrier, or their agents or employees, occurring during transportation from a distillery warehouse to the port of export; nor shall any assessment be collected for such loss or leakage where the same has not been paid on distilled spirits exported since the first day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Distilled spirits.

Allowance for loss, leakage, or casualty when withdrawn for exportation.

SEC. 2. That where the spirits provided for in the preceding section are covered by a valid claim of insurance in excess of the market value thereof, exclusive of the tax, the tax upon such spirits shall not be referred to the extent of such excessive insurance

Tax not to be remitted to extent of excessive insurance.

Approved, December 20, 1879.

CHAP. 2.—An act relating to printing impressions from portraits and vignettes.

Dec. 22, 1879.

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 at the request of a Senator, Representative, or Delegate in Congress, the head of a department or bureau, art association, or library, be, and he is hereby authorized to furnish impressions from any portrait or vignette which is now, or may hereafter be, a part of the engraved stock of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, at such rates and under such conditions as he may deem necessary to protect the public interests.

Impressions of portraits and vignettes may be furnished, &c.

Approved, December 22, 1879.

CHAP. 4.—An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

Jan. 13, 1880.

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

Pensions, 1881.
Appropriations.

otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, and for other purposes:

Army pensions.

For pensions for Army invalids, widows, minors, and dependent relatives, survivors of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, and widows of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, thirty-one million four hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the amount expended for each of the above items shall be accounted for separately.

Proviso.

Pension agents.

For pay and allowances for salary, fees for preparing vouchers, rent, fuel, light, and postage on official matter directed to the departments and bureaus at Washington, two hundred and fifty-three thousand dollars.

Navy pensions.

Proviso.

For Navy pensions to invalids, widows, minors, and dependent relatives, five hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the appropriations aforesaid for Navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the Navy pension fund, so far as the same may be sufficient for that purpose: *And provided further*, That the amount expended for each of the above items shall be accounted for separately.

Accounts.

Proviso.

Fees of examining-surgeons.

Proviso.

Rate of fees.

For fees of examining-surgeons, as provided by the several acts of Congress, one hundred and one thousand dollars: *Provided*, That a fee of one dollar, and no more, shall be paid to the examining-surgeon for each examination of a pensioner, as provided by law, except when the examination is made by a board of surgeons, in which case the fees now allowed by law shall be paid.

Approved, January 13, 1880.

Jan. 14, 1880.

CHAP. 5.—An act to authorize the laying of a telegraphic cable from the main land in Rhode Island to Block Island.

Appropriation.
Telegraphic
cable to Block Is-
land, R. I.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for the purpose of laying a telegraphic cable, under the direction of the Chief Signal Officer of the Army, from the main land of Rhode Island to Block Island, Rhode Island.

Approved, January 14, 1880.

Jan. 21, 1880.

CHAP. 8.—An act to establish a land-district in the Territory of Dakota, and locating the office at Grand Forks.

Land district in
Dakota Territory.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that portion of the Territory of Dakota lying and being north of the twelfth standard parallel and east of the tenth guide meridian shall constitute a new land-district, to be known as the Grand Forks district.

Register and re-
ceiver.

SEC. 2. The President is hereby authorized to appoint, in the manner provided by law, a register and a receiver for said district, who shall be required to reside in Grand Forks, in the county of Grand Forks, until such time as the President may, in his discretion, remove the site of said land-office from said Grand Forks; and said register and said receiver shall be subject to the same laws and entitled to the same compensation as is or may be provided by law in relation to existing land offices and officers in said Territory.

Approved, January 21, 1880.