

Assay-office at Helena, Montana Territory: For wages of workmen, two thousand dollars. Helena.
 For contingent expenses, three thousand dollars.
 Approved, May 10, 1879.

CHAP. 4.—An act providing for a new propeller for the United States ship "Alarm". May 12, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to enable the Secretary of the Navy to fit a new propeller to the United States torpedo-boat "Alarm", and to conduct experiments as to the best mode of propelling and steering said vessel, twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; the same to be available immediately on the passage hereof.

Torpedo-boat "Alarm."

Approved, May 12, 1879.

CHAP. 5.—An act to amend sections fourteen hundred and seventeen, fourteen hundred and eighteen, fourteen hundred and nineteen, fourteen hundred and twenty, and sixteen hundred and twenty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the Navy. May 12, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section fourteen hundred and seventeen of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended so as to read as follows:

Naval service.
 R. S. 1417,
 Amended.

"SEC. 1417. The number of persons who may at one time be enlisted into the Navy of the United States, including seamen, ordinary seamen, landsmen, mechanics, firemen, and coal-heavers, and including seven hundred and fifty apprentices and boys, hereby authorized to be enlisted annually, shall not exceed eight thousand two hundred and fifty: *Provided*, That in the appointment of warrant-officers in the naval service of the United States, preference shall be given to men who have been honorably discharged upon the expiration of an enlistment as an apprentice or boy, to serve during minority, and re-enlisted within three months after such discharge, to serve during a term of three or more years: *Provided further*, That nothing in this act shall be held to abrogate the provisions of section fourteen hundred and seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States."

Number of enlisted men in the Navy.

Apprentices as warrant-officers.

Proviso.

R. S. 1407.

That section fourteen hundred and eighteen be amended so as to read as follows:

R. S. 1418,
 Amended.

"SEC. 1418. Boys between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years may be enlisted to serve in the Navy until they shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years; other persons may be enlisted to serve for a period not exceeding five years, unless sooner discharged by direction of the President."

Terms of enlistment.

That section fourteen hundred and nineteen be amended so as to read as follows:

R. S. 1419,
 Amended.

"SEC. 1419. Minors between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years shall not be enlisted for the naval service without the consent of their parents or guardians."

Enlistment of minors.

That section fourteen hundred and twenty be amended so as to read as follows:

R. S. 1420,
 Amended.

"SEC. 1420. No minor under the age of fifteen years, no insane or intoxicated person, and no deserter from the naval or military service of the United States, shall be enlisted in the naval service."

Prohibited enlistments.

That article nineteen of section sixteen hundred and twenty-four be amended so as to read as follows;

R. S. 1624, Art. 19,
 Amended.

"SEC. 1624. ARTICLE 19. Any officer who knowingly enlists into the naval service any deserter from the naval or military service of the United States, or any insane or intoxicated person, or any minor

Penalty for improper enlistments.

between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years, without the consent of his parents or guardian, or any minor under the age of fifteen years, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct."

Approved, May 12, 1879.

May 13, 1879.

CHAP. 6.—An act making appropriations for constructing jetties and other works at South Pass, Mississippi River.

Appropriation.

Eads jetties.

1875, ch. 134,
18 Stat., 463.

1878, ch. 313,
20 Stat., 168.

Proviso.

Proviso.

Reserve not appropriated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the requisite amount is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of War to cause to be paid all money that may become due and owing to James B. Eads and his associates, or that may become payable to said Eads, his assigns or legal representatives, in accordance with the provisions of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and the acts amendatory thereof, and to continue the monthly payments in the manner and to the full extent of the amount specified in the act approved June nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, chapter three hundred and thirteen, Statutes at Large: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall be held or construed as waiving or impairing any right which the United States may have under the original act hereinbefore referred to or the several acts amendatory thereof: *And provided further,* That nothing in this act shall be construed as making an appropriation for the payment of the one million of dollars which by the provisions of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five are to remain as security in the possession of the United States and only to become payable, one half at the end of ten years and the residue at the end of twenty years after the completion of the work provided for in said acts as ascertained and determined by the Secretary of War.

Approved, May 13, 1879.

May 14, 1879.

CHAP. 7.—An act to authorize the employment of three additional assistants in the Library of Congress.

Library of Congress.
Additional assistants.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Librarian of Congress be authorized to employ three additional assistants, at a yearly compensation of twelve hundred dollars each; and the sum necessary is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, May 14, 1879.

May 17, 1879.

CHAP. 8.—An act to amend section fifty-four hundred and forty of the Revised Statutes.

R. S. 5440,
Amended.

Conspiracy
against U. S.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section fifty-four hundred and forty of the Revised Statutes of the United States of America be amended so as to read as follows:

If two or more persons conspire either to commit any offense against the United States or to defraud the United States in any manner or for any purpose, and one or more of such parties do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy all the parties to such conspiracy shall be liable to a penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars, or to imprisonment for not more than two years or to both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Approved, May 17, 1879.