

awnings, curtains, books of reference, directories, books, miscellaneous office and desk supplies; paper; twine, glue, envelopes, postage, car fares, soap, towels, disinfectants, and ice; drayage, express, freight, telephone and telegraph service; repairs to building, elevators, and machinery; preserving sanitary condition of building, light, heat, and power; stationery and office printing, including blanks, price lists, and bibliographies, \$74,000; for catalogues and indexes, not exceeding \$16,000; for supplying books to depository libraries, \$75,000, in all, \$165,000: *Provided*, That no part of this sum shall be used to supply to depository libraries any documents, books, or other printed matter not requested by such libraries.

*Proviso.*  
Supplying depository libraries.

Reports of departments, etc.  
Printing of, may be discontinued.

*Proviso.*  
Originals to be kept for public inspection.

Congressional stationery rooms.  
Purchases prohibited by, etc.

In order to keep the expenditures for printing and binding for the fiscal year 1924 within or under the appropriations for such fiscal year, the heads of the various executive departments and independent establishments are authorized to discontinue the printing of annual or special reports under their respective jurisdictions: *Provided*, That where the printing of such reports is discontinued, the original copy thereof shall be kept on file in the offices of the heads of the respective departments or independent establishments for public inspection.

No part of the funds herein appropriated shall be used for the purpose of purchasing by or through the stationery rooms articles other than stationery and office supplies essential to and necessary for the conduct of public business; nor shall any part of such funds be expended for the maintenance, storage, or care of private vehicles.

Approved, February 20, 1923.

February 20, 1923.  
[H. J. Res. 440.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 91.]

**CHAP. 99.**—Joint Resolution To satisfy the award rendered against the United States by the Arbitral Tribunal established under the special agreement concluded June 30, 1921, between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Norway.

Norway.  
Arbitral award to, payable from appropriation for Shipping Board claims.  
*Ante*, p. 647.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the payment of claims by the United States Shipping Board, contained in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Executive and for sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, and for other purposes," approved June 12, 1922, is made available to the extent required to enable the Secretary of State to satisfy the award rendered against the United States on October 13, 1922, by the arbitral tribunal established under the special agreement concluded June 30, 1921, between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Norway. And the Secretary of State is authorized to withhold from the total amount awarded the sum of \$22,800 with interest at the rate of 6 per centum per annum from October 13, 1922, to the date of payment of the award, and to pay the claim of Page Brothers, American citizens, in accordance with the decision of the arbitral tribunal.

Approved, February 20, 1923.

*Post*, p. 1925.

Page Brothers.  
Payment to, deducted from award.

February 21, 1923.  
[S. 1066.]  
[Public, No. 432.]

**CHAP. 100.**—An Act To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to close Piney Branch Road between Seventeenth and Taylor Streets and Sixteenth and Allison Streets northwest, rendered useless or unnecessary by reason of the opening and extension of streets called for in the permanent highway plan of the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.  
Piney Branch Road  
NW.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby,

authorized to close Piney Branch Road from Seventeenth and Taylor Streets to Sixteenth and Allison Streets northwest, upon the application in writing of the owner or owners of all of the property abutting on said road between the limits named, and upon the closing of said road the land embraced therein shall revert to the owners of the abutting property.

Designated portion of, to be closed. Reversion to abutting landowners.

Approved, February 21, 1923.

**CHAP. 101.**—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to investigate the feasibility of reclamation projects on the Columbia River and various other irrigation projects.

February 21, 1923.  
[S. 3808.]  
[Public, No. 433.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be immediately available for expenditure by the Secretary of the Interior, namely:

Columbia River. Post, p. 1540. Investigations authorized for reclamation projects on, etc. Projects designated.

For investigations of the feasibility of irrigation by gravity or pumping, water sources, water storage, and related problems on the Columbia River and its tributaries, including the Columbia Basin project, \$100,000; the Umatilla Rapids project, \$50,000; in all, \$150,000.

For cooperative and miscellaneous investigations of the feasibility of reclamation projects, \$125,000 annually.

Other reclamation projects.

Approved, February 21, 1923.

**CHAP. 102.**—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Navy, in his discretion, to deliver to the Daughters of the American Revolution of the State of South Carolina the silver service which was used upon the battleship South Carolina.

February 21, 1923.  
[H. R. 13351.]  
[Public, No. 434.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized, in his discretion, to deliver to the custody of the Daughters of the American Revolution of the State of South Carolina, for preservation and exhibition, the silver service which was presented by the State of South Carolina and used upon the battleship South Carolina while the said battleship was in commission: *Provided,* That no expense shall be incurred by the United States for the delivery of such silver service.

"South Carolina" battleship. Silver service used by, delivered to Daughters of American Revolution, of South Carolina.

*Provido.*  
No expense.

Approved, February 21, 1923.

**CHAP. 105.**—An Act To amend section 2294, United States Revised Statutes, relating to homesteads.

February 23, 1923.  
[S. 3103.]  
[Public, No. 435.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 2294, Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by the Act of March 11, 1902 (Thirty-second Statutes, page 63), and the Act of March 4, 1904 (Thirty-third Statutes, page 59), be amended to read as follows:

Public lands. Homestead entries, etc. Vol. 32, p. 63; Vol. 33, p. 59. R. S., sec. 2294, p. 421, amended.

"SEC. 2294. That hereafter all proofs, affidavits, and oaths of any kind whatsoever required to be made by applicants and entrymen under the homestead, preemption, timber-culture, desert-land, and timber and stone Acts, may in addition to those now authorized to take such affidavits, proofs, and oaths be made before any United States commissioner or commissioner of the court exercising Federal jurisdiction in the Territory or before the judge or clerk of any

Additional court officers before whom oaths, etc., may be made.