CHAP. 31.—An act to provide for a deficiency in the appropriation for interest on the three-sixty-five loan of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to provide for a deficiency in the appropriation for interest on the three-sixty-five loan of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, there be, and is hereby, appropriated one hundred and sixty-two thousand one hundred and sixty-nine dollars and ninety-three cents, one-half thereof to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated and the other half out of the revenues of the District of Columbia for the said fiscal year.

Approved, January 31, 1881.

CHAP. 33.—An act to establish an assay-office in the city of Saint Louis Missouri.

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 is hereby authorized and required to establish an assay-office at Saint Louis, in the State of Missouri; the said office to be conducted under the provisions of an act entitled “An act revising and amending the laws relative to the mints, assay-offices, and coinage of the United States,” approved February twelfth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to set apart sufficient room for said assay-office in the government building in Saint Louis, now used for a post-office and custom-house, and provide the same with the necessary fixtures and apparatus, at a cost not exceeding ten thousand dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, February 1, 1881.

CHAP. 34.—An act to amend the law relative to the seizure and forfeiture of vessels for breach of the revenue laws.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no vessel used by any person or corporation, as common carriers, in the transaction of their business as such common carriers, shall be subject to seizure or forfeiture by force of the provisions of title thirty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States unless it shall appear that the owner or master of such vessel, at the time of the alleged illegal act, was a consenting party or privy thereto.

Approved, February 8, 1881.

CHAP. 35.—An act to provide for the furnishing of certain public documents to Soldiers' Homes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-eight hundred and thirty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, repealed and re-enacted to read as follows: “The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall cause to be sent to the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Dayton, in Ohio, and to the branches at Augusta, in Maine, Milwaukee, in Wisconsin, Hampton in Virginia, and the Soldiers' Home at Knightstown Springs, near Knightstown, in Indiana, each, one copy of each of the following documents: The journals of each House of