of Oregon and and Minnesota shall report to Congress annually a detailed statement Minnesota to re- of the expenditure of money appropriated by Congress for the use or port to Congress the amount of benefit of said Territories, which is expended under the order or sumoney expend- pervision of the governor and assembly.

APPROVED, July 18, 1850.

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CHAP. XXIV. - An Act authorizing the Legislative Assemblies of Minnesota and Oregon Territories to prolong their next Annual Session to a Period of ninety

sessions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Legislative as- United States of America in Congress assembled, That the legislative semblies of Min-assemblies of Minnesota and Oregon Territories be, and they are authorized hereby, authorized to prolong their next annual session to a period of to prolong their ninety days, any thing contained in any former act or acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, July 18, 1850.

July 18, 1850. CHAP. XXV. - An Act to grant the Franking Privilege to Mrs. Margaret S. Taylor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Franking priv- United States of America in Congress assembled, That the franking ilege granted to ilege granted to Mrs. Margaret privilege heretofore accorded to the widows of the deceased Presidents Smith Taylor, be, and the same is hereby, granted to Mrs. Margaret Smith Taylor, relict of Zachary relict of Zachary Taylor, late President of the United States. APPROVED, July 18, 1850.

July 29, 1850. CHAP. XXVII. - An Act to provide for recording the Conveyances of Vessels, and for other Purposes.

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fifty cents.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the No bill of sale, &c., to be valid except as against mortgage, hypothecation, or conveyance of any vessel, or part of any grantors, &c., vessel, of the United States, shall be valid against any person other unless recorded than the grantor or mortgagor, his heirs and devisees, and persons in the office of than the grantor or mortgagor, his heirs and devisees, and persons the collector of having actual notice thereof; unless such bill of sale, mortgage, hywhere pothecation, or conveyance be recorded in the office of the collector of istered or en. the customs where such vessel is registered or enrolled: Provided, That the lien by bottomry on any vessel created during her voyage, Proviso as to by a loan of money or materials, necessary to repair or enable such vessel to prosecute a voyage, shall not lose its priority, or be in any way affected by the provisions of this act.

Collectors of Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the collectors of the customs shall record all bills of sale, &c., conveyances, and, also, all certificates for discharging and cancelling and shall receive any such conveyances, in a book or books to be kept for that purpose, therefor a fee of in the order of their reception; noting in said book or books, and also on the bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or conveyance, the time when the same was received, and shall certify on the bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or conveyance, or certificate of discharge or cancellation, the number of the book and page where recorded; and shall receive, for so recording such instrument of conveyance, or certificate of discharge, fifty cents.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the collectors of the cus-An index of records, &c., to toms shall keep an index of such records, inserting alphabetically the