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LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES,

PASSED AT THE

First Session of the 41st Congress.

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No. 1—An Act to strengthen the public credit.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That in order to remove any doubt as to the purpose of the government to discharge all just obligations to the public creditors, and to settle conflicting questions and interpretations of the laws by virtue of which such obligations have been contracted, it is hereby provided and declared that the faith of the United States is solemnly pledged to the payment in coin or its equivalent of all the obligations of the United States not bearing interest, known as United States notes, and of all the interest-bearing obligations of the United States, except in cases where the law authorizing the issue of any such obligation has expressly provided that the same may be paid in lawful money or other currency than gold and silver. But none of said interest-bearing obligations not already due shall be redeemed or paid before maturity unless at such time United States notes shall be convertible into coin at the option of the holder, or unless at such time bonds of the United States bearing a lower rate of interest than the bonds to be redeemed can be sold at par in coin. And the United States also solemnly pledges its faith to make provision at the earliest practicable period for the redemption of the United States notes in coin.

J. G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate.

Approved, March, 18, 1869.
U. S. GRANT.

No. 2.—An Act supplementary to an act entitled "An act to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad into and within the District of Columbia," approved February 5, 1867.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company, which, by the act of Congress entitled "An act to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad into and within the District of Columbia," was authorized to extend into and construct within the District of Columbia the lateral branch of its road in said act of Congress mentioned, may enter the city of Washington with their said railroad and construct the same within the limits of said city on and by whichever one of the two routes herein designated the said company may elect and determine upon, that is to say:

First, Beginning at the intersection of Boundary street and North Carolina avenue; thence southwestwardly along said North Carolina avenue to south D street; thence along south D street westwardly to Virginia avenue; thence along Virginia avenue northwestardly to the intersection of south C street and west ninth street; or,

Second, Beginning at some point on the northern shore of the eastern branch of the Potomac river between south L and south M streets; thence westwardly between said streets to the intersection of Virginia avenue with south L and East Twelfth streets; thence along said Virginia avenue northwestwardly to south Fourth street; thence by a line curving to the right, to the north bank of the canal northwestwardly to Virginia avenue; thence along Virginia avenue northwestwardly to the intersection of south C and west Ninth streets.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That in all cases where the parties owning land or other property required by the said Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company cannot agree with said company on the amount of damage claimed, either for said land or materials in the construction of its aforesaid road, and a condemnation and valuation shall have been made as provided in the act approved February five, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and to which this act is amendatory, either party may appeal to the supreme court of the District of Columbia within thirty days from the rendition of the verdict of the jury; and in all cases where the said company shall take an appeal they shall give bond to the party or parties claiming and entitled to damages in a penalty at least double the sum found by the jury, with a condition that the said company shall pay or cause to be paid such amount of damages and costs as the party may be entitled to receive on the judgment of the said supreme court, without delay, and on which bond ample and sufficient sureties shall be given, to be approved by the supreme court; and in all cases where the party or parties claimant shall appeal, the said company, if it shall require the immediate use of the property condemned and valued, as aforesaid, before an appeal can be heard and decided, it shall be lawful for the said company to execute and tender a bond to the party aforesaid in at least double the sum found by the jury, with sureties to be approved by the supreme court, and with a condition to pay without delay such sum and costs as may be awarded by the said court without further delay; and upon the delivery or tender of such bond the said company may proceed to the construction of their said road as if the parties claimant and the said company had agreed upon the compensation to be paid for the property to be used; and that in all cases where the said company shall appeal and give bond as aforesaid, they may have the power to proceed in the construction of the road and appropriation of the property for the uses thereof, as if no appeal had been taken and the parties had agreed upon compensation for the property required; in all case where the company and parties agree upon the price to be paid for land and materials, the same shall be paid before the property shall be taken and used.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company and any other party or parties interested, and who may consider themselves aggrieved by the verdict of the jury, shall have the right to appeal to the supreme court of the District of Columbia, which shall have jurisdiction of all such cases, and shall hear and determine the same, after notice to all parties, without the intervention of a jury, and the judgment of the said court shall be final.

Sec. 4. And be it further enated, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved, March 18, 1869.

No. 3.—An Act for the further security of equal rights in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the word "white," where-ever it occurs in the laws relating to the District of Columbia, or in the charter or ordinances of the cities of Washington or Georgetown, and operates as a limitation on the right of any elector of such District, or of either of the cities, to hold any office, or to be selected and to serve as a juror, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and it shall be unlawful for any person or officer to enforce or attempt to enforce such limitation after the passage of this act.

Approved, March 18, 1869.

No. 4.—An Act to incorporate the National Junction Railway Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That James A. Magruder, John L. Kidwell, C. H. Cragin, John W. Thompson, Hallet Kilbourn, Alexander R. Shepard, and William H. Tenney, of the District of Columbia, together with such other persons as may become associated with them for that purpose, together with their successors, are hereby created and erected into a body corporate and politic, in deed and in law, by the name and title of the National Junction Railway Company, and by that name have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and to be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to defend and be defended, in the courts of law and equity within the District of Columbia, and may use a common seal, and may adopt by-laws for the regulation of its government.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the said corporation is hereby fully authorized and empowered to survey locate, lay out, construct, collect tolls upon, maintain, and enjoy a railway line, with appurtenances and machinery necessary for one or more tracks, within the District of Columbia, commencing at the northern terminus of the aqueduct bridge, in the city of Georgetown, or at some eligible point on the south shore of the Potomac river above and near said bridge; thence in a northeasterly direction by the most feasible route crossing Rock creek, entering the city of Washington, and passing through either S, T, or U street *west,* [north,] around the city of Washington, crossing the branches of the city, in such a manner as not to be dangerous to passengers and trains on either road; thence to a point most feasible on the Potomac river, or Eastern branch of the same, at or near the navy yard, at a point to be indicated by the Secretary of the Navy, with the rights, powers, and privileges to construct the said road, the grades of the road to be approved by the authorities of the cities of Washington and Georgetown; also the privileges of locating and constructing a grand Union depot on the line of the said road, at some point between Third street west and Fourteenth street west, in Washington city; also a similar depot at some convenient point in Georgetown, near the said aqueduct.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the capital stock of said National Junction railway shall consist of five thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, which shall in all respects be deemed personal property, and shall be transferable in such manner as the by-laws of said company shall provide.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be lawful for the said National Junction Railway Company, if deemed necessary, to borrow from time to time sums of money not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, and to issue bonds therefor, bearing interest not exceeding seven per centum, payable semi-annually, and to mortgage as security therefor all the corporate rights, franchises, property, real and personal, of whatever kind soever, belonging to said company.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the persons herein named as corporators, or a majority of them, shall, within ninety days after the passage and approval of this act, meet in the city of Washington for the purpose of prescribing regulations for opening books of subscription to said capital stock, at such times and place as they may designate, by public notice of at least ten days in two daily papers in the city of Washington; and said books shall be kept open until two hundred thousand dollars of said stock shall be subscribed, and twenty per centum on all subscriptions shall be paid in lawful money at the time of subscribing, to the person or persons authorized by the corporators to receive the same; and whenever that amount shall have been subscribed, and twenty per centum of the same paid in as above described, it shall be the duty of the above named corporators (a majority of them shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business) to call a meeting of the stockholders, at the city of Washington, for the purpose of electing directors of the said corporation, and each share of said stock on which the said twenty per centum has been paid as hereinbefore provided shall entitle the owner to one vote. The corporators herein named shall designate a majority of their number to act as inspectors of elections; which majority of inspectors so designated shall certify, under their names, the directors thus duly elected, and shall notify them of their election and the time and place of the first meeting of the said board of directors. At such meeting the above corporators shall deliver to the said directors the books of subscription to the stock of said National Junction Railway Company, together with the amount paid thereon, with a full report of their proceedings under this act, and thereupon the duties of the corporators hereinbefore named shall cease and determine forever; and thereafter the said directors, with their successors or assigns, shall constitute the said body politic and corporate. The directors thus chosen shall hold their office for one year and until others are elected and qualified to fill their places. A majority of said directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the said directors shall, at their first meeting, elect from their own number a president and vice-president. They may also, from time to time, elect a treasurer, a secretary, chief engineer, and a general superintendent, together with such other officers, agents, and employees as they may deem necessary, each of whom shall hold office or position during the pleasure of said board of directors. The directors shall have power to fill all vacancies in the board which may be caused by death or resignation, except as hereinbefore provided for. The treasurer and secretary shall give bonds with security, as the board shall from time to time require. Meetings of the stockholders of the said corporation for the election of directors, and for the transaction of business, shall be holden annually, and at such other times and upon such notice as may be prescribed by the by-laws. The directors of the said corporation may require the subscribers to the capital stock to pay the amount by them subscribed, respectively, at such times, in such manner, and in such instalments as they may deem proper; and if any stockholder shall refuse or neglect to pay any instalment, as required by a resolution of the board of directors, the said board may forfeit said stock for non-payment, and all previous payments shall revert in law and in equity to the said corporation under such regulations, or may sue for and collect the unpaid instalments in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the said corporation is hereby empowered to purchase, lease, receive, and hold such real estate or other property as may be necessary for accomplishing the objects of this act, and may by their agents, engineers, contractors, or workmen immediately enter upon, take possession of, and use all such real estate and property as may be necessary for the construction, maintenance, and operation of said railroad and the accommodations appertaining thereto. But all real estate or property thus entered upon and appropriated by said railroad, and the accommodations appertaining thereto, which are not donations, shall be purchased by said corporation of the owner or owners of the same at a price to be mutually agreed upon between them; and in case of a disagreement as to price, the said corporation, nor the owner or owners of such real estate or property, shall apply by petition to a justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, particularly describing the property; and the said justice, upon receiving such application, shall cause such notice to be given to the other party as he shall deem proper and sufficient, appointing therein a time and place for hearing the parties; at which time and place, upon proof that the notice directed has been given, the said justice shall direct the manner of ascertaining the true value of said real estate or other property, together with the damages which the owner or owners thereof have sustained, or may sustain by reason of the appropriation, occupation, and use thereof by the said corporation; and the said justice shall appoint not less than three nor more than seven competent and disinterested commissioners, who shall be freeholders in the District of Columbia, and at least one of them shall be a resident of the municipal corporation in which said real estate or other property may be situated, and who shall, under the direction of said justice, view said premises or property, take such testimony as they may deem proper, make appraisement, and determine said damages, and report the same under oath and in writing to said justice. The report shall contain a minute and accurate description of the real estate and other property appraised, together with all the evidence taken by the commissioners in the case. It shall be the duty of said justice to examine the report of said commissioners, and upon application of either party he shall give the parties a hearing in relation thereto; and he shall have power to increase or diminish said appraisal or damages if he shall become satisfied upon such hearing that injustice has been done. Upon proof to the said justice, to be made within sixty days after his determination of payment to the owner or owners, or depositing to the credit of the owner or owners, or their legal representatives, in such banking institution as said justice shall direct, the amount of said award, and the payment of all expenses attending the same, including an allowance of three dollars per diem to each of the aforesaid commissioners, the said justice shall order or decree, particularly describing said real estate or other property, and reciting the appraisement of damages and the mode of making it, together with such facts as he may deem pertinent; and when the said order or decree shall be recorded in the recorder's office of the county or city in which such real estate or other property is situated, the said corporation, or its successors or assigns, shall be legally or equitably seized and possessed of such real estate or other property for the use and for the purposes hereinbefore described. In case any married woman, infant, idiot, insane person, or non-resident of the district in which said real estate or other property may be situated, shall be interested in such real estate or other property, the said justice shall appoint some competent disinterested person to appear before said commissioner and act for and in behalf of such married woman, infant, idiot, insane person, or non-resident.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person shall wilfully do or cause to be done any act or acts whatever, whereby any building, structure, or other work, or any engine, car, or machine, or other property appertaining to said railroad shall be injured, impaired, or destroyed, or stopped, the person or persons so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof by any court of competent jurisdiction shall be punished by a fine, at the discretion of the court, of not more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment of not more than two years, or both, at the discretion of the court, and also forfeit and pay to the said company, its successors and assigns, the amount of damages sustained by means of such offences, to be recovered by said company with costs of suit by any action of debt or case.

Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, That said company shall not grant to any railroad or other corporation the exclusive right to transfer passengers or freight over said railroad; but any privilege granted to one corporation shall be extended to all who may make application for such privilege on the same terms, conditions, and rates, and shall not sell, transfer, or lease their corporate rights to any company that will not check baggage or commute fares with all connecting railroads upon the terms specified in this section.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted,* That the said corporation shall, as soon as practicable after the election of directors, as hereinbefore provided, to commence and prosecute the work of constructing and equipping said railroad that it shall be fully completed and equipped in three years from and after the first board of directors have been elected.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted,* That Congress shall have the right to regulate the rate of fares collected by said company from passengers and the rate of charges for transporting freight; and all property owned by said company shall be subject to taxation by the proper municipal authority.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted,* That this act may be at any time amended or repealed.

Approved, March 29, 1869.

No. 5.—An act to abolish the office of chief of staff to the General of the army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatiaes of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the office of chief of staff with the rank of brigadier general to the General commanding the army be, and the same is hereby abolished.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, April 3, 1869.

No. 6.—An act to amend "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the first and second sections of an act entitled "An Act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices," passed March two, eighteen hundred and sixty seven, be, and the same are hereby, repealed: and in lieu of said repealed sections the following are hereby enacted:

That every person holding any civil office to which he has been or hereafter may be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall have become duly qualified to act therein, shall be entitled to hold such office during the term for which he shall have been appointed, unless sooner removed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or by the appointment, with the like advice and consent of a successor in his place, except as herein otherwise provided.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That during any recess of the Senate the President is hereby empowered, in his discretion, to suspend any civil officer appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, except judges of the United States courts, until the end of the next session of the Senate, and to designate some suitable person, subject to be removed in his discretion by the designation of another, to perform the duties of such suspended officer in the mean time; and such person so designated shall take the oaths and give the bonds required by law to be taken and given by the suspended officer, and shall, during the time he performs his duties, be entitled to the salary and emoluments of such office, no part of which shall belong to the officer suspended; and it shall be the duty of the President within thirty days after the commencement of each session of the Senate, except for any office which in his opinion ought not to be filled, to nominate persons to fill all vacancies in office which existed at the meeting of the Senate, whether temporarily filled or not, and also in the place of all officers suspended; and if the Senate during such session shall refuse to advise and consent to an appointment in the place of any suspended officer, then, and not otherwise, the President shall nominate another person as soon as practicable to said session of the Senate for said office.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That section three of the act to which this is an amendment be amended by inserting after the word "resignation,' in line three of said section, the following: "or expiration of term of office,'

Approved, April 5, 1869.

No. 7.—An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June third, 1864, by extending certain penalties to accessories.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That every person who shall aid or abet any officer or agent of any association in doing any of the acts enumerated in section fifty-five of an act entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June third, eighteen hundred sixty-four, with intent to defraud or deceive, shall be liable to the same punishment therein provided for the principal.

Approved, April 6, 1869.

No. 8.—An act to carry into effect the convention of July four, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight between the United States and Mexico, for the adjustment of claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the President shall nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint a Commissioner, on the part of the United States, to hear and decide, conjointly with the commissioner to be appointed on the part of the republic of Mexico, the claims comprehended in the provisions of the convention of July 4, 1868, between the United States & Mexico.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the compensation of the Commissioner shall be at such rate not exceeding four thousand five hundred dollars a year in the currency of the United States, as may be determined by agreement between the executive departments of this government and of Mexico. The compensation of the secretary to be appointed on the part of the United States under the provisions of the convention, shall be at such rate, not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars a year, in the currency of the United States, as shall be determined in the manner aforesaid.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the President be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint a suitable person as agent on behalf of the United States to attend the commissioners to present and support claims on behalf of this government, to answer claims made upon it, and to represent it generally in all matters connected with the investigation and decision thereof; the compensation of such agent not to exceed $4,000, shall be determined and allowed by the President; and the President is hereby authorized to make such provision for the contingent expenses of the commission, and for the advances contemplated by the sixth article of the convention as to him shall appear reasonable and proper. The salaries, expenses, advances, and the compensation to be paid to the umpire, when determined, shall be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the commissioner on the part of the United States, in conjunction with the commissioner on the part of Mexico, is hereby authorized to make all needful rules and regulations for conducting the business of the commission; such rules and regulations not contravening the Constitution of the United States, the provisions of this act, or the convention.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of State is hereby authorized and required to transmit to the commissioner on the part of the United States such papers and records relating to the commission as he may deem proper, or as may be called for by the Commissioners; and at the termination of the commission all the records, documents, and other papers which have been brought before the commissioners, or which may be in the possession of their secretaries, shall be deposited in the Department of State: *Provided,* That this section shall not be so construed as to prevent the commissioner on the part of Mexico from depositing in the Department certified copies or duplicates of papers produced on behalf of his government instead of originals.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That upon suggestion by either party that a witness whose testimony is deemed important, refuses, or is unwilling to testify, it shall be competent for the board of commisioners to issue a commission to some suitable person to take the testimony of such witness, who, if in the United States, may be compelled to appear and testify before such commissioners in the same manner as is now provided by law in the case of commissions issued from the courts of the United States.

Approved, April 7, 1868.

No. 9—An act to continue in force an act entitled "An act to extend the charter of Washington city," and so forth.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. S. of America in Congress assembled,

That the first and sixth sections of the act entitled "An act to extend the charter of Washington city, also to regulate the selection of officers, and for other purposes," of the twenty-eighth of May, 1868, be and the same are hereby continued in force for the period of one year and until Congress shall otherwise determine; and that all the other sections of said act are hereby repealed.

Approved, April 7, 1869.

No. 10.—An act relating to freedmen's hospitals.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the commissioner of the bureau of Refugees and Freedmen, is authorized and directed to continue the freedmen's hospitals at Richmond, Virginia; Vicksburg, Mississippi; and in the District of Columbia, including the asylum for aged and infirm freedmen and for orphan children: *Provided,* That the expense thereof shall be paid by the commissioner out of moneys heretofore appropriated for the use of the bureau: *And provided further,* That said hospitals shall be discontinued as soon as may be practicable in the discretion of the President of the United States.

Approved, April 7, 1869.

No. 11.—An Act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and additional appropriations for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy, 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 following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the service of the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, for the objects hereinafter expressed, namely:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

For the pay of superintendent, watchmen, laborers, and all other employees in the treasury building, and the five other buildings occupied for the use of the Treasury Department under the charge of said superintendent, thirty-three thousand seven hundred and ninety-five dollars.

For lighting the above six buildings, three thousand two hundred and five dollars.

For incidental expenses of the said buildings, three thousand dollars.

For furniture and repairs of furniture, ten thousand dollars.

For salary of temporary clerks in the Treasury Department, at such rates as the Secretary of the Treasury may deem just and reasonable, thirty-five thousand dollars.

For salaries and expenses of collectors, assessors, assistant assessors, supervisors, and detectives, together with the expenses of carrying into effect the various provisions of the several acts providing internal revenue, excepting items otherwise provided for, two millions of dollars.

For detecting and bringing to trial and punishment persons guilty of violating the internal revenue laws or conniving at the same, in cases where such expenses are not otherwise provided for by law, fifty thousand dollars.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

To supply the deficiency (caused by the defalcation of E. B. Olmstead, disbursing clerk) in the appropriations for blank books and stationery, fuel and lights, and lights for the general post office building, including the Sixth Auditor's office, repairs of the building, furniture, papering, painting, fitting up permanent cases for filing papers; for pay of engineer, foreman, and laborers; for library purposes, telegrams, and for miscellaneous items, forty-seven thousand dollars.

For temporary clerks for quarter ending thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, thirteen thousand and eighty dollars.

For temporary clerks' salaries for the month of March, seven thousand five hundred dollars. And the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to turn over to the Post Office Department, which shall receive and use the same, the envelopes printed in the Treasury Department for the dead-letter office.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

For compensation of the document file clerk, authorized by resolution of February twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight the sum of six hundred dollars.

That the resolution of the House of Representatives of March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, giving Daniel Buck compensation for preparing list of appropriations, and so forth, is hereby extended to his successor in office; and that there be, and is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, such a sum as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the said resolution.

For additional compensation to the reading clerks, as provided by act of March three, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, the sum of one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine dollars and ninety-two cents; and also a sum sufficient to fix the pay of the clerk in charge of the engrossment and enrolment of the House bills and joint resolutions at the same rate as that of the reading clerks, covering the same period of their increased pay.

For the usual additional compensation to the reporters of the Senate for the Congressional Globe for reporting the proceedings of the Senate for the first session of the forty-first Congress, four hundred dollars each, two thousand dollars.

For the usual additional compensation to the reporters of the House for the Congressional Globe for reporting the proceedings of the House for the first session of the forty-first Congress, four hundred dollars each, two thousand eight hundred dollars.

For pages and temporary mail-boys, six thousand four hundred dollars.

To supply deficiency for the compensation of the assistant librarian of the House from March fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, to July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, two hundred and twenty-three dollars and twenty cents.

For cartage, five thousand five hundred dollars.

For miscellaneous items, twenty thousand dollars.

For the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Joint Committee on Retrenchment, the sum of five thousand dollars: *Provided,* That said appropriation shall be drawn from the treasury on the order of the Secretary of the Senate, and disbursed under, and subject in all respects to, the provisions of the joint resolution of January twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

For packing-boxes for the Senate, five hundred and forty-four dollars.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

For the purpose of paying the premiums awarded to certain architects of the country, for plans submitted by them for a new War department building, six thousand dollars.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

For the salary of the solicitor and naval judge advocate general from July first, eighteen hundred and sixty nine, to June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy, three thousand five hundred dollars.

MISCELLANEOUS.

To enable the Secretary of the Treasury to pay G. G. Cushman, in accordance with the act of December fifteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, the balance found due him by the Fifth Auditor of the Treasury, nine hundred and forty-eight dollars.

To enable the Secretary of the Interior to purchase of Little, Brown and Company two thousand copies of the fifteenth volume of the United States Statutes at Large for distribution, agreeably to the acts of Congress directing the distribution of the other volumes seven thousand dollars.

For rent of building occupied for government uses by clerks of the Pension Office, nine hundred and sixty-nine dollars and fifty cents.

For compensation of clerks in the office of the surveyor general of Minnesota, three thousand eight hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated for the service of the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy, as follows, viz:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

For salary of temporary clerks in the Treasury Department, at the same rates prescribed by law for other clerks in said department for like duties, one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

Office of the First Comptroller:

For additional salary hereby allowed to the First Comptroller of the treasury fifteen hundred dollars, and the said salary is hereby established at five thousand dollars per annum from the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and a sum sufficient to pay the same is hereby appropriated up to July first, eighteen hundred and seventy.

For six clerks of class four, eight clerks of class three, seven clerks of class two, four clerks of class one, six copyists, one assistant messenger, and one laborer, forty-five thousand and forty dollars.

Office of the Second Comptroller:

For four clerks of class four, four clerks of class three, eight clerks of class two, and nine clerks of class one, thirty-five thousand six hundred dollars.

Office of the First Auditor:

For one clerk of class four, and three clerks of class two, six thousand dollars.

Office of the Second Auditor:

For one hundred clerks of class one, one hundred and twenty thousand dollars: *Provided,* That all clerks employed in the office of the Paymaster General, in performing any of the duties transferred by the act of March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, from his office to that of the Second Auditor of the treasury, shall not be continued after May first, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

For the payment of the necessary expenses incurred in defending suits against the Secretary of the Treasury or his agents for the seizure of captured and abandoned property in the late insurrectionary districts, and for the defence of the United States against suits for and in respect to such property in the Court of Claims, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Construction branch of the Treasury Department:

For construction of custom-house at Portland, Maine, seventy thousand dollars.

For completing the custom-house at Ogdensburgh, New York, thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For removing the hydraulic weights and construction of northwest stairway in the treasury building, thirty thousand dollars: *Provided.* That any portion of the sums appropriated in the three preceding items which may be necessary, and also any portion of the amount appropriated for the court house at Springfield, Illinois, by "An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, may be expended during the current fiscal year.

For heating apparatus and repairs of same for public buildings, twenty thousand dollars.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

For compensation of temporary clerks in the office of the Indian bureau, twenty-nine thousand four hundred dollars, being for one clerk of class three, seven of class two, twelve of class one, and four copyists at nine hundred dollars per annum.

For compensation of two additional examiners in the Patent Office, at two thousand five hundred dollars each, five thousand dollars.

For twenty-one clerks class two, in the Patent Office, at fourteen hundred dollars each, twenty-nine thousand four hundred dollars.

For fourteen clerks class one, in the Patent Office, at twelve hundred dollars each, sixteen thousand eight hundred dollars.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

For temporary clerks in the Post Office Department, thirty-two thousand dollars.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

For compensation of the document file clerk authorized by resolution of February twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, one thousand eight hundred dollars.

For increased compensation to the two reading clerks authorized by act of March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, eight hundred and sixty-four dollars.

MISCELLANEOUS.

For salary of chief justice and two associates in the Territory of Idaho, increased by act of March two, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, three thousand dollars.

For salary of chief justice and two associates in the Territory of Montana, increased by act of March two, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, three thousand dollars.

For the per diem and mileage of the members of the territorial assembly of the Territory of Washington at its second biennial session which meets on the first Monday in December, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and for the incidental expenses of the same, twelve thousand dollars.

SEC 3. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, "making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, appropriates twenty thousand dollars surveying the public lands in Minnesota is so modified as to appropriate o seventeen thousand five hundred dolla and so much of the act approved Ma third, eighteen hundred and sixty-ni "making appropriations for the legis tive, executive, and Judicial expenses the government for the year ending thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred a seventy," as appropriates two thousa five hundred dollars for clerks in the off of the surveyor general of Minnesota, so modified as to appropriate in all fi thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacte* That the salary allowed by law to th consul at Bangkok shall be paid with th limitation contained in the second sectio of the "Act making appropriations fo the consular and diplomatic expenses o the government for the year ending Jun thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy and for other purposes," approved Marc third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine but deducting such sums as may have been heretofore paid on account of salary

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars "for continuing the work of grading and filling the Capitol grounds," appropriated in "An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy," approved March three, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, shall be expended under the direction of the architect of the Capitol extension.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, entitled "An act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and for other purposes," be so amended as to insert in the second clause of said act after the words "at a salary of one hundred and eighty dollars each per year," and before the first proviso in said clause, the following words: and such amount in addition to the amount appropriated in an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, for fuel, lights, labor, and miscellaneous items, as may be necessary to pay the said employees, is hereby appropriated.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be a superintendent of the Department of the Interior, who shall be ex-officio captain of the watch, and who shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Secretary of the Interior, and who shall receive the same compensation as is provided by existing laws for the superintendent of the treasury building, and a sum sufficient to pay such salary for the remainder of this and for the next fiscal year is hereby appropriated.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the two clerks of class one in the office of education authorized by an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and seventy," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, and all laws and parts of laws authorizing the employment of other clerks in the department or office of education shall, after the commencement of the next fiscal year, be repealed.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to make the necessary transfers of appropriations from military districts having an excess of appropriations to carry into effect the reconstruction laws to districts which are or may be deficient in the amount necessary to carry into effect said laws.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted,* That the Washington Gas-light Company be, and they are hereby, required to increase their rate of discount for prompt payment to eighteen and three-fourths per cent. from and after the first day of November next.

Approved, April 10, 1869.

No. 13.—An act authorizing the submission of the constitutions of Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas, to a vote of the people, and authorizing the election of State officers, provided by the said constitutions, and members of Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the President of the United States, at such time as he may deem best for the public interest, may submit the constitution which was framed by the convention which met in Richmond, Virginia, on Tuesday, the third day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, to the voters of said State, registered at the date of said submission, for ratification or rejection; and may also submit to a separate vote such provisions of said constitution as he may deem best, such vote to be taken either upon each of the said provisions alone, or in connection with the other portions of said constitution, as the President may direct.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That at the same election the voters of said State may vote for and elect members of the general assembly of said State, and all the officers of said State provided for by the said constitution, and members of Congress; and the officer commanding the district of Virginia shall cause the lists of registered voters of said State to be revised, enlarged, and corrected prior to such election, according to law, and for that purpose may appoint such registrars as he may deem necessary. And said elections shall be held and returns thereof made in the manner provided by the acts of Congress commonly called the reconstruction acts.

SEC 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States may in like manner submit the constitution of Texas to the voters of said State at such time and in such manner as he may direct, either, the entire constitution, or separate provisions of the same, as provided in the first section of this act; and at the same election the voters may vote for and elect the members of the legislature and all the State officers provided for in said constitution, and members of Congress: *Provided also,* That no election shall be held in said State of Texas for any purpose until the President so directs.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States may in like manner resubmit the constitution of Mississippi to the voters of said State at such time and in such manner as he may direct, either the entire constitution or separate provisions of the same, as provided in the first section of this act, to a separate vote; and at the same election the voters may vote for and elect the members of the legislature and all the State officers provide for in said constitution, and members of Congress.

SEC 5. *And be it further enacted,* That if either of said constitutions shall be ratified at such election, the legislature of the State so ratifying, elected as provided for in this act, shall assemble at the capital of said State on the fourth Tuesday after the official promulgation of such ratification by the military officer commanding in said St