

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the fourth day of December, 1876, and ended on Saturday, the third day of March, 1877.

ULYSSES S. GRANT, President. THOMAS W. FERRY was chosen President of the Senate *pro tempore* on the nineteenth of March, 1875, in special session, and continued to act as such throughout the second session, and from the beginning of the third session on the fourth of December, 1876, until its termination on the third day of March, 1877. SAMUEL J. RANDALL was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives on the fourth of December, 1876, and continued to act as such until the end of the session.

CHAP. 1.—An act to provide for the payment of the Electoral messengers.

Dec. 18, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for payment of the messengers of the respective States for conveying to the seat of Government the votes of the electors of said States for President and Vice-President of the United States at the rate of twenty-five cents for every mile of the estimated distance by the most usual road traveled, from the place of meeting of the Electors to the seat of Government of the United States; computed for the one distance only, the sum of Twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation.
Payment of electoral messengers.

Approved, December 18, 1876.

CHAP. 7.—An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a register and change the name of the brig "A. S. Pennell" to the "City of Moule."

Dec. 22, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the owners of the brig "A. S. Pennell" of Portland, Maine, be, and they are hereby, authorized to change the name of said brig to that of the "City of Moule," and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to issue a register for the same.

Name of brig A.S. Pennell changed.

Approved, December 22, 1876.

CHAP. 9.—An act to provide for the expenses of certain Special Committees of the House of Representatives, and of the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate.

Dec. 23, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of thirty five 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 actual expenses necessarily incurred of the three Special Committees from the House of Representatives, charged respectively with the investigation of the recent elections in the States of Louisiana, of South Carolina, and of Florida, and of the committee of five appointed to proceed to the cities of New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, and Jersey City, to examine into any alleged fraudulent reg-

Appropriations.
House special committees on elections.

istration and fraudulent voting for Presidential Electors and Representatives in Congress; said appropriation to be added to the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, and to be disbursed upon vouchers approved by the chairmen of the respective committees, and the clerk of the House shall pay such parts of the sum above appropriated as the chairmen of the said committees, respectively, shall in writing direct for the purposes aforesaid, to the sergeant-at-arms of the House, who shall as soon thereafter as practicable, make report in writing to the House of the manner in which the sums thus paid to him have been expended, accompanied with vouchers in detail, which report and vouchers when examined and approved by the Committee of Accounts of the House shall be deemed a sufficient settlement of his accountability for the money thus paid to him; and any unexpended balance remaining in the hands of the sergeant at arms after such settlement shall be paid by him into the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the fund for which it was appropriated.

How disbursed.

Report.

Surplus.

Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections.

SEC. 2. That the sum of thirty five 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 actual and necessary expenses of the Committee on Privileges and Elections and other expenses necessarily incurred in making the investigations directed by Senate resolution of December fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy six, in the several states named therein; said appropriation to be paid into the contingent fund of the Senate; and the disbursing officer of the Senate shall advance such parts of the sum above appropriated 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 practicable, 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.

How drawn and expended.

Approved, December 23, 1876.

Dec. 27, 1876.

CHAP. 10.—An act changing the name of the First National Bank of Amesbury to the First National Bank of Merrimac.

Name of First National Bank of Amesbury changed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the name of the First National Bank of Amesbury, located in the town of Merrimac, in the County of Essex, and State of Massachusetts, shall be changed to the First National Bank of Merrimac whenever the board of directors of said bank shall accept the new name by resolution of the board, and cause a copy of said resolution, duly authenticated, to be filed with the Comptroller of the Currency: *Provided,* That such acceptance be made within nine months after the passage of this act; and that all expense incident to such change, including engraving, shall be borne and paid by said bank.

Liabilities to follow change.

SEC. 2. That all the debts, demands, liabilities, rights, privileges, and powers of the First National Bank of Amesbury shall devolve upon and inure to the First National Bank of Merrimac whenever such change of name is effected.

Approved, December 27, 1876.

Dec. 28, 1876.

CHAP. 12.—An act to provide for engraving and printing the portrait of the late Hon. Henry H. Starkweather of Connecticut.

Portrait of Hon. H. H. Starkweather, deceased.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That such sum as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to have engraved and printed a portrait of Hon. Henry