For chief of Bureau of Yards and Docks, civil engineer, chief clerk, draughtsman, one clerk of class four, two clerks of class three, one clerk of class two, one clerk of class one, one messenger, and one laborer, nineteen thousand two hundred and sixty dollars.

For stationery, books, plans, drawings, labor, and miscellaneous items eight hundred dollars.

For chief of Bureau of Equipment and recruiting, chief clerk, one clerk, of class four, one clerk of class three, two clerks of class two, two clerks of class one, one messenger, and one laborer, fifteen thousand four hundred and sixty dollars.

For stationery, books, and miscellaneous items, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

For chief of Bureau of Navigation, chief clerk, one clerk, of class three, one clerk of class two, one messenger, and one laborer, nine thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars.

For stationery, books and miscellaneous items, eight hundred dollars.

For chief of Bureau of Ordinance, chief clerk, draughtsman, one clerk of class three, two clerks of class two, one messenger, and one laborer, thirteen thousand and sixty dollars.

For stationery, books, and miscellaneous items, eight hundred dollars.

For chief of Bureau of Construction and Repairs, chief clerk, draughtsman, one clerk of class four, two clerks of class three, two clerks of class two, one messenger, and one laborer, sixteen thousand four hundred and sixty dollars.

For stationery and miscellaneous items, eight hundred dollars.

For chief of Bureau of Steam Engineering, chief clerk, draughtsman, one clerk of class two, one assistant draughtsman, one messenger, and one laborer, eleven thousand two hundred and sixty dollars.

For stationery and miscellaneous items, eight hundred dollars.

For chief of Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, chief clerk, one clerk of class four, two clerks of class three, three clerks of class one, two clerks of class two, one messenger, and one laborer, eighteen thousand two hundred and sixty dollars.

For stationery and miscellaneous items, eight hundred dollars.

For chief of Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, one clerk of class four, one clerk of class three, one messenger, and one laborer, eight thousand four hundred and sixty dollars.

For stationery and miscellaneous items, four hundred dollars.

For five watchmen and two laborers for the building occupied by the Navy Department, five thousand and fifty dollars.

For incidental labor, fuel, lights, and miscellaneous items for said building, six thousand dollars.

JUDICIARY.

Office of the attorney General—For salaries of the Attorny General, two assistant attorneys general, law clerk, chief clerk, four clerks of class four, two clerks of class three, one clerk of class two, two clerks of class one, one messenger, and one laborer, fifteen thousand four hundred and sixty dollars.

For stationery, books, and miscellaneous items, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

For chief of Bureau of Navigation, chief clerk, one clerk, of class three, one clerk of class two, one messenger, and one laborer, nine thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars.

For stationery, books and miscellaneous items, eight hundred dollars.

For chief of Bureau of Ordinance, chief clerk, draughtsman, one clerk of class three, two clerks of class two, one messenger, and one laborer, thirteen thousand and sixty dollars.

For stationery, books, and miscellaneous items, eight hundred dollars.

For chief of Bureau of Construction and Repairs, chief clerk, draughtsman, one clerk of class four, two clerks of class three, two clerks of class two, one messenger, and one laborer, sixteen thousand four hundred and sixty dollars.

For stationery and miscellaneous items, eight hundred dollars.

For chief of Bureau of Steam Engineering, chief clerk, draughtsman, one clerk of class two, one assistant draughtsman, one messenger, and one laborer, eleven thousand two hundred and sixty dollars.

For stationery and miscellaneous items, eight hundred dollars.

For chief of Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, chief clerk, one clerk of class four, two clerks of class three, three clerks of class one, two clerks of class two, one messenger, and one laborer, eighteen thousand two hundred and sixty dollars.

For stationery and miscellaneous items, eight hundred dollars.

For chief of Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, one clerk of class four, one clerk of class three, one messenger, and one laborer, eight thousand four hundred and sixty dollars.

For stationery and miscellaneous items, four hundred dollars.

For five watchmen and two laborers for the building occupied by the Navy Department, five thousand and fifty dollars.

For incidental labor, fuel, lights, and miscellaneous items for said building, six thousand dollars.

JUDICIARY.

For the chief Justice and nine associate or retired justice, sixty thousand five hundred dollars.

For nine circuit judges to reside in circuit, forty-five thousand dollars.

For traveling expenses of the judge assigned to the tenth circuit for attending session of the Supreme Court of the United States one thousand dollars.

For salary of the reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For salary of the marshal of the Supreme Court, three thousand five hundred dollars.

For salaries of the district judges of the United States, one hundred and sixty-eight thousand five hundred dollars.

For salaries of the chief justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, the associate judges, and judge of the orphans' nineteen thousand dollars.

For salary of the warden of the jail in the District of Columbia, two thousand dollars.

For compensation of the district attorneys of the United States, eighteen thousand five hundred dollars.

For compensation of the district marshals of the United States, eleven thousand three hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the heads of the several departments are hereby authorized to appoint female clerks, who may be found to be competent and worthy, to any of the grades of clerkships known to the law, in the respective departments, with the compensation belonging to the class to which they may be appointed, but the number of first, second, third, and fourth class clerks shall not be increased by this section.

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

That in all cases where any oath, affirmation, or affidavit shall be made or taken under or by virtue of any act or law, relating to the naturalization of aliens, or in any proceedings under such acts or laws, and any person or persons taking or making such oath, affirmation, or affidavit, shall knowingly swear or affirm falsely, the same shall be deemed and taken to be perjury, and the person or persons guilty thereof shall upon conviction thereof be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years and not less than one year, and to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person applying to be admitted a citizen, or appearing as a witness for any such person, shall knowingly personate any other person than himself, or falsely appear in the name of a deceased person, or in an assumed or fictitious name, or if any person shall falsely make, forge, or counterfeit any oath, affirmation, notice, affidavit, certificate, order, record, signature, or other instrument, paper, or proceeding required or authorized by any law or act relating to or providing for the naturalization of aliens; or shall utter, sell dispose of, or use as true or genuine, or for any unlawful purpose, any false, forged, ante-date, or counterfeit oath, affirmation, notice, certificate, order, record, signature, instrument, paper, or proceeding as aforesaid; or sell or dispose of to any person other than the person for whom it was originally issued, any certificate of citizenship, or certificate showing any person to be admitted a citizen; or if any person shall in any manner use for the purpose of registering as a voter, or as evidence of a right to vote, or otherwise, unlawfully, any order, certificate of citizenship, or certificate, judgment, or exemplification, showing such person to be admitted to be a citizen, whether heretofore or hereafter issued or made, knowing that such order or certificate, judgment, or exemplification has been unlawfully issued or made; or if any person shall unlawfully use, or attempt to use, any such order or certificate, issued to or in the name of any other person, or in a fictitious name, or the name of a deceased person; or use, or attempt to use, or aid, or assist, or participate in the use of any certificate of citizenship, knowing the same to be forged, or counterfeit, or ante-dated, or knowing the same to have been procured by fraud, or otherwise unlawfully obtained; or if any person, and without lawful excuse, shall knowingly have or be possessed of any false, forged ante-date, or counterfeit certificate of citizenship, purporting to have been issued under the provisions of any law of the United States relating to naturalization, knowing such certificate to be false, forged, ante-dated, or counterfeit, with intent unlawfully to use the the same; or if any person shall obtain, accept, or receive any certificate of citizenship known to such person to have been procured by fraud or by the use of any false name, or by means of any false statement made with intent to procure, or to aid in procuring, the issue of such certificate, or known to such person to be fraudulently altered or ante dated; or if any person who has been or may be admitted to be a citizen shall, on oath or affirmation, or by affidavit, knowingly deny that he has been so admitted, with intent to evade or avoid any duty or liability imposed or required by law, every person so offending shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of felony, and, on conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to be imprisoned and kept at hard labor for a period not less than one year nor more than five years, or be fined in a sum not less than three hundred dollars nor more than a thousand dollars, or both such punishments may be imposed, in the discretion of the court. And every person in the commission of any such felony, or attempt to do any act hereby made felony, or counsel, advise, or procure, or attempt to procure, the commission thereof, shall be liable to indictment and punishment in the same manner and to the same extent as the principal party guilty of such felony, and such person may be tried and convicted thereof without the previous conviction of such principal.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That any person who shall knowingly use any certificate of naturalization heretofore granted by any court, or which shall hereafter be granted which has been, or shall be, procured through fraud or by false evidence, or has been or shall be issued by the clerk, or any other officer of the court without any appearance and hearing of the applicant in court and without lawful authority; and any person who shall falsely represent himself to be a citizen of the United States, without having been duly admitted to citizenship, for any fraudulent purpose whatever, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, in due course of law, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or be imprisoned not exceeding two years, either or both, in the discretion of the court taking cognizance of the same.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this act shall apply to all proceedings had or taken, or attempted to be had or taken, before any court in which any proceeding for naturalization shall be commenced, had, or taken, or attempted to be commenced; and the courts of the United States shall have jurisdiction of all offenses under the provisions of this act, in or before whatsoever court or tribunal the same shall have been committed.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That in any city having upwards of twenty thousand inhabitants, it shall be the duty of the judge of the circuit court of the United States for the circuit wherein said city shall be, upon the application of two citizens, by appointment in writing for each election district or voting precinct in said city, and to change or revoke said appointment, as occasion may require, from time to time, to appoint a resident of the district or precinct, one from each political party, who, when so designated, shall be, and are hereby, authorized to attend at all times and places fixed for the registration of voters, who, being registered, would be entitled to vote for representative in Congress, and at all times and places for holding elections of representatives in Congress, and to challenge any person who may offer to vote at such elections, and to demand that such person shall be sworn and answer such questions as may be pertinent to the qualifications of a citizen and elector; and the judge of said court may also appoint, in the manner herein prescribed, such number of persons, not exceeding two in any one election district or voting precinct, as he may deem necessary to challenge any persons who, in his opinion, shall attempt to vote illegally at any such election; and any such persons shall have power to administer oaths and take testimony, and shall have access to all the books and papers of all consular officers. And any agent appointed in this behalf shall be paid for his services a just and reasonable compensation, payable in the same manner as other expenses, the same to be paid out of the sum appropriated for consular salaries; but no greater sum than one thousand dollars shall be expended as compensation of such agent or agents in any one year. And the President shall report to the Congress, at the commencement of every December session, the names of the agents so appointed, and the amount paid to each, together with the reports of such agents; and any agent or agents so appointed under this section shall receive an annual salary of five thousand dollars, in addition to the expenses hereinbefore allowed, the same to be paid out of the sum appropriated to consular salaries.

Approved, July 11, 1870.

[PUBLIC—No. 167.]

AN ACT to define the duties of pension agents, to prescribe the manner of paying pensions, and for other purposes.

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

That within fifteen days immediately preceding the fourth day of March, June, September, and December in each year, the several agents for the payment of pensions shall prepare a quarterly voucher for each and every pension to be paid from the agency, and transmit the same by mail, addressed to the address of the pensioner named in such voucher, which, on or after the fourth day of March, June, September, and December next ensuing the date of such voucher, may execute and return the same to the agency at which it was prepared, and at which the pension of such person is due and payable.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That upon the receipt of such voucher, properly executed and the identity of the pensioner being established to the satisfaction of the pension agent, or, if so ordered by the Secretary of the Interior, the agent for the payment of pensions shall immediately draw his check on the proper assistant treasurer or designated depositary of the United States for the amount of such pension, payable to his or her order, and transmit the same by mail, directed to the address of the pensioner named therein, but any pension may be applied, if thought proper by the Commissioner of Pensions, to agent or agents and receive the pension.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That hereafter no pension shall be paid to any person other than the pensioner entitled thereto, nor to any person by virtue of any power of attorney, or other warrant, power of attorney, or other paper executed or purporting to be executed by any pensioner to say all such claims which shall be, or shall have been, assigned by any agent for the payment of pensions, but shall any pension be paid to any person claiming by virtue of such assignment, under legal disabilities may be made to the guardians of such persons in the manner herein prescribed: *And provided further*, That pensions payable to persons in foreign countries may be made according to the provisions of existing laws.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in addition to the compensation now allowed by law, each pension agent shall be allowed as full compensation for all services and expenses, to be paid by the proviso of this act, the agent thereof, one-half of the amount of the salary of such agent, and no more, for each voucher prepared and properly filed, and no more than one-half of the salary of such pension agent or other person employed or appointed by his who shall take or receive, or demand any fee or reward from any pensioner for any service in connection with the payment of his pension shall be held guilty of misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall cause suitable blanks for the vouchers mentioned in the first section of the act to be printed and distributed to the agents for the payment of pensions, upon which he shall cause a notice to be printed in large type at the top of the face that hereafter no pension will be paid except upon the vouchers issued as herein directed, and he shall also give all necessary instructions and make all needful regulations for carrying into effect.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That agents for the payment of pensions, and any clerks appointed by them and designated in writing for that purpose, which designation shall be made and filed in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions, are hereby authorized and required, without fee or reward, to take and certify the oaths of witnesses and their witnesses who may personally appear before them for that purpose, in which case the check for the pension shall be issued for the full amount, without deduction, and shall be given direct to the hand of the party entitled thereto, if desired, and not mailed to his or her address as required by the first section of this act; and any person who shall falsely swear or affirm, and subscribe any such affidavit before any agent or his designated clerk for the payment of pensions, shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and be subject to be punished by imprisonment not exceeding five years and by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the fees of agents and attorneys for prosecution and prosecution of a claim for pension or bounty land, under any or all the various acts of Congress granting the land, or any or all of the various acts of Congress granting the land, under any or all of the various acts of Congress granting the same, shall not exceed in any case the sum of twenty-five dollars; it shall be the duty of the agent or attorney prosecuting the case to cause to be filed with the Commissioner of Pensions, for its approval, duplicate articles of agreement, without additional cost to the claimant, setting forth the fees agreed upon by the parties and which agreement shall be accepted in presence of and certified by some officer competent to administer oaths, and no other or further application is made for pension or bounty land, and no agreement is filed which is not approved by the Commissioner of Pensions, the fee shall be ten dollars and no more.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That any agent or attorney who shall directly or indirectly contract for, demand, receive, or retain any greater compensation for his services as agent or attorney, in any claim for pension or bounty land, than is prescribed or allowed under the provisions of the preceding section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall, for every such offense, be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding five years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of Pensions shall forward the certificate of pension, granted in any case, to the agent for paying, wherein such certificate shall be made payable, and at the same time forward therewith one of the articles of agreement filed in the case and approved by the Commissioner, setting forth the fee agreed upon between the claimant and the attorney or agent, and where no agreement is on file, as hereinbefore provided, he shall direct that a fee of ten dollars only be paid said agent or attorney.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the agent paying such pension to deduct from the amount due the pensioner the amount of fee so agreed upon or directed by the Commissioner to be paid there no agreement is filed and approved, and to forward or cause to be forwarded to the agent or attorney of record named in the said agreement, or in case there is no agreement, to the agent prosecuting the case, the amount of the proper fee, deducting therefrom the sum of thirty cents for payment of his services in forwarding the same.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts and part of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, July 8, 1870.

[PUBLIC—No. 168.]

AN ACT to amend existing laws relating to internal revenue.

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

That on and after the passage of this act, in addition to the articles now exempt by law, the articles and products hereinafter enumerated shall be exempt from internal tax, namely: Canned and preserved fish, shell fish, meats, fruits, and vegetables.

Approved, July 14, 1870.

[PUBLIC—No. 170.]

AN ACT to vacate the Fort Dakota military reservation in the Territory of Dakota, 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 military reservation at Fort Dakota, in the country of Minnehaha, and Territory of Dakota, be, and the same is hereby, vacated, and the lands embraced in said reservation shall be subject to private entry under the provisions of the pre emption and homestead laws of the United States, except so much thereof as may be embraced in sections heretofore reserved for school purposes: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed as to interfere with any rights which may have accrued previous to the withdrawal of said lands for the purpose of such reservation: *And provided also*, That any improvements on said reservation made by the military authorities prior to the relinquishment by the Secretary of War, shall be appraised by the register and receiver of the land office of the district in which said reservation is situated, and paid for by the purchaser of the lands on which the same are located: *And provided further*, That no patents shall issue for any portion of said lands until the improvements thereon shall have been paid for at their appraised value.

Approved, July 14, 1870.

[PUBLIC—No. 169.]

AN ACT to require national banks going into liquidation to retire their circulating notes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every bank that has heretofore gone into liquidation under the provisions of section forty-two of the national currency act, shall be required to deposit lawful money of the United States for its outstanding circulation within sixty days from the date of the passage of this act. And every bank that may hereafter go into liquidation shall be required to deposit lawful money of the United States for its outstanding circulation within six months from the date of the vote to go into liquidation; whereupon the bonds pledged as security for such circulation shall be surrendered to the association making such deposit. And if any bank shall fail to make the deposit and take up its bonds for thirty days after the expiration of the time specified, the Comptroller of the Currency shall have power to sell the bonds pledged for the circulation of said bank at public auction in New York city, and after providing for the redemption and cancellation of said circulation, and the necessary expenses of the sale, to pay over any balance remaining from the proceeds to the bank, or its legal representative: Provided, That banks which are winding up in good faith for the purpose of consolidating with other banks shall be exempt from the provisions of this act: And provided, That the assets and liabilities of banks so in liquidation shall be reported by the banks with which they are in process of consolidation.

Approved, July 14, 1870.

[PUBLIC—No. 189.]

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri river, upon the military reservation at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled: That the sixth section of the act entitled "An act authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri river, upon the military reservation at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas," be amended so as to read as follows: SECTION 6. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Saint Joseph and Denver City Railroad Company, a corporation chartered and created by the laws of the State of Kansas, or their assigns, to build a bridge, and maintain the same across the Missouri river at or near Saint Joseph, Missouri, on the terms, and subject to the limitations and restrictions contained in the first, second, and third sections of the act of Congress, passed July twenty-five, eighteen hundred and sixty six, entitled "An act to authorize the construction of certain bridges, and to establish them as post roads, and that said corporation may have, hold, and enjoy all the rights, privileges, and franchises conferred by, and contained in said last mentioned act; and said company may construct and maintain ways for wagons, carriages, and for foot passengers, charging and receiving reasonable tolls therefor; and when said bridge is constructed under said limitations it shall be a lawful structure and be recognized and known as a post route: Provided, That if said bridge shall be constructed as a drawbridge the spans of the draw shall not be less than two hundred feet in the clear on each side of the central point.

Approved, July, 14, 1870.

[PUBLIC—No. 141.]

AN ACT to define the duties of pension agents, to prescribe the manner of paying pensions, and for other purposes.

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

That within fifteen days immediately preceding the fourth day of March, June, September, and December in each year, the several agents for the payment of pensions shall prepare a quarterly voucher for each and every pension to be paid from the agency, and transmit the same by mail, addressed to the address of the pensioner named in such voucher, which, on or after the fourth day of March, June, September, and December next ensuing the date of such voucher, may execute and return the same to the agency at which it was prepared, and at which the pension of such person is due and payable.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That upon the receipt of such voucher, properly executed and the identity of the pensioner being established to the satisfaction of the pension agent, or, if so ordered by the Secretary of the Interior, the agent for the payment of pensions shall immediately draw his check on the proper assistant treasurer or designated depositary of the United States for the amount of such pension, payable to his or her order, and transmit the same by mail, directed to the address of the pensioner named therein, but any pension may be applied, if thought proper by the Commissioner of Pensions, to agent or agents and receive the pension.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That hereafter no pension shall be paid to any person other than the pensioner entitled thereto, nor to any person by virtue of any power of attorney, or other warrant, power of attorney, or other paper executed or purporting to be executed by any pensioner to say all such claims which shall be, or shall have been, assigned by any agent for the payment of pensions, but shall any pension be paid to any person claiming by virtue of such assignment, under legal disabilities may be made to the guardians of such persons in the manner herein prescribed: *And provided further*, That pensions payable to persons in foreign countries may be made according to the provisions of existing laws.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in addition to the compensation now allowed by law, each pension agent shall be allowed as full compensation for all services and expenses, to be paid by the proviso of this act, the agent thereof, one-half of the salary of such agent, and no more, for each voucher prepared and properly filed, and no more than one-half of the salary of such pension agent or other person employed or appointed by his who shall take or receive, or demand any fee or reward from any pensioner for any service in connection with the payment of his pension shall be held guilty of misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall cause suitable blanks for the vouchers mentioned in the first section of the act to be printed and distributed to the agents for the payment of pensions, upon which he shall cause a notice to be printed in large type at the top of the face that hereafter no pension will be paid except upon the vouchers issued as herein directed, and he shall also give all necessary instructions and make all needful regulations for carrying into effect.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That agents for the payment of pensions, and any clerks appointed by them and designated in writing for that purpose, which designation shall be made and filed in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions, are hereby authorized and required, without fee or reward, to take and certify the oaths of witnesses and their witnesses who may personally appear before them for that purpose, in which case the check for the pension shall be issued for the full amount, without deduction, and shall be given direct to the hand of the party entitled thereto, if desired, and not mailed to his or her address as required by the first section of this act; and any person who shall falsely swear or affirm, and subscribe any such affidavit before any agent or his designated clerk for the payment of pensions, shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and be subject to be punished by imprisonment not exceeding five years and by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the fees of agents and attorneys for the prosecution and prosecution of a claim for pension or bounty land, under any or all the various acts of Congress granting the land, or any or all of the various acts of Congress granting the land, under any or all of the various acts of Congress granting the same, shall not exceed in any case the sum of twenty-five dollars; it shall be the duty of the agent or attorney prosecuting the case to cause to be filed with the Commissioner of Pensions, for its approval duplicate articles of agreement, without additional cost to the claimant, setting forth the fee agreed upon by the parties and which agreement shall be accepted in presence of and certified by some officer competent to administer oaths, and no other or further application is made for pension or bounty land, and no agreement is filed which is not approved by the Commissioner of Pensions, the fee shall be ten dollars and no more.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That any agent or attorney who shall directly or indirectly contract for, demand, receive, or retain any greater compensation for his services as agent or attorney, in any claim for pension or bounty land, than is prescribed or allowed under the provisions of the preceding section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall, for every such offense, be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding five years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of Pensions shall forward the certificate of pension, granted in any case, to the agent for paying, wherein such certificate shall be made payable, and at the same time forward therewith one of the articles of agreement filed in the case and approved by the Commissioner, setting forth the fee agreed upon between the claimant and the attorney or agent, and where no agreement is on file, as hereinbefore provided, he shall direct that a fee of ten dollars only be paid said agent or attorney.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the agent paying such pension to deduct from the amount due the pensioner the amount of fee so agreed upon or directed by the Commissioner to be paid there no agreement is filed and approved, and to forward or cause to be forwarded to the agent or attorney of record named in the said agreement, or in case there is no agreement, to the agent prosecuting the case, the amount of the proper fee, deducting therefrom the sum of thirty cents for payment of his services in forwarding the same.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts and part of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, July 8, 1870.

[PUBLIC—No. 161.]

AN ACT to provide for the redemption of three per cent. temporary loan certificates, and for an increase of national bank notes.

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

That fifty-four millions of dollars in notes for circulation may be issued to national banking associations in addition to three hundred millions of dollars authorized by a twenty-second section of the "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 three, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; and the amount of notes so provided shall be furnished to banking associations organized or to be organized in those States and Territories having less than their proportion under the apportionment contemplated by the provisions of the "act to amend 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 March three, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and the bonds deposited with the Treasurer of the United States to secure the additional circulating notes herein authorized shall be of any description of bonds of the United States bearing interest in coin, but a new apportionment of the increased circulation herein provided for shall be made as soon as practicable, based upon the returns of eighteen hundred and seventy: Provided, That applications for the circulation herein authorized shall not be made within one year after the passage of this act, by banking associations organized or to be organized in States having less than their proportion, it shall be lawful for the Comptroller of the Currency to issue such circulation to banking associations applying for the same in other States or Territories having less than their proportion, giving the preference to such as have the greatest deficiency: And provided further, That no banking association here for organized shall have a circulation in excess of five hundred thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That at the end of each month after the passage of this act it shall be the duty of the Comptroller of the Currency to report to the Secretary of the Treasury the amount of circulating notes issued, under the provisions of the preceding section, to national banking associations during the previous month; whereupon the Secretary of the Treasury shall reduce and cancel an amount of the three per centum temporary loan certificates issued under the acts of March two, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and July twenty-five, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, less than the amount of circulating notes so reported, and may, if necessary, in order to procure the presentation of such temporary loan certificates for redemption, give notice to the holders thereof, by public notice or otherwise, that certain of said certificates, (which shall be designated by number, date, and amount,) shall cease to bear interest from and after the expiration of such notice, and that the certificates so designated shall no longer be available as any portion of the lawful money reserve in the possession of any national banking association, and after the day designated in such notice no interest shall be paid on such certificates, and they shall thereafter be counted as a part of the reserve of any banking association.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That upon the deposit of any United States bonds, bearing interest payable in gold, with the Treasurer of the United States, in the manner prescribed in the ninth and twentieth sections of the national currency act, it shall be lawful for the Comptroller of the Currency to issue to the association making the same, circulating notes of different denominations not less than five dollars, not exceeding in amount eighty per centum of the par value of the bonds so deposited, which notes shall bear on their face the promise of the association to which they are issued to pay the sum upon presentation at the office of the association, in gold coin of the United States, and shall be receivable upon such presentation in such coin: Provided, That no banking association organized under this section shall have a circulation in excess of one million of dollars.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That every national banking association formed under the provisions of the preceding section of this act shall at all times keep on hand not less than twenty-five per centum of its outstanding circulation in gold or silver coin of the United States, and shall receive at par in the payment of debts the gold notes of every other association banking association which at the time of such payments shall be redeeming its circulating notes in gold coin of the United States.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That every association organized for the purpose of issuing gold notes as provided in this act shall be subject to all the requirements and provisions of the national currency act, except the first clause of section twenty-two, which limits the circulation of national banking associations to three hundred millions of dollars; the first clause of section thirty-two, which makes it a crime for any officer of any banking association to receive or pay the notes of any other national banking association; the fifteenth section, which requires the deposit of lawful money in the Treasury, as it may be required for said purpose, be withdrawn, as herein provided, from banking associations organized in States having less than their proportion of the issue of gold notes provided for by the act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide for a national banking currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof,'" approved March three, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, but the last clause of section thirty-two, which requires every national banking association to receive in payment of debts the notes of every other national banking association at par: Provided, That in applying the provisions and requirements of said act to the banking associations herein provided for the terms "lawful money," and "legal tender money of the United States" shall be construed to mean gold or silver coin of the United States.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That to secure a uniformity of circulation of the national bank currency there may be issued circulating notes to banking associations organized in States and Territories having less than their proportion as herein set forth. And the amount of circulation in this section mentioned shall be apportioned by the Secretary of the Treasury, as it may be required for said purpose, be withdrawn, as herein provided, from banking associations organized in States having less than their proportion of the issue of gold notes provided for by the act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide for a national banking currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof,'" approved March three, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, but no withdrawals shall not exceed twenty-five per centum of the issue of any bank. And the Comptroller of the Currency shall, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, make a statement showing the amount of circulation to be withdrawn from each State, and the amount to be issued to banking associations in accordance with this section, and shall, when such reduction shall be required, make such apportionment of such amount upon such banks, commencing with the banks having circulation exceeding one million of dollars in States having an excess of circulation, and so by reducing the circulation of the banks in the first class, if necessary, to one million of dollars, and then proceeding in the same manner with other banks having a circulation of three hundred thousand dollars in States having the greatest excess of circulation, and so on, by the circulation of such banks in States having the greatest proportion to excess limiting circulation in any State having a smaller proportion, until there in greater excess has been reduced to the same grade and conforming thus to make the reduction herein provided for, and until the full amount of twenty-five millions herein provided for shall be withdrawn; and the circulation so withdrawn shall be apportioned among the states and Territories having less than their proportion, to receive the same. And it shall be the duty of the Comptroller of the Currency, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, to make a requisition for the amount thereof upon the banks herein provided for, and the banks so called on shall deposit the amount of the bonds and receive the circulation called for, and shall return the amount so required within one year, it shall be the duty of the Comptroller of the Currency to sell the public securities having given twenty days' notice thereof in some newspaper printed in Washington, and one in New York city, an amount of bonds deposited by said association, as security for said circulation, equal to the circulation to be withdrawn from said associations, and not returned in compliance with such requisition; and the Comptroller of the Currency may use the proceeds to meet any of the notes of said banking associations so called in, and the balance, if any, shall be held to redeem the circulation of such banks, or that some into the treasury, as will equal the amount required and not so returned, and shall pay the balance, if any, to the banks on surrender of the circulation of such associations. Provided, That no circulation shall be withdrawn under the provisions of this section shall at the expiration of one year be issued to the first section shall have upon taken up.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That after the expiration of six months from the passage of this act any banking association located in any State having more than its proportion of circulation may be relieved by any State having less than its proportion of circulation under such rules and regulations as the Comptroller of the Currency, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, may prescribe: Provided, That the amount of the issue of such banks shall not be deducted from the aforementioned apportionment.

Approved, July 12, 1870.

[PUBLIC—No. 151.]

AN ACT making appropriations for the construction, preservation, and repair of certain fortifications and other works of defense, for the fiscal year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

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 they are hereby, appropriated, out of any in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the construction, preservation, and repair of the works of defense and other fortifications for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-one:

For Fort Pickens, Pensacola harbor, and Fort Sammel, in Portland harbor Maine, seventy-five thousand dollars.

For Fort Independence Boston harbor, Massachusetts, fifty-three thousand dollars.

For Fort Warren, Boston harbor, Massachusetts, one hundred thousand dollars.

For Fort Wetherby, Boston harbor, Massachusetts, sixty-nine thousand dollars.

For Fort Hamilton, and additional batteries, New York harbor, New York, forty-six thousand dollars.

For fort on the site of Fort Tompkins, Staten Island, New York, the unexpended balances of appropriations heretofore made for "Casemated battery on Staten Island," are hereby authorized to be transferred and applied.

For Fort Schuyler, East river, New York, eighty thousand dollars.

For Fort Willett's point opposite Fort Schuyler, East river New York, eighty thousand dollars.

For Fort Columbus, Governor's island, New York, fifty two thousand dollars.

For Fort Wood, Bedlow's island, New York, seventy thousand dollars.

For Battery Hudson, New York harbor, thirty thousand dollars.

For Fort Mifflin, near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, fifty-five thousand dollars.

For Fort Delaware, Delaware river, Delaware, thirty-seven thousand dollars.

For battery at Finn's point opposite Fort Delaware, thirty-three thousand dollars.

For a fort at Fort point entrance to San Francisco harbor, California, one hundred thousand dollars.

For fort at Lime point, entrance to San Francisco harbor, one hundred thousand dollars.

For fort at Alcatraz island, San Francisco harbor, California, fifty thousand dollars.

For contingencies, and preservation and repair of fort Monroe, for which there may be no special appropriation available, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For construction of sea-coast mortar batteries at exterior defensive positions, seventy-five thousand dollars.

For surveys for military defenses, one hundred thousand dollars.

Approved, July 11, 1870.

[PUBLIC—No. 152.]

AN ACT making appropriations for the repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

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

That the following sums of money be and are hereby, appropriated, to be laid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction and superintendence of the Secretary of War, according to such plans as shall be by him first selected and approved, for the repair, preservation and completion of the following public works heretofore commenced under the authority of law, and for other purposes hereinafter named, that is to say:

For improvement of Superior City harbor, Wisconsin, forty thousand dollars.

For improvement of Ontonagon harbor, Lake Superior, Michigan, ten thousand dollars.

For improvement of Marquette harbor, Lake Superior, Michigan, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For improvement of Green Bay harbor, Wisconsin, twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars.

For improvement of Manitowoc harbor, Wisconsin, twenty-thousand dollars.

For improvement of Sheboygan harbor, Wisconsin, fifteen thousand dollars.

For improvement of Milwaukee harbor, Wisconsin, forty thousand dollars.

For improvement of Racine harbor, Wisconsin, ten thousand dollars.

For improvement of Kenosha harbor, Wisconsin, ten thousand dollars.

For improvement of Michigan City harbor, Indiana, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For improvement of New Buffalo harbor, Michigan, five thousand dollars.

For improvement of Port Washington harbor, Wisconsin, fifteen thousand dollars.

For improvement of Ann Arbor Sebes harbor, Michigan, ten thousand dollars.

For improvement of Manistee harbor, Michigan, twenty thousand dollars.

For improvement of Pere Marquette harbor, Michigan, ten thousand dollars.

For improvement of Pentwater harbor, Michigan, ten thousand dollars.

For improvement of White River harbor, Michigan, twenty thousand dollars.

For improvement of Muskegon harbor, Michigan, ten thousand dollars.

For improvement of Grand Haven harbor, Michigan, ten thousand dollars.

For improvement of Black Lake harbor, Michigan ten thousand dollars.

For improvement of Saugatuck harbor, Michigan, ten thousand dollars.

For improvement of South Haven harbor, Michigan ten thousand dollars.

For improvement of Saint Joseph harbor, Michigan, fifteen thousand dollars.

For improvement of Saint Mary's Falls Canal, and Saint Mary's river, Michigan one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For improvement of Au Sable river, Michigan, fifteen thousand dollars.

For improvement of Saginaw river, Michigan, one hundred and five hundred dollars.

For improvement of Saint Clair flats, Michigan, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For improvement of Clinton river, Michigan, five thousand dollars.

For improvement of Toledo harbor, Maumee bay, Ohio, fifty thousand dollars.

For improvement of Sandusky City harbor, Oh