

of Michigan these towns having never been properly surveyed; and that there be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to pay the expense thereof, not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars.

Approved, February 16, 1877.

Feb. 17, 1877.

**CHAP. 60.**—An act to change the time of holding the October term of the United States district court for the district of Nebraska.

Nebraska. Terms of district court in.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the fall term of the United States district court for the district of Nebraska shall hereafter be held on the second Monday in November in each year, instead of the "Wednesday after the second Tuesday in October," as now provided by law.

Approved, February 17, 1877.

Feb. 20, 1877.

**CHAP. 63.**—An act to encourage and promote telegraphic communication between America and Europe.

Right to lay telegraph cables.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Ferdinand C. Latrobe, William F. Frick, and Robert Garrett, of Maryland, shall have the right to construct, lay, land, and maintain a line or lines of telegraph, or submarine cables, on the Atlantic coast of the United States of America, to connect the American and European coasts by telegraphic lines, wires, or submarine cables: *Provided,* That at least one cable shall be laid and operating between Europe and the Atlantic coast of the United States within three years from the approval of this act; and the at present tariff-rates of messages shall be reduced to one-third or one shilling British currency, per word, over said new cable or cables: *And provided,* That no amalgamation, union, or sale of cable interests established under this act shall be made to any existing European or other cable-companies.

Time allowed.

Rate of charge.

Union or sale forbidden.

Privileges of United States.

SEC 2. That any telegraphic line or cable laid be subject to the following conditions, stipulations, and reservations, to wit: First. The Government of the United States shall be entitled to exercise and enjoy the same or similar privileges with regard to the control and use of such line or lines, or cable or cables, as there may, by law, agreement, or otherwise, be exercised and enjoyed by any foreign government whatever. Secondly. Citizens of the United States shall enjoy the same privileges as to the payment of rates for the transmission of messages as are enjoyed by the citizens of the most favored nations. Thirdly. The transmission of dispatches shall be made in the following order: First, dispatches of state, under such regulations as may be agreed upon by the governments interested, the rates not to exceed those charged to individuals; secondly, dispatches on telegraphic service; and thirdly, private dispatches. Fourthly, The lines of any such cables shall be kept open to the public for the daily transmission of market and commercial reports and intelligence, and all messages, dispatches, and communications shall be forwarded in the order in which they are received, except as hereinbefore provided. Fifthly. Before extending and establishing any such line or lines, or cable or cables, in or over any waters, reefs, islands, shores, and lands within the jurisdiction of the United States, a written acceptance of the terms and conditions imposed by this act shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State by the said company.

Rates charged citizens of United States.

Priorities of transmission.

Order of transmission.

Acceptance of this act.

Grants to other persons.

SEC 3. That nothing in this act shall be construed to limit the United States in granting to other persons or companies similar privileges herein contained.

SEC. 4. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act at any time is hereby reserved to Congress. Right to amend.  
 Approved, February 20, 1877.

CHAP. 65.—An act making appropriations for the consular and diplomatic service of the Government for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy eight, and for other purposes. Feb. 26, 1877.  
*Ante*, p. 170.

*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 for the service of the fiscal year ending June thirtieth eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the objects hereinafter expressed, namely :

For salaries of envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary to Great Britain, France, Germany, and Russia, at seventeen thousand five hundred dollars each, seventy thousand dollars. Envoys; plenipotentiaries.

For salaries of envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary to Spain, Austria, Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Japan, and China, at twelve thousand dollars each, eighty-four thousand dollars.

For salaries of envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary to Chili and Peru, at ten thousand dollars each, twenty thousand dollars.

For ministers resident at Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden and Norway, Turkey, Venezuela, Hawaiian Islands and the Argentine Republic, at seven thousand five hundred dollars each, fifty two thousand five hundred dollars. Ministers resident.

For minister resident accredited to Guatemala, Costa Rico, Honduras, Salvador, and Nicaragua, to reside at the place that the President may select in either of the states named, ten thousand dollars.

For minister resident and consul-general to Hayti, seven thousand five hundred dollars. Ministers resident and consuls-general.

For minister resident and consul-general to Liberia, four thousand dollars.

For chargés de affaires ad interim and diplomatic officers abroad, twenty thousand dollars. Chargés d'affaires.

For salaries of chargés d'affaires to Denmark, Greece, Switzerland, Portugal, and Paraguay and Uruguay, at five thousand dollars each, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For salaries of the secretaries to the legations at London, Paris, Berlin, and Saint Petersburg, at two thousand six hundred and twenty five dollars each, ten thousand five hundred dollars. Secretaries of legation.

For salary of the secretary of legation at Japan, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For salaries of the secretaries to the legations at Austria, Brazil, Italy, Mexico, and Spain, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each, nine thousand dollars.

For salaries of the second secretaries to the legations at Great Britain, France, and Germany, at two thousand dollars each, six thousand dollars.

For the salary of the secretary to the legation (when acting also as interpreter) at China, five thousand dollars.

For the salary of the interpreter to the legation in Turkey, three thousand dollars. Interpreters.

For the interpreter to the legation at Japan, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For contingent expenses of foreign intercourse proper, and of all the missions abroad, eighty-five thousand dollars. Contingent expenses.

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For the agent and consul-general at Cairo, four thousand dollars. Consulates.

For the consuls-general at London, Paris, Havana, and Rio de Janeiro, each six thousand dollars, twenty-four thousand dollars.