and for instruction of engineer battalion in their preparation and application, fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the money herein appropriated for torpedoes shall only be used in the establishment and maintenance of torpedoes to be operated from shore-stations for the destruction of an enemy's vessel approaching the shore or entering the channel and fairways of harbors.

Proviso.

Approved, March 3, 1877.

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CHAP. 113.—An act respecting the limits of reservations for town-sites upon the public domain

Quantity of land excluded from pre-emption by town-site.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the existence or incorporation of any town upon the public lands of the United States shall not be held to exclude from pre-emption or homestead entry a greater quantity than twenty-five hundred and sixty acres of land, or the maximum area which may be entered as a town-site under existing laws, unless the entire tract claimed or incorporated as such town-site shall, including and in excess of the area above specified, be actually settled upon, inhabited, improved, and used for business and municipal purposes.

Certain entries within town-sites confirmed.

SEC. 2. That where entries have been heretofore allowed upon lands afterward ascertained to have been embraced in the corporate limits of any town, but which entries are or shall be shown, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, to include only vacant unoccupied lands of the United States, not settled upon or used for municipal purposes, nor devoted to any public use of such town, said entries, if regular in all respects, are hereby confirmed and may be carried into patent: *Provided*, That this confirmation shall not operate to restrict the entry of any town-site to a smaller area than the maximum quantity of land which, by reason of present population, it may be entitled to enter under section twenty-three hundred and eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes.

Proviso. R. S., 2389, p. 440.

Where town-site exceeds maximum

SEC. 3. That whenever the corporate limits of any town upon the public domain are shown or alleged to include lands in excess of the maximum area specified in section one of this act, the Commissioner of the General Land Office may require the authorities of such town, and it shall be lawful for them, to elect what portion of said lands, in compact form and embracing the actual site of the municipal occupation and improvement, shall be withheld from pre-emption and homestead entry; and thereafter the residue of such lands shall be open to disposal under the homestead and pre-emption laws. And upon default of said town authorities to make such selection within sixty days after notification by the Commissioner, he may direct testimony respecting the actual location and extent of said improvements, to be taken by the register and receiver of the district in which such town may be situated; and, upon receipt of the same, he may determine and set off the proper site according to section one of this act, and declare the remaining lands open to settlement and entry under the homestead and pre-emption laws; and it shall be the duty of the secretary of each of the Territories of the United States to furnish the surveyor-general of the Territory for the use of the United States a copy duly certified of every act of the legislature of the Territory incorporating any city or town, the same to be forwarded by such secretary to the surveyor-general within one month from date of its approval.

Copies of acts incorporating towns; how furnished.

Where town-site is less than maximum. R. S., 2389, p. 440.

SEC. 4. It shall be lawful for any town which has made, or may hereafter make entry of less than the maximum quantity of land named in section twenty-three hundred and eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes to make such additional entry, or entries, of contiguous tracts, which may be occupied for town purposes as when added to the entry or entries therefore made will not exceed twenty-five hundred and sixty acres: *Pro-*

vided, That such additional entry shall not together with all prior entries be in excess of the area to which the town may be entitled at date of the additional entry by virtue of its population as prescribed in said section twenty-three hundred and eighty-nine. Proviso.

Approved, March 3, 1877.

CHAP. 114.—An act relating to the production of fruit-brandy, and to punish frauds connected with the same. March 3, 1877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall be, and hereby is, authorized in his discretion, and upon the execution of such bonds as he may prescribe, to establish warehouses, to be known as special bonded warehouses, not exceeding ten in numbers in any one collection-district, exclusively for the storage of brandy made from grapes, each of which warehouses shall be in the charge of a storekeeper, to be appointed, assigned, transfered, and paid in the same manner that storekeepers for distillery-warehouses are now appointed, assigned, transfered, and paid. Every such warehouse shall be under the control of the collector of internal revenue of the district in which such warehouse is located, and shall be in the joint custody of the storekeeper and the proprietor thereof and kept securely locked, and shall at no time be unlocked or opened or remain open except in the presence of such storekeeper or other person who may be designated to act for him, as provided in the case of distillery-warehouses. And such warehouses shall be under such further regulations as the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, may prescribe.

Bonded warehouses for grape-brandy.

Storekeepers.

Control of warehouse.

Custody.

When and how opened.

Regulations.

SEC 2. That every distiller of brandy from grapes, upon rendering his monthly return of materials used and spirits produced by him, shall immediately pay the tax upon such spirits, or may, after they have been properly gauged, marked, and branded, under regulations to be prescribed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, and also stamped as hereinafter provided, cause them to be removed in bond from the place of manufacture to a special bonded warehouse, under such regulations, and after making such entries, and executing and filing with the collector of the district in which such spirits were manufactured such bonds and bills of lading, and giving such other additional security as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and approved by the by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Tax to be paid on monthly return, or brandy removed in bond.

SEC 3. That all brandy intended for deposit in a special bonded warehouse, before being removed from the distillery, shall have affixed to each package an engraved stamp indicative of such intention, to be provided and furnished to the several collectors as in the case of other stamps, and to be charged to them and accounted for in the same manner; and for the expense attending, providing, and affixing such stamps ten cents for each stamp shall be paid the collector on making the entry for such transportation.

Removal stamp.

SEC 4. That any brandy made from grapes removed in bond according to law may, upon its arrival at a special bonded warehouse, be deposited therein upon making such entries, filing such bonds and other securities, and under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. It shall be one of the conditions of the warehousing-bond covering such spirits that the principal named in said bond shall pay the tax on the spirits as specified in the entry, or cause the same to be paid within three years from the date of the original gauging of the same, and before withdrawal, except as hereinafter provided

Conditions of deposit in warehouse.

Stipulations in the bond.