Jan. 31, 1881.

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.

Feb. 1, 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.

Feb. 8, 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.

Feb. 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
Congress at each and every session; all laws of Congress; the annual messages of the President, with accompanying documents; the daily Congressional Record, and all other documents or books which may be printed and bound by order of either House of Congress; and the Public Printer is hereby authorized and directed to furnish to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives the documents referred to in this section."

Approved, February 8, 1881.

CHAP. 36.—An act relative to the Revolutionary battle-field of Bennington.

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 authorized and is hereby directed to pay to the governor of the State of Vermont the sum of forty thousand dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be by him transferred to the Bennington Battle Monument Association, which has raised an equal amount for the erection of a proposed monument to commemorate the Revolutionary battle of Bennington.

SEC. 2. That no moneys shall be paid out of the Treasury for the benefit of such association until the design for its monument shall have been approved by the President of the United States, or by a commission appointed by him for the purpose, and a board of three Army officers appointed by him shall have reported to him that the moneys already raised, together with the sum hereby appropriated from the Treasury of the United States, shall be sufficient to complete the monument in accordance with the design approved by him, or by the commission appointed by him.

Approved, February 8, 1881.

CHAP. 39.—An act to grant to the corporate authorities of the city of Council Bluffs, in the State of Iowa for public uses, a certain lake known as Carr Lake, situated near said city.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be, and is hereby, conveyed to the corporate authorities of the city of Council Bluffs, in the State of Iowa, and their successors in office, the title of the United States to the meandered lake, situated in sections twenty-nine and thirty-two, of township number seventy-four, Pottawatamie County, in the State of Iowa, known as Carr Lake, upon the express conditions that the premises shall be held for public use, resort, and recreation; shall be inalienable for all time; but leases not exceeding ten years may be granted for portions of said premises, all incomes derived from leases of privileges to be expended in the preservation and improvement of the property or the roads leading thereto; the premises to be managed by the said corporate authorities, or such commissioners as they may elect, and who shall receive no compensation for their services.

Approved, February 9, 1881.

CHAP. 40.—An act authorizing the survey of parts of certain townships in Crawford County, Wisconsin, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby directed to cause to be surveyed that part of townships numbered nine and ten north of range four west, in the county