

services of masters and crews of foreign vessels in rescuing American seamen or citizens from shipwreck, four thousand five hundred dollars.

For the payment, under the provisions of section seventeen hundred and forty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States, of the widows or heirs-at-law of diplomatic or consular officers of the United States dying in foreign countries in the discharge of their duties, five thousand dollars.

To pay the expense of a preliminary search, to be made under the direction of the Department of State, of the records of the French prize courts or other French archives from seventeen hundred and ninety-two to eighteen hundred and one, inclusive, to ascertain whether any evidence or documents relating to the claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the thirty-first of July, eighteen hundred and one, still exist, and, if so, the nature and character thereof, the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, the same to be immediately available.

To enable the President to meet unforeseen emergencies arising in the diplomatic and consular service, and to extend the commercial and other interests of the United States, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Approved, February 25, 1885.

Payment to widows or heirs-at-law of diplomatic or consular officers.
R. S., sec. 1749, p. 311.

For search for evidence as to French spoliation by Department of State.

To enable the President to meet unforeseen emergencies.

CHAP. 160.—An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to convey land in Providence, Rhode Island, for highway purposes.

February 26, 1885.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to convey to the city of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, for highway purposes, such portion of the old custom-house lot, so called, owned by the United States, situated on the northwesterly corner of South Main street and Custom avenue, in said city, as may be required for the widening of said South Main street, upon the application for such widening now pending in the supreme court of Rhode Island.

Providence, R. I.
Secretary of Treasury to convey certain land to, for widening street.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to agree with the city of Providence upon the amount of compensation to be paid the United States for said land and damages to the building on said lot, and to receive such amount in full payment therefor.

Secretary to agree with city as to compensation for land and damages.

Approved, February 26, 1885.

CHAP. 161.—An act for the erection of a public building at Macon, Georgia.

February 26, 1885.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase a site for, and cause to be erected thereon, a suitable building, with fire-proof vaults therein, for the accommodation of the United States circuit and district courts, post-office, and other Government offices, at the city of Macon, Georgia. The plans, specifications, and full estimates for said building shall be previously made and approved according to law, and shall not exceed for the site and building complete the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars: *Provided,* That the site shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of not less than forty feet, including streets and alleys; and no money appropriated for this purpose shall be available until a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Georgia shall have ceded to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United

Macon, Ga.
Public building.
Site.

Plans; cost.

Proviso.

Title.

States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of civil process therein.

Approved, February 26, 1885.

February 26, 1885. **CHAP. 162.**—An act to enlarge the United States custom-house at Richmond, Virginia.

Richmond, Va.
U. S. custom-house to be enlarged.
Appropriation.
Disbursements;
how made.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the enlargement of the United States custom-house at Richmond, Virginia.

SEC. 2. That said sum shall be expended upon the order of the Secretary of the Treasury, and under his direction, upon plans, specifications, and estimates previously made and approved according to law.

Approved, February 26, 1885.

February 26, 1885. **CHAP. 163.**—An act to amend an act entitled "An act to increase the water-supply of the city of Washington, and for other purposes."

Act to increase water supply of the city of Washington, etc.
1882, vol. 22, ch. 294, p. 168, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time fixed by the act entitled "An act to increase the water-supply of the city of Washington, and for other purposes," approved July fifteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, within which owners of or parties interested in lands condemned or taken under the provisions of said act may accept the appraised value made or to be hereafter made under said act, or owners or persons interested in such lands who have declined or may hereafter decline to accept the appraised value of such lands, and have elected or may elect to file a petition in the Court of Claims under the provisions of said act, be, and the same is hereby, extended for one year from the passage of this act, notwithstanding the limitation provided by said act.

Time for accepting appraised value of lands or suing in Court of Claims extended one year.

Approved, February 26, 1885.

February 26, 1885. **CHAP. 164.**—An act to prohibit the importation and migration of foreigners and aliens under contract or agreement to perform labor in the United States, its Territories, and the District of Columbia.

Prepayment for transportation of, or assisting foreign emigrants under contract for labor or service made previous to emigration, unlawful.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any person, company, partnership, or corporation, in any manner whatsoever, to prepay the transportation, or in any way assist or encourage the importation or migration of any alien or aliens, any foreigner or foreigners, into the United States, its Territories, or the District of Columbia, under contract or agreement, parol or special, express or implied, made previous to the importation or migration of such alien or aliens, foreigner or foreigners, to perform labor or service of any kind in the United States, its Territories, or the District of Columbia.

Such contracts void.

SEC. 2. That all contracts or agreements, express or implied, parol or special, which may hereafter be made by and between any person, company, partnership, or corporation, and any foreigner or foreigners, alien or aliens, to perform labor or service or having reference to the performance of labor or service by any person in the United States, its Territories, or the District of Columbia previous to the migration or