

May 19, 1876.

CHAP. 101.—An act appropriating nine thousand dollars to pay the expenses of the Select Committee to investigate the Federal offices in Louisiana.

Appropriation.

Expenses of investigating committee on Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of nine thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Select Committee charged with the investigation of the Federal offices in Louisiana; said appropriation to be added to the contingent fund of the House.

Approved, May 19, 1876.

May 20, 1876.

CHAP. 102.—An act to amend the act entitled "An act to encourage the growth of timber on western prairies," approved March thirteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

Post, pp. 55, 59, 405.

1874, ch. 55,
18 Stat., 21.
Amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three of the act entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to encourage the growth of timber on the western prairies,'" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following further proviso: *Provided, further,* That whenever a party holding a claim under the provisions of this act, or whenever making final proof under the same, shall prove by two good and credible witnesses that the trees planted and growing on said claim were destroyed by grasshoppers during any one or more years while holding said claim, said year or years in which said trees were so destroyed shall not work any forfeiture of any of the rights or privileges conferred by this act; and the time allowed by this act in which to plant the trees and make final proof shall be extended the same number of years as the trees planted on the said claim were destroyed in the manner specified in this section.

Trees destroyed by grasshoppers.

Time to plant trees extended.

Planting of seeds, etc., to be deemed compliance.
Proviso.Replanting, when required.
Proviso.

Proof of facts.

Trees, etc., may be planted in separate bodies.

SEC. 2. That the planting of seeds, nuts, or cuttings shall be considered a compliance with the provisions of the timber-culture act: *Provided,* That such seeds, nuts, or cuttings of the kind and for the purpose contemplated in the original act shall be properly and well planted, the ground properly prepared and cultivated; and in case such seeds, nuts, or cuttings should not germinate and grow, or should be destroyed by the depredations of grasshoppers, or from other inevitable accident, that the ground shall be replanted or the vacancies filled within one year from the first planting: *Provided, further,* That parties claiming the benefit of the provisions of this act shall prove, by two good and credible witnesses, that the ground was properly prepared and planted in such seeds, nuts, or cuttings, and were so destroyed by inevitable accident in such year.

SEC. 3. That it shall not be necessary to plant trees, seeds, nuts, or cuttings in one body, provided the several bodies, not exceeding four in number, planted by measurement, aggregate the amount required and in the time required by the original and amended act.

Approved, May 20, 1876.

May 23, 1876.

CHAP. 103.—An act relating to interments in the Congressional Cemetery.

Monuments to deceased Congressmen—

when, and how erected;

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter whenever any deceased Senator or Member of the House of Representatives shall be actually interred in the Congressional Cemetery, so-called, it shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, in the case of a Senator, and of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, in the case of a member of the House, to have a monument erected, of granite, with suitable inscriptions, and the cost of the same shall be a charge

upon and paid out either from the contingent funds of the Senate or of the House of Representatives, to whichever the deceased may have belonged, and any existing omissions of monuments or inscriptions, as aforesaid, are hereby directed and authorized to be supplied in like manner, and all laws upon the subject of monuments in the Congressional Cemetery are hereby repealed.

how paid for.

Approved, May 23, 1876.

CHAP. 104.—An act to extend the time to pre-emptors on the public lands

May 23, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever any pre-emptor on public lands or Indian reservations shall make satisfactory proof, at the local land office, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, that the crops upon the lands occupied by him have been destroyed by grasshoppers within two years prior to the passage of this act, the time within which such pre-emptor is required to make final proof and payment is hereby extended two years.

Ante, p. 54.
Post, pp. 59, 405.
Pre-emptor's time for final proof extended in certain cases.

Approved, May 23, 1876.

CHAP. 105.—An act extending the time within which homestead entries upon certain lands in Michigan may be made.

May 23, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section one of an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the restoration to market of certain lands in Michigan,' approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and and seventy-two," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, be, and hereby is, amended so as to read as follows:

1872, ch. 424,
17 Stat., 381.

That the act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An act for the restoration to market of certain lands in Michigan," be, and is hereby, amended so as to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cause patents to be issued to three hundred and twenty members of the Ottawas and Chippewas of Michigan for the selections found to have been made by them, but which were not, prior to the passage of said act, regularly reported and recognized by the Secretary of the Interior and Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and the remainder of said lands not disposed of, and not valuable mainly for pine timber, shall be subject to entry under the homestead laws.

1875, ch. 188,
18 Stat., 516.

Amended.
Patents for lands in Michigan to issue to certain Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.
Remainder subject to homestead-entry.

Approved, May 23, 1876.

CHAP. 106.—An act to further provide for the building of a custom house, post office, court-rooms, and so forth, in the city of Memphis, Tennessee.

May 23, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the lot or parcel of ground in the city of Memphis, in the State of Tennessee, granted and donated by ordinance of the General Council of said city, under authority of an act of the Legislature of said State of Tennessee, for a site upon which to erect a custom house, post office, bonded warehouse, and court-rooms, be and the same is hereby, accepted by the Government of the United States for the purpose aforesaid, on which shall be erected the building authorized by the act entitled "An act authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause plans and estimates to be made and a suitable site provided for a public building at Memphis Tennessee," approved February twenty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy three; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall employ the means necessary to secure the benefits to the United States of said donation: *Provided, however,* That the title of the United States to said ground shall be made good and sufficient: *And provided further,* That the cost of the building so to be erected shall not exceed four hundred thousand dollars.

Custom-house lot in Memphis, Tenn., accepted.
Post, p. 240.

Building to be erected.
1873, ch. 176,
17 Stat., 469.

Title to be made good.
Cost.