

# PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the third day of December, 1883, and was adjourned without day on Monday, the seventh day of July, 1884.*

CHESTER A. ARTHUR, President; GEORGE F. EDMUNDS was elected President of the Senate *pro tempore* on the fourteenth day of January, 1884; JOHN G. CARLISLE was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives on the third day of December, 1883, and acted as such until the fifth day of July, 1884, when JOSEPH C. S. BLACKBURN was elected Speaker *pro tempore* and acted as such until the termination of the session.

**CHAP. 1.**—An act to fix the time for holding the District Court in the District of Maine at Bangor. Jan. 18, 1884.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the regular term of the District Court of the District of Maine now held at Bangor on the Fourth Tuesday shall hereafter be held on the First Tuesday of June. Maine; term of district court for district of.  
Approved, January 18th, 1884.

**CHAP. 2.**—An act making an appropriation for continuing the improvement of the Mississippi River. Jan. 19, 1884.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of one million dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the improvement of the Mississippi River, which said sum shall be expended, under the direction of the Secretary of War, in accordance with the plans, specifications, estimates, and recommendations of the Mississippi River Commission created by an act entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a Mississippi River Commission for the improvement of said river from the Head of the Passes, near its mouth, to its head-waters", approved June twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine: *Provided,* That the money hereby appropriated shall be used solely for the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi River and no part thereof shall be expended with the view to the improvement of private property. Appropriation, continuing improvement of Mississippi River.  
Proviso.  
Approved, January 19, 1884.

**CHAP. 3.**—An act to authorize the increase of the capital stock of the First National Bank of Fort Worth Texas. Jan. 29, 1884.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the First National Bank of Fort Worth, located in the city of Fort Worth, in the State of Texas, is hereby authorized to increase its capital stock, in accordance with First National Bank, Fort Worth, Texas; increase of capital stock of.

existing laws, to any sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, notwithstanding the limit heretofore fixed in its original articles of association and determined by the Comptroller of the Currency; and the Comptroller of the Currency is hereby authorized to fix the limit of increase of the capital stock of the First National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, at the amount of five hundred thousand dollars.

Approved, January 29th, 1884.

Jan. 31, 1884.

**CHAP. 4.**—An act providing for the removal of the remains of the late Major General Edward O. C. Ord, United States Army from Havana, Cuba, to Washington, District of Columbia.

Major-General Edward O. C. Ord; removal of remains of the late.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause the remains of the late Major General Edward O. C. Ord, United States Army to be transported from Havana, Cuba, to Washington, District of Columbia and to pay the necessary expense of said transportation and of interment of the remains out of the appropriation for contingencies of the Army.

Approved, January 31st, 1884.

Feb. 14, 1884.

**CHAP. 6.**—An act making appropriations to supply deficiencies on account of the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, in regard to rebate of tax on tobacco, and to provide for the expenses of the meeting of the Legislature of the Territory of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

Deficiency appropriations.

*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 otherwise appropriated, for the objects hereinafter stated, namely:

Rebate claims on tobacco, snuff, cigars, &c., 22 Stat., 489.

For the purpose of paying the rebate claims as provided by section four of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, entitled "An act to reduce internal-revenue taxation, and for other purposes," three million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Payment of employes in Bureau of Internal Revenue, etc.

For the purpose of reimbursing to the appropriation for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, the sum of eight thousand one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and sixty-two cents, expended by said Bureau in payment of persons employed in the Bureau of Internal Revenue in and about the work of counting, canceling and redeeming internal-revenue checks and proprietary stamps, during the months of July, August, September, October and November, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and for the payment of such persons as the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall necessarily employ in his office in and about the work of counting, canceling, and redeeming internal-revenue checks and proprietary stamps, the pay for such labor to be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, at rates not exceeding the rates usually paid for such work, twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary: *Provided,* That the whole sum appropriated by this paragraph shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars.

*Proviso.*

New Mexico; payment of legislative expenses of.

For the legislative expenses of the Territory of New Mexico, namely: For per diem of members and officers of the legislative assembly, mileage of members, printing, incidental expenses, including secretary's office, and eight hundred dollars for translating bills, laws, and journals of the legislative assembly, twenty-one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five dollars: *Provided,* That the legislative proceedings, records, and laws of said Territory shall be printed in the English language.

*Proviso.*