CHAP. 61.—An act to amend the laws relating to navigation, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section eleven of an act to abolish certain fees for official services to American vessels, and to amend the laws relating to shipping commissioners, seamen, and owners of vessels, and for other purposes, approved June nineteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, be amended by striking out of the sixth and seventh lines of the subproviso of said section the words “of the country in which such port is situated, or on the cargoes of such vessels,” and substituting in lieu thereof the words “of such country, or on the cargoes of such vessels; but this proviso shall not be held to be inconsistent with the special regulation by foreign countries of duties and other charges on their own vessels, and the cargoes thereof, engaged in their coasting trade, or with the existence between such countries and other states of reciprocal stipulations founded on special conditions and equivalents, and thus not within the treatment of American vessels under the most-favored nation clause in treaties between the United States and such countries.”

SEC. 2. That section one of the act hereinbefore mentioned be amended, in the third line from the end of the section, by inserting, after the words “shipping commissioners,” the words “and clerks of steamboat inspectors, and such allowances for fees of United States marshals and witnesses for services under the steamboat-inspection laws, and for expenses of steamboat inspectors provided for by section forty-four hundred and sixty-one of the Revised Statutes.”

SEC. 3. That section forty-five hundred and eighty-one of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section seven of chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the public laws passed by the Forty-eighth Congress, is amended by striking out all after the word “thereof,” in the fifth line, and inserting in lieu thereof as follows: “If any seaman, after his discharge, shall have incurred any expense for board or other necessaries, or for reasonable charges for medical care and nursing, at the place of his discharge, before shipping again, or for transportation to the United States, such expense shall be paid out of the arrears of wages and extra wages received by the consular officer, which shall be retained for that purpose, and the balance only paid over to such seaman; and if such arrears and extra wages are not sufficient to defray such expense, the deficiency shall be paid from the fund in the Treasury for the maintenance and transportation of destitute American seamen.”

Approved, April 4, 1888.

CHAP. 63.—An act making an appropriation to construct a road and approaches from Pineville, Louisiana, to the national military cemetery near that town. 

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of eleven thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of constructing a road and approaches from the river at Pineville, Louisiana, about one mile, to the national military cemetery near Pineville.

SEC. 2. That the sum of money appropriated by this act shall be expended by and under the direction of the Secretary of War, either by contract or otherwise, as to him may seem best: Provided, That before said sum, or any part thereof, is expended, the corporation of Pineville shall make provision, satisfactory to the Secretary of
War, for the keeping of said road, after construction, in repair: *And provided further*, That before the commencement of the construction of said road said corporation shall secure to the United States, free of cost, the right of way for said road.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War shall report to Congress at its next session his action under the provisions of this act.

Approved, April 5, 1888.

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**CHAP. 64.**—An act to authorize the purchase of a site for a public building at Buffalo, New York.

*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 he is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase, or acquire by condemnation, a site in the city of Buffalo, State of New York, upon which shall be erected a substantial and commodious building for the use and accommodation of the United States post-office and for other Government uses: *Provided,* That the site so selected shall be of such dimensions as to leave an open space of not less than forty feet in width, including streets and alleys, around the building to be constructed thereon: *And provided further,* That the sum to be paid therefor shall not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for making said purchase; out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* That no part of this sum shall be expended until a valid title to said site shall be vested in the United States, and the State of New York shall have ceded to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of any civil process therein.

Approved, April 5, 1888.

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**CHAP. 65.**—An act for the relief of William G. Galloway, late captain Fifteenth, United States Army.

*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 empowered to issue and grant an honorable discharge from the Army of the United States to William G. Galloway, late a captain in the Fifteenth, United States Army, which discharge shall bear date as of August fifteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and with the rank of a captain; and said discharge, with said rank as of said date, shall be granted, notwithstanding his dismissal from the service by virtue of the proceedings and sentence of a general court-martial convened at Atlanta, Georgia, June sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, pursuant to special order number nine, dated May twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and other orders subsequent thereto: *Provided,* That no pay or allowances shall be paid said captain Galloway by reason of such honorable discharge.

Approved, April 5, 1888.