

Abstract of bids to be filed with contract.

for any such services, supplies, and annuity-goods for which said bids or proposals were received; and an abstract of all bids or proposals received for the supplies or services embraced in any contract shall be attached to, and filed with, the said contract when the same is filed in the office of the Second Comptroller of the Treasury.

Estimates for Indian service, how to be presented.

SEC. 4. That hereafter the estimates for appropriations for the Indian service shall be presented in such form as to show the amounts required for each of the agencies in the several States or Territories, and for said States and Territories respectively.

Appointment and regulation of traders.

SEC. 5. And hereafter the Commissioner of Indian Affairs shall have the sole power and authority to appoint Traders to the Indian tribes and to make such rules and regulations as he may deem just and proper specifying the kind and quantity of goods and the prices at which such goods shall be sold to the Indians.

Advertisement for supplies. Proviso. Proviso.

SEC. 6. That the Commissioner of Indian Affairs shall advertise for all supplies *provided*, that the purchase of supplies for sixty days may be made in open market. *And provided further* that to meet any exigency of the service purchases may be made in open market to an extent not to exceed two thousand dollars at any one time.

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CHAP. 290.—An act to carry into effect a convention between the United States of America and his Majesty the King of the Hawaiian Islands, signed on the thirtieth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Certain products of Hawaiian Islands to be admitted into United States free of duty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the President of the United States shall receive satisfactory evidence that the legislature of the Hawaiian Islands have passed laws on their part to give full effect to the provisions of the convention between the United States and his Majesty the King of the Hawaiian Islands, signed on the thirtieth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, he is hereby authorized to issue his proclamation declaring that he has such evidence; and thereupon, from the date of such proclamation, the following articles, being the growth and manufacture or produce of the Hawaiian Islands, to wit, arrow-root; castor-oil; bananas; nuts; vegetables, dried and undried, preserved and unpreserved; hides and skins, undressed; rice; pulu; seeds; plants; shrubs, or trees; muscovado, brown, and all other unrefined sugar, meaning hereby the grades of sugar heretofore commonly imported from the Hawaiian Islands, and now known in the markets of San Francisco and Portland as "Sandwich Island sugar;" syrups of sugar-cane, melado, and molasses; tallow, shall be introduced into the United States free of duty so long as the said convention shall remain in force.

Post, pp. 625, 666.

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CHAP. 291.—An act regulating the disbursement of certain moneys therein named.

Advances for expenses of Committee on Chinese Immigration, how to be made.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the disbursing officer of the Senate shall advance such parts of the sum appropriated for the expenses of the Joint Special Committee on Chinese Immigration, and ordered to be paid into the contingent fund of the Senate to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, as the chairman of said committee shall in writing direct for the purposes aforesaid; and the Sergeant-at-Arms shall, as soon as may be, make a detailed report of the expenditures thereof, with proper vouchers, which, when so made, shall be received by said disbursing officer and returned with his accounts to the proper officer of the Treasury Department.

Ante, p. 123.

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