existing for the holding of said courts on the first Monday in April
and November in each year is hereby repealed and all suits, prosecu-
tions, process, recognizances, bail bonds, and other things pending
in or returnable to said court on the days last named, are hereby
transferred to and shall be made returnable to and have force in the
said respective terms in this act, provided in the same manner and
with the same effect as they would have had said existing statute
not been passed.

Approved, April 5, 1890.

CHAP. 66.—An act to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to gather full and
authentic information as to the present condition and preservation of the fur-seal
interests of the Government in the region of Alaska, as compared with its condition
in eighteen hundred and seventy; also full information as to the impending extinc-
tion of the sea-otter industry, and kindred lines of inquiry, and so forth.

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 to appoint some
person well qualified by experience and education a special agent for
the purpose of visiting the various trading stations and native set-
tlements on the seal islands, the Aleutian Archipelago, the peninsula
of Alaska, and adjacent islands, for the purpose of collecting and
reporting to him all possible authentic information upon the present
condition of the seal fisheries of Alaska, the effect and extent of
whatever injury has been inflicted upon them by pelagic sealing,
the present status of the sea-otter industry, together with like infor-
mation respecting the fur-bearing animals of Alaska generally; the
statistics of this fur trade, and the condition of the people or natives
of Alaska who are dependent upon the successful prosecution and
perpetuation of the seal and sea-otter industries; such agent to
receive as compensation the sum of ten dollars per day while actually
thus employed, and to remain thus employed only as long as the
Secretary of the Treasury deems it best for the full development of
this inquiry, with all actual and necessary traveling expenses in-
curred therein, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury of
the United States not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, April 5, 1890.

CHAP. 70.—An act to construct a road from the city of Staunton to the Na-
tional Cemetery, in the county of Augusta in the State of Virginia.

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 be, and the same is hereby, appropriated,
out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for
the purpose of constructing a macadamized road from the city of
Staunton, in the State of Virginia, to the National Cemetery, in the
county of Augusta, in said State, to be expended under the direc-
tion of the Secretary of War; or so much of the above-named sum
as may be necessary for said purpose.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War is hereby directed to advertise
and let the contract for the construction of said road to the lowest
bidder, taking bond with good security from the contractor for the
completion of said road.

Approved, April 9, 1890.