

accident or mistake the claim of such claimant has not been previously presented to said court, within the time limited by said act; and such claim in cases where the claimant shall be absent from the United States at the time of presenting the petition, may be presented and verified in such manner as the court shall by rule have provided.

Approved, March 6, 1876.

CHAP. 23.—An act to extend to the port of Genessee in the State of New York the privileges of sections twenty-nine hundred and ninety to twenty-nine hundred and ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes inclusive.

March 14, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the privileges of sections twenty-nine hundred and ninety to twenty-nine hundred and ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes inclusive be, and they are hereby extended to the port of Genessee, in the State of New York.

R. S., 2990 to 2997, pp. 579, 580, extended to port of Genessee.

Approved, March 14, 1876.

CHAP. 27.—An act to provide for the purchase of material and for the continuation of the work on the building for custom-house and post office, at Saint Louis, Missouri.

March 15, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department be directed, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to contract for the iron columns and pilasters of the first story and for the rolled iron beams of the second story, of the United States post office and custom house at Saint Louis, Missouri; and the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated for the payment of said contract, payable out of the appropriation for said building; to be made for the next fiscal year. *Provided,* That said Architect may in his discretion, use such portion of said sum hereby appropriated for labor and material as is not needed for the performance of the contracts herein authorized, and as may be absolutely necessary for the proper preservation and progress of said building. *And provided further,* That the contracts herein authorized to be made shall not in the aggregate exceed the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars.

Post office, Saint Louis, contracts for iron-work.

Appropriation.

Proviso.

Proviso.

Approved, March 15, 1876.

CHAP. 28.—An act authorizing the purchase of additional grounds for the custom house at Nashville, Tennessee.

March 15, 1876.

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 to apply so much of the money heretofore appropriated for a custom house, court house, and post office at Nashville, Tennessee, not however, exceeding eighteen thousand five hundred dollars, for the purchase of the ground situated in said city and lying between the western boundary line of the present custom house lot and Spruce street, fronting one hundred and sixty-five feet on Broad street, and running back the same distance to an alley, or such part thereof as the Secretary of the Treasury may deem necessary, if in his judgment the public interests require additional land for said building: *Provided, however,* That the amount heretofore fixed by law as the cost of said building shall be reduced to the extent of the sum that shall be applied in the purchase of said additional ground.

Custom house at Nashville, appropriation, how applied.

Proviso.

Approved, March 15, 1876.