CHAP. 94.—An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to appoint additional policemen for temporary service in the District, 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 Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to appoint, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of the Metropolitan police of the District of Columbia, three hundred additional privates on the Metropolitan police force of said District for the period of ten days from the passage of this act, who shall be paid two dollars for each day’s service rendered by them in that capacity; and a sum sufficient for their payment and equipment is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: Provided, That the expense of said police shall be paid one-half out of the revenues of the District and the other half out of the revenues of the United States: And provided further, That twenty of said force shall be detailed and placed under control of the Architect of the Capitol, Sergeant-at-arms of the House, and Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate.

Approved, March 1, 1881.

CHAP. 95.—An act to amend section thirty-five hundred and twenty-four of the Revised Statutes so as to authorize a charge for melting or refining bullion when at or above standard.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section thirty-five hundred and twenty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended by striking out of said section the words “for melting and refining when bullion is below standard,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “for melting or refining bullion.”

Approved, March 1, 1881.

CHAP. 96.—An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, 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 for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, out of any money in the Treasury arising from the revenues of said department, in conformity to the act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.—For mail depredations and post-office inspectors, including amounts necessary for fees to United States marshals and attorneys, one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. And not exceeding five thousand dollars of this amount may be expended for fees to United States attorneys, marshals, clerks of courts, and counsel necessarily employed by post-office inspectors of the Post-Office Department, subject to approval by the Attorney-General; and hereafter the superintendent of railway mail-service and the chief of post-office inspectors shall be paid their actual expenses while travelling on the business of the department.

For advertising, thirty-five thousand dollars; and hereafter the Postmaster-General shall cause advertisements of all general mail-lettings of each State and Territory to be conspicuously posted in each post-office in the State and Territory embraced in said advertisements for at least sixty days before the time of such general letting; and no other advertisement of such lettings shall be required; but this provision shall not