

or northwestern frontiers of the United States, shall report at the office of any collector or deputy collector of the customs, which shall be nearest to the point at which such vessel may enter such waters; and such vessel shall not transfer her cargo or passengers to another vessel or proceed farther inland, either to unlade or take in cargo, without a special permit from such collector or deputy collector, issued under and in accordance with such general or special regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may, in his discretion, from time to time prescribe. This section shall also apply to trade with or through Alaska. For any violation of this section such vessel shall be seized and forfeited."

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect one month after its passage.

Approved, February 17, 1898.

Permits.

To apply to Alaska.

To take effect.

CHAP. 27.—An Act To make available fifteen thousand dollars heretofore appropriated for the expense of operating a dredge boat at Sabine Pass, Texas.

February 17, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars appropriated by the Act of June fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, for the expense of operating, during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, a dredge boat to be purchased for use in the harbor improvement at Sabine Pass, Texas, shall be immediately available, and shall be applied and used to operate the dredge boat or boats now in use or to be used at Sabine Pass, Texas, and for dredging and improving said harbor.

Approved, February 17, 1898.

Sabine Pass, Texas. Appropriation for dredge boat immediately available. Laws, first session, 55th Congress, p. 48.

CHAP. 28.—An Act Making Rockland, Maine, a subport of entry.

February 17, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Rockland, in the State of Maine, be, and is hereby, constituted a subport of entry in the customs collection district of Waldoboro, Maine.

Approved February 17, 1898.

Rockland, Me., made subport of entry.

CHAP. 30.—An Act To provide an American register for the steamer Leelanaw.

February 19, 1898.

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 and directed to cause the foreign-built steamer Leelanaw, owned by James Jerome, of San Francisco, California, to be registered as a vessel of the United States.

Approved, February 19, 1898.

Steamer "Leelanaw." American register for.

CHAP. 31.—An Act Making appropriations for expenses of United States courts, and for other purposes.

February 19, 1898.

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 they are hereby, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the following appropriations for expenses of United States courts for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, namely:

For fees of jurors, two hundred thousand dollars;

For fees of witnesses, one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Deficiencies appropriations. United States courts.

Public printing and binding.

PUBLIC PRINTING AND BINDING: For the public printing, for the public binding, and paper for the public printing, including the cost of printing the debates and proceedings of Congress in the Congressional Record, and for lithographing, mapping, and engraving for both Houses of Congress, including salaries or compensation of all necessary clerks and employees, for labor (by the day, piece, or contract), and for rents and all the necessary materials which may be needed in the prosecution of the work, three hundred thousand dollars.

Naval Academy. Training vessel.

TRAINING VESSEL FOR NAVAL ACADEMY: To enable the Secretary of the Navy to execute the contract for the construction of the composite vessel, propelled by sail, to be used for the training of cadets at the Naval Academy, the additional sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the completion and outfit of the said vessel upon the plans and specifications of the Department.

Approved, February 19, 1898.

February 23, 1898.

CHAP. 32.—An Act In relation to taxes and tax sales in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia. Advertisement and sale of land for taxes in arrears.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the assessor of the District of Columbia shall prepare a list of all taxes on real property in said District subject to taxation on which said taxes are levied and in arrears on the first day of July of each year hereafter. And the Commissioners of said District shall fix date of sale and publish the said list, with notice of sale, in a pamphlet, of which not less than two thousand copies shall be printed for distribution to taxpayers applying therefor. Said Commissioners shall, on the third Tuesday in March, of each year hereafter, give notice, which shall contain the name of each and every person in which each piece of property is assessed, together with the amount of tax against each, by advertising twice a week for three successive weeks in the regular issue of two or more daily newspapers published in said District, that said pamphlet has been printed, and that a copy thereof will be delivered to any taxpayer applying therefor at the office of the collector of taxes of said District; and if the taxes due, together with the penalties and costs that may have accrued thereon, shall not be paid prior to the day fixed for sale, the property will be sold, under the direction of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, at public auction at the office of the said collector of taxes, commencing at least three weeks after the first publication of said notice and continuing on each following day, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, until all said delinquent property is sold. A description sufficient to identify the property shall be considered a proper description: *Provided, however,* That property which has once been advertised and sold for nonpayment of taxes shall not be again advertised for the same tax.

Proviso. Readvertisement.

Sale.

SEC. 2. That upon the day specified aforesaid the Commissioners shall proceed to sell or cause to be sold any and all property upon which such taxes remain unpaid, and continue to sell the same every secular day until all the real property as aforesaid shall have been brought to auction and sold. In case no other person bids the amount due on any lot the said collector of taxes shall bid the amount due on the same and purchase it for the District.

Payment.

SEC. 3. That every purchaser other than the District, at any sale of property sold as aforesaid, shall pay the amount of his bid to the collector of taxes within five days after the last day of sale. If any such purchaser shall not have paid his bid, or the same shall not have been collected from him within the time above mentioned, the Commissioners may set aside the sale for which the bid was made, and all the rights of the purchaser under such bid shall thereby be extinguished, and the said collector of taxes shall thereupon be held to have bid the amount