of forty-eight months from the date of original gauge: Provided, however,
that the allowance for loss herein authorized shall not exceed nine and
one-half gallons for forty-nine, fifty, fifty-one, and fifty-two months; ten
gallons for fifty-three, fifty-four, fifty-five, and fifty-six months; ten and
one-half gallons for fifty-seven, fifty-eight, fifty-nine, and sixty months;
eleven gallons for sixty-one, sixty-two, sixty-three, and sixty-four
months; eleven and one-half gallons for sixty-five, sixty-six, sixty-
seven, and sixty-eight months; twelve gallons for sixty-nine, seventy,
seventy-one, and seventy-two months; twelve and one-half gallons for
seventy-three, seventy-four, seventy-five, and seventy-six months; thir-
teen gallons for seventy-seven, seventy-eight, seventy-nine, and eighty
months; and thirteen and one-half gallons for eighty-one, eighty-two,
eighty-three, and eighty-four months, and no further allowance shall
be made.

Regaging at warehouse within eighty-
four onths from origi-

SEC. 2. That the allowance for loss herein provided shall be ascer-
tained by regauge on request of distiller before the expiration of eighty-
four months from date of original gauge, and shall apply to spirits
remaining in any internal-revenue bonded warehouse which shall have
been reganged heretofore under the provisions of section fifty of the
said Act of August twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four:
Provided, That for the regauge of spirits originally gauged for deposit
on or before the first day of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-two,
the request of the distiller for a regauge under the provisions of this
Act may be made at any time before the first day of May, eighteen
hundred and ninety-nine.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 436.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to suspend the operation
of certain provisions of law relating to the War Department, and for other purposes."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That an Act entitled “An Act
to suspend the operation of certain provisions of law relating to the
War Department, and for other purposes,” approved June seventh,
eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, is hereby amended so as to read as
follows:

"That the operation of the following provisions of law be, and is
hereby, continued suspended for such further time as, in the discretion
of the Secretary of War, may be found necessary, or until otherwise
provided by Congress, not longer, however, than March first, nineteen
hundred, namely:

"First. The provision of the first section of the Act entitled ‘An Act
making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year
ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and for other
purposes,’ in the following words:

‘Provided, That hereafter no part of this appropriation shall be
expended in the purchase for the Army of draft animals until the
number on hand shall be reduced to five thousand, and thereafter shall
only be expended for the purchase of a number sufficient to keep the
supply up to five thousand.’

"Second. The provisions of the first section of the Act entitled ‘An
Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal
year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and for other
purposes,’ in the following words:

‘Provided, That hereafter no part of the appropriations for the
Quartermaster’s Department shall be expended on printing unless the
same shall be done by contract, after due notice and competition, except
in such cases as the emergency will not admit of the giving notice for
competition: Provided further, That after advertisement all the supplies
for the use of the various departments and posts of the Army and of
the branches of the army service shall hereafter be purchased where
the same can be purchased the cheapest in the markets of the United States, quality and cost of transportation and the interest of the Government considered, except that purchases may be made in open market, in the manner common among business men, when the aggregate amount required does not exceed two hundred dollars, but every such purchase shall be immediately reported to the Secretary of War.

"And the words:

"Provided, That the number of horses purchased under this appropriation, added to the number on hand, shall not at any time exceed the number of enlisted men and Indian scouts in the mounted service, and that no part of this appropriation shall be paid out for horses not purchased by contract, after competition duly invited by the Quartermaster's Department, and an inspection by such department, all under the direction and authority of the Secretary of War.

"And the words:

"Provided, That no more than one million dollars of the sums appropriated by this Act shall be paid out for the services of civilian employees in the Quartermaster's Department, including those heretofore paid out of the funds appropriated for regular supplies, incidental expenses, barracks and quarters, army transportation, clothing, camp and garrison equipage; that no employee paid therefrom shall receive a salary more than one hundred and fifty dollars per month unless the same be specially fixed by law.

"Third. So much of the Act approved March fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine,' under the heading "Ordnance Department," as provides that not more than sixty-five thousand dollars of the money appropriated for the Ordnance Department in all its branches shall be applied to the payment of civilian clerks in said department."

SEC. 2. That during the time the operation of the foregoing provisions of law shall remain so suspended pursuant to this Act materials required by the War Department may, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, be purchased abroad, and shall be admitted free of duty.

SEC. 3. That during the same time the Bureau of Ordnance of the War Department is authorized to purchase without advertisement such ordnance and ordnance stores as are needed for immediate use; and when such ordnance and ordnance stores are to be manufactured, then to make contracts without advertisement for such stores, to be delivered as rapidly as manufactured.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 437.—An Act Granting to the Muscle Shoals Power Company right to erect and construct canal and power stations at Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

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 given to the Muscle Shoals Power Company, a corporation created and organized under a charter granted by the legislature of the State of Alabama, its successors or assigns, to erect, construct, operate, and maintain inlet and outlet races or canals and a power station or stations at a point or points at or near the Muscle Shoals in Tennessee River, and to make such other improvements as may be necessary within said limits for the development of water power and transmission of the same: Provided, That the constructions hereby authorized do not in any way interfere with the Muscle Shoals Canal, or with navigation of said river: Provided further, That until the plans and location of the works herein authorized, so far as they affect the interests of navigation, have been approved by the Secretary of War, the improvements shall not be commenced or built, and the Sec-