

CHAP. XX.—*An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to grant a Register for the Schooner "William A. Hamill."*

Feb. 2, 1859.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be granted, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a register for the schooner "William A. Hamill," lying in the port of Baltimore, and now owned by Robert Dorritie, a citizen of the United States: *Provided,* It be proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that she was built at May's Landing, in the State of New Jersey; that she was enrolled as an American vessel, and that she was owned in whole by citizens of the United States at the time she was stranded on a reef near Abaco, one of the Bahama islands, and that she is now owned by Robert Dorritie, who is now a citizen of the United States.

Register granted.

Proviso.

APPROVED, February 2, 1859.

CHAP. XXI.—*An Act providing for the Payment of the Expenses of Investigating Committees of the House of Representatives.*

Feb. 5, 1859.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of the expenses of the several investigating committees of the House of Representatives during the present session, and that the same be added to the miscellaneous item of the contingent fund of said House: *Provided,* That no portion of this sum shall be paid for constructive mileage for summoning witnesses.

Post, p. 438.

Appropriation for expense of investigating committees.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That hereafter the mileage or traveling allowance to the officer or other person executing precepts or summons of either house of Congress shall not exceed ten cents for each mile necessarily and actually travelled by such officer or other person in the execution of any such precept or summons.

Mileage of officer serving precepts.

APPROVED, February 5, 1859.

CHAP. XXII.—*An Act providing for keeping and distributing all Public Documents.*

Feb. 5, 1859.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby charged with receiving, arranging, safe-keeping, and [with the] distribution of all printed journals of the two houses of Congress, and all other books and documents, of every nature whatever, already or hereafter directed by law to be printed or purchased for the use of the government, except of such as are directed to be printed or purchased for the particular use of Congress, or *if* [of] either house thereof, or for the particular use of the Executive or of any of the departments; and for this purpose the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to set apart a proper room or rooms in the Patent-Office building to be used for this and no other purpose; and the superintendent of public printing, public printer, binder, or contractor, or any or any other person whose duty it shall be by law to deliver any of the same, shall deliver the same to him there.

Secretary of Interior to receive, keep, and distribute all public documents, except, &c.

Rooms in Patent Office Building to be used therefor.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to obtain and remove from the other departments and offices and from the Congressional Library, and other places where the same are now kept, all such journals, books, and other documents now on hand and described in the foregoing section; and for this purpose, so much as is necessary of the appropriation made in the following clause of the act, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain civil expenses of the government for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight," approved March three, eighteen hun-

Such public documents to be removed from other offices.

1857, ch. 108  
Ante, p. 227