

hire boats and equipments, and employ such assistance as may be required for the construction and operation of such fish-cultural stations at suitable points to be selected by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, and the number of such stations to be determined by him, and for said purpose the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby authorized to be appropriated.

Approved, January 29, 1909.

Appropriation.

January 29, 1909.
[S. 2024.]

[Public, No. 196.]

CHAP. 52.—An Act To amend an Act authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to grant to the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association use of certain property in the city of Washington, approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-one.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Commissioners to grant to the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association use of certain property in the city of Washington," approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, be amended so as to include both the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia in the use of all that part of lot eleven, in square numbered one hundred and forty-one, in the city of Washington, and building thereon, occupied by a house used formerly as an engine house, and described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of said lot and running east thirty feet on H street, thence fifty feet south on a line parallel to Nineteenth street, thence west thirty feet to Nineteenth street, and thence north fifty feet to the beginning; the same to be used by said associations as a place of meeting and for the storage of their property and belongings, consisting of fire apparatus, books, maps, pictures, files, souvenirs, mementos, and papers of historic interest, the same to continue during the pleasure of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Approved, January 29, 1909.

Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association, D. C.

Use of old engine house, corner of H and Nineteenth streets NW., by.

Vol. 26, p. 824, amended.

Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia included.

Description.

February 1, 1909.
[H. R. 21129.]

[Public, No. 197.]

CHAP. 53.—An Act To provide for refunding stamp taxes paid under the Act of June thirteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, upon foreign bills of exchange drawn between July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one, against the value of products or merchandise actually exported to foreign countries and authorizing rebate of duties on anthracite coal imported into the United States from October sixth, nineteen hundred and two, to January fifteenth, nineteen hundred and three, and for other purposes.

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 pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the persons or corporations who have, prior to July first, nineteen hundred and four, duly presented their respective claims therefor, the sums paid for documentary stamps used on foreign bills of exchange drawn between July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one, against the value of products or merchandise actually exported to foreign countries, such stamps representing taxes which were illegally assessed and collected, said refund to be made whether said stamp taxes were paid under protest or duress or not.

That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to make full rebate of all duties imposed by law on

Documentary stamps, etc.
Refund of, on foreign bills of exchange, etc.

Anthracite coal.
Rebate of duties on, etc.

anthracite coal imported into any port of the United States from foreign countries from October sixth, nineteen hundred and two, to January fifteenth, nineteen hundred and three, and to repay all money paid as duties upon anthracite coal at any port of the United States to the person, persons, or corporations who paid the same upon anthracite coal imported from the sixth day of October, nineteen hundred and two, to January fifteenth, nineteen hundred and three: *Provided*, That the person or persons so to be paid shall produce satisfactory proof to the Secretary of the Treasury that they were not reimbursed for said tariffs in the sales to the consumer.

Approved, February 1, 1909.

Post, p. 911.

Proviso.
Proof.

CHAP. 54.—An Act To change and fix the time for holding the circuit and district courts of the United States for the eastern and middle districts of Tennessee.

February 1, 1909.
[H. R. 25405.]

[Public, No. 198.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the northeastern division of the eastern district of Tennessee, held at Greeneville, shall commence on the last Mondays in March and September of each year instead of the first Mondays in June and November, as now provided by law; that the terms of said courts for the middle district of Tennessee, held at Nashville, shall commence on the second Mondays in April and October of each year instead of the first Mondays in April and October, as now provided by law; that the terms of said courts for the southern division of the eastern district of Tennessee, held at Chattanooga, shall commence on the fourth Mondays in May and November of each year instead of the first Mondays in May and December, as now provided by law; and that the terms of said courts for the northern division of the eastern district of Tennessee, held at Knoxville, shall commence on the first Mondays in July and January of each year instead of the first Monday in March and second Monday in September, as now provided by law.

Tennessee eastern and middle judicial districts.
R. S., secs. 572, 658, pp. 101, 122.
Terms of court.
Greeneville.

Nashville.

Chattanooga.

Knoxville.

SEC. 2. That no action, suit, proceeding, information, indictment, recognizance, bail bond, or other process in any of said courts shall abate or be rendered invalid by reason of the change of time in the holding of the terms of said courts, but the same shall be deemed to be returnable to, pending, and triable at the terms herein provided for.

Pending proceedings, etc., not affected.

SEC. 3. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be, and are hereby, repealed.

Repeal.

SEC. 4. That this Act shall take effect from and after February first, nineteen hundred and nine, the public welfare requiring it.

Effect.

Approved, February 1, 1909.

CHAP. 55.—An Act Granting a franking privilege to Frances F. Cleveland and Mary Lord Harrison.

February 1, 1909.
[H. R. 25019.]

[Public, No. 199.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all mail matter sent by the post by Frances F. Cleveland, widow of the late Grover Cleveland, under her written autograph signature, and by Mary Lord Harrison, widow of the late Benjamin Harrison, under her written autograph signature, be conveyed free of postage during the natural life of each, respectively.

Franking privilege.
Frances F. Cleveland and Mary Lord Harrison granted.

Approved, February 1, 1909.