appointed or retained in the service shall be honorably discharged on July first, nineteen hundred and one, or sooner if their services are no longer required: And provided further, That the officers herein authorized shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Sec. 15. That the officers and enlisted men of the volunteer army shall be mustered out of the military service of the United States and discharged as provided in the Act of April twenty-second, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight: Provided, That enlisted men of volunteers who desire to remain in the military service, either in the Regular Army or the temporary force authorized by this Act, may, if found qualified therefor, be transferred to and enlisted in such batteries, troops, or companies as may be below the maximum authorized strength, and when so transferred and enlisted shall be credited on their new enlistment with the periods of service rendered by them, respectively, as volunteers: And provided further, That the President is authorized to enlist temporarily in service for absolutely necessary purposes in the Philippine Islands volunteers, officers and men, individually or by organization, now in those islands and about to be discharged, provided their retention shall not extend beyond the time necessary to replace them by troops authorized to be maintained under the provisions of this Act and not beyond a period of six months: Provided, also, That each and every provision of this Act shall continue in force until July first, nineteen hundred and one; and on and after that date all the general, staff, and line officers appointed to the Army under this Act shall be discharged and the numbers restored in each grade to those existing at the passage of this Act, and the enlisted force of the Army shall be reduced to the number as provided for by a law prior to April first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, exclusive of such additions as have been, or may be, made under this Act to the artillery, and except the cadets provided for by this Act, who may be appointed prior to July first, nineteen hundred and one: And provided further, That no officer who has been, or may be, promoted under existing law, etc., shall be disturbed in his rank.

Sec. 16. That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to permit enlisted men of the United States Army to make allotments of their pay, under such regulations as he may prescribe, for the support of their families or relatives, for their own savings, or for other purposes, during such time as they may be absent on distant duty, or under other circumstances warranting such action.

Sec. 17. That no officer or private soldier shall be detailed to sell intoxicating drinks, as a bartender or otherwise, in any post exchange or canteen, nor shall any other person be required or allowed to sell such liquors in any encampment or fort or on any premises used for military purposes by the United States; and the Secretary of War is hereby directed to issue such general order as may be necessary to carry the provisions of this section into full force and effect.

Sec. 18. That all laws or parts of laws which conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, March 2, 1899

CHAP. 353.—An Act To increase the limit of cost for the purchase of site and the erection of a public building at Omaha, Nebraska.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the amount heretofore fixed as a limit of cost for the purchase of site and erection of a building for the accommodation of the United States courts, post-office, internal revenue, and other Government offices at the city of Omaha, in the State of Nebraska, be, and the same is hereby, increased to one
million eight hundred thousand dollars, which sum is hereby fixed as the limit of cost for the erection of said building, including the cost of a site therefor.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

CHAP. 354.—An Act Providing for the erection of an addition to the United States public building at Canton, Ohio.

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 hereby is, authorized and directed to cause to be erected, at a cost not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, on land now owned by the Government, an addition to the United States public building at Canton, Ohio; such addition to be so constructed and arranged as to provide additional accommodations for the post-office in said city.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

CHAP. 355.—An Act For the erection of a custom-house and post-office building at Brunswick, Georgia.

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 a site for and cause to be erected thereon a building to be used as a custom-house and post-office, at the city of Brunswick, in the State of Georgia, which said site and building shall not exceed in cost the sum of fifty thousand dollars. The plans, specifications, and full estimates for said building shall be made and approved according to law before any work on said building shall be commenced; and a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, and a cession of exclusive jurisdiction over the same to the United States, during their ownership thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws and the service of the civil processes of said State, shall be made before any money appropriated for said purpose shall be used, except such part as may be required to pay for said site and the ordinary preliminary expenses for examination, investigation, and report. The building shall contain such fireproof vaults as may be necessary to protect from destruction by fire the custom-house and post-office records.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

CHAP. 356.—An Act Providing for the erection of an addition to the United States custom-house and post-office building in the city of Dubuque, Iowa.

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 cause the public building at Dubuque, Iowa, to be improved and enlarged so as to provide the necessary increase of floor space and accommodations for the custom-house, post-office, and United States courts, and also so as to provide the necessary accommodations for the Railway Mail Service, Weather Bureau, and inspector of boilers and hulls, and other Government officials, at a cost not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

CHAP. 357.—An Act To erect a public building at Lawrence, Massachusetts.

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,