

ined and audited; report in certain cases to be made to Congress.

ices rendered and supplies furnished under directions of the Indian Bureau or any of its agents; and in cases where said services and supplies are found to have actually been applied to the benefit of the Indians to report to Congress the balances equitably due on said accounts respectively, notwithstanding no sufficient appropriation existed.

Approved, August 7, 1882.

August 7, 1882.

CHAP. 440.—An act relinquishing the title which still remains in the United States to all lots or portions of ground which lie within the limits of the present city of Burlington, State of Iowa, to the said city of Burlington.

Burlington, Iowa, United States title to lands within limits of city of, relinquished.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the title which still remains in the United States to any lots or portions of ground which lie within the limits of the present city of Burlington, in the State of Iowa, is hereby relinquished to the said city of Burlington, to be disposed of as the corporate authorities thereof may deem proper; but this relinquishment shall in no manner impair the legal rights of third parties therein, but shall be subject to any such rights, if any such rights exist.

Approved, August 7, 1882.

August 7, 1882.

CHAP. 441.—An act to amend section forty-four hundred, of title fifty two, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, concerning the regulation of steam-vessels.

R. S. 4400, 852, amended. Regulation of steam-vessels.

- R. S. 4417, 856.
- R. S. 4418, 856.
- R. S. 4421, 857.
- R. S. 4422, 857.
- R. S. 4423, 857.
- R. S. 4424, 857.
- R. S. 4470, 865.
- R. S. 4471, 865.
- R. S. 4472, 865.
- R. S. 4473, 866.
- R. S. 4473, 866.
- R. S. 4482, 867.
- R. S. 4483, 869.
- R. S. 4489, 868.
- R. S. 4496, 869.
- R. S. 4497, 869.
- R. S. 4499, 869.
- R. S. 4500, 869.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-four hundred of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended and enlarged by adding thereto at the end of said section, as it now appears, the words:

“And all foreign private steam-vessels carrying passengers from any port of the United States to any other place or country shall be subject to the provisions of sections forty-four hundred and seventeen, forty-four hundred and eighteen, forty-four hundred and twenty-one, forty-four hundred and twenty-two, forty-four hundred and twenty-three, forty-four hundred and twenty-four, forty-four hundred and seventy, forty-four hundred and seventy one, forty four hundred and seventy-two, forty-four hundred and seventy-three, forty-four hundred and seventy-nine, forty-four hundred and eighty-two, forty-four hundred and eighty-eight, forty four hundred and eighty-nine, forty-four hundred and ninety six, forty-four hundred and ninety seven, forty-four hundred and ninety-nine and forty five hundred of this title, and shall be liable to visitation and inspection by the proper officer, in any of the ports of the United States, respecting any of the provisions of the sections aforesaid,” *Provided,* That where the term “local inspector” is used in the foregoing section it shall be construed to mean the special inspectors hereinafter provided for.

Appointment of special inspectors.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act the Secretary of the Treasury shall appoint officers to be designated as special inspectors of foreign steam-vessels, at a salary of two thousand dollars per annum each, and there shall be appointed of such officers at the port of New York, six; at the port of Boston, two; at the port of Baltimore, two; at the port of Philadelphia, two; at the port of New Orleans, two; and at the port of San Francisco, two.

Compensation.

SEC. 3. The special inspectors of foreign steam-vessels shall perform the duties of their office and make reports thereof to the Supervising Inspector-General of Steam-Vessels, under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Duties.

SEC. 4. That each special inspector of foreign steam-vessels shall execute a proper bond, to be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in such form and upon such conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

Bond.

SEC. 5. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall procure for the several inspectors heretofore referred to such instruments, stationery, printing, and other things necessary, including clerical help, where he shall deem the same necessary for the use of their respective offices, as may be required therefor.

Contingencies.

SEC. 6. That the salaries of the special inspectors of foreign steam-vessels and clerks provided for, together with their traveling and other expenses, when on official duty, and all instruments, books, blanks, stationery, furniture, and other things necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act, shall be paid for by the Secretary of the Treasury, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation.

Approved, August 7, 1882.

CHAP. 442.—An act to relieve certain soldiers of the late war from the charge of desertion.

August 7, 1882.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the charge of desertion now standing on the rolls and records in the Office of the Adjutant General of the United States against any soldier who served in the late war in the volunteer service shall be removed in all cases where it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War, from such rolls and records, or from other satisfactory testimony, that any such soldier served faithfully until the expiration of his term of enlistment, or until the twenty second day of May anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty five, or was prevented from completing his term of service by reason of wounds received or disease contracted in the line of duty, but who, by reason of absence from his command at the time the same was mustered out, failed to be mustered out and to receive an honorable discharge

Soldiers charged with desertion, absent, etc., when command was mustered out, to receive honorable discharge upon evidence, etc.

SEC. 2. That the charge of desertion standing on the rolls and records in the Office of the Adjutant General of the United States against any soldier who served in the late war in the volunteer service, shall also be removed in all cases where it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War, from such rolls and records, or from other satisfactory testimony, that such soldier charged with desertion or with absence without leave, did not intend to desert and after such charge of desertion or absence without leave, voluntarily returned to his command and served in the line of his duty until he was mustered out of the service and received a certificate of honorable discharge.

Soldiers absent, etc., who returned to duty; charge of desertion to be removed.

SEC. 3. That in all cases where the charge of desertion shall be removed under the provisions of this act from the record of any soldier who has not received a certificate of discharge it shall be the duty of the Adjutant General of the United States to issue to such soldier, or in case of his death, to his heirs or legal representatives, a certificate of discharge.

Certificate of discharge to be issued, etc.

SEC. 4. That when the charge of desertion shall be removed under the provisions of this act from the record of any soldier, such soldier, or, in case of his death, the heirs or legal representatives of such soldier, shall receive all pay and bounty which may have been withheld on account of such charge of desertion or absence without leave: *Provided, however,* That this act shall not be so construed as to give to any such soldier as may be entitled to relief under the provisions of this act, or, in case of his death, to the heirs or legal representatives of any such soldier the right to receive pay any bounty for any period of time during which such soldier was absent from his command without leave of absence: *And provided further,* That no soldier, nor the heirs or legal representatives of any soldiers who served in the Army a period of less than twelve months, or who intentionally deserted, shall be entitled to the benefit of the provisions of this act.

Pay and bounty.

Provisos.