

Examinations and surveys continued.

Preliminary examinations, reports of, to be made to Congress; printing.

the local engineer in charge of the district, or an engineer detailed for the purpose; and such local or detailed engineer shall report to said Chief of Engineers whether, in his opinion, said harbor or river is worthy of improvement, and shall state in such report fully and particularly the facts and reasons on which he bases such opinion, including the present and prospective demands of commerce. And it shall be the duty of the Chief of Engineers to direct the making of such survey if, in his opinion, the harbor or river proposed to be surveyed be worthy of improvement by the General Government; and he shall report to the Secretary of War the facts, and what public necessity or convenience may be subserved thereby, together with the full reports of the local engineer. Said reports of preliminary examinations and surveys shall be made to the House of Representatives, and are hereby ordered to be printed when so made.

Appropriations immediately available.

SEC. 10 That all moneys hereby appropriated shall be immediately available.

Approved, July 5, 1884.

July 5, 1884.

CHAP. 230.—An act authorizing the inspection of the boiler of the steamship Kent.

20 Stat., 47.
Preamble.

Whereas, the Congress of the United States did pass chapter eighty of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, approved May second, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, nationalizing the Canadian-built propeller East, and did change her name to that of Kent; and

Whereas a doubt has arisen as to whether said act entitled the steam-boiler, steam-pipes, and appurtenances then in said Canadian built propeller to inspection pursuant to the laws of the United States regulating the construction and use of steam-boilers for marine purposes: Therefore,

Inspection of boiler, etc., of steamship Kent.

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 hereby is, authorized and directed to authorize and direct the inspection of said steam-boiler, steam-pipes, and appurtenances of said boiler, and cause to be granted the proper and usual certificate issued to tug-boats or marine vessels not used for carrying passengers, without reference to the fact that said steam-boiler, steam-pipes, and appurtenances were not constructed pursuant to the laws of the United States, and were not constructed of iron stamped pursuant to the laws of the United States; and the tests to be applied on the inspection of said boiler, steam-pipes, and appurtenances to be the same in all respects as to strength and safety as are required in the inspection of boilers constructed in the United States for marine purposes, save that the fact that said boiler, steam-pipes, and appurtenances not being constructed pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the United States, and of unstamped iron, shall not be an obstacle to the granting of the usual certificate if said boiler, steam-pipes, and appurtenances are found of sufficient strength and safety.

Approved, July 5, 1884.

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CHAP. 231.—An act granting the consent of Congress to the Saint Cloud Water-Power and Mill Company to construct a dam across the Mississippi River at Saint Cloud Minnesota.

Construction of dam, etc., across the Mississippi River, Saint Cloud, Minn., authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Saint Cloud Water Power and Mill Company to construct across the Mississippi River, at some point within the incorporated limits of the city of Saint Cloud, a dam, canal, and works

necessarily incident thereto, for water power and other purposes, and in connection therewith a wagon and foot-bridge for public travel: *Provided*, That said dam shall be so constructed as not to interfere with the existing dam and mill at Sauk Rapids, and so that the Government of the United States can at any time construct in connection therewith a suitable lock for navigation purposes: *Provided also*, That the Government of the United States may at any time take possession of said dam, and control the same for purposes of navigation, by paying said company the actual cost of the same, but shall not do so to the destruction of the water-power created by said dam: *Provided further*, That the works be constructed so as to provide for the free passage of saw-logs and rafts, and, when necessary, to permit the passage of boats; and, further, that such changes or modifications in the works as the Secretary of War may from time to time deem necessary in the interest of navigation shall be made, at the expense of the water-power company: *Provided further*, That in case of any litigation arising from the obstruction of the channel by the dam, canal, or bridge, the cause may be tried in the district court of the United States in which the works are situated.

Wagon and foot bridge.
Proviso.
Not to interfere with dam and mill at Sauk Rapids.
Proviso.
Rights of Government of United States reserved.

Proviso.
Free passage of saw-logs, rafts, etc.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. That the right to amend, alter, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, July 5, 1884.

CHAP. 232.—An act to amend paragraph seven of section twenty five hundred and twenty seven of the Revised Statutes.

July 5, 1884.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph seven of section twenty-five hundred and twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes be, and hereby is, amended by adding after the word "Provincetown" the words Dennis Bourne.

R. S. 2527, 496.
Amended.
Dennis Bourne added to seventh collection district, Mass.

Approved, July 5, 1884.

CHAP. 233.—An act supplemental to and amendatory of an act to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia.

July 5, 1884.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the holder or holders of a policy or policies of insurance hereafter issued in the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia shall have failed for the full period of three years to pay the interest or any lawful assessment due upon his or their premium note or notes, such policy or policies of insurance shall be deemed to be lapsed, and the board of managers may proceed to settle and cancel the same, after a previous advertisement of their intention to do so, to be inserted in two newspapers printed and published in the city of Washington, once in each week, for the period of three consecutive months, and after serving, besides, whenever practicable, a personal notice in writing, for a like period of time, upon the holder or holders of such policy or policies, or in the event of his or their death, upon the legal representatives of such holder or holders.

Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia.
Failure to pay interest, etc., shall be deemed a lapse of the policy of insurance.

Settlement, etc.

SEC. 2. That the cost of such advertisement and notice shall be deducted from the sum or sums of money which may be found to be due on the settlement of said policy or policies to the holder or holders thereof.

Approved, July 5, 1884.