

SEC. 18. That this Act shall take effect, as to all vessels of the United States, eight months after its passage, and as to foreign vessels twelve months after its passage, except that such parts hereof as are in conflict with articles of any treaty or convention with any foreign nation shall take effect as regards the vessels of such foreign nation on the expiration of the period fixed in the notice of abrogation of the said articles as provided in section sixteen of this Act.

Time of taking effect.

SEC. 19. That section sixteen of the Act approved December twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An Act to amend the laws relating to American seamen, for the protection of such seamen, and to promote commerce," be amended by adding at the end of the section the following:

Seamen discharged abroad.

"Provided, That at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce, and under such regulations as he may prescribe, if any seaman incapacitated from service by injury or illness is on board a vessel so situated that a prompt discharge requiring the personal appearance of the master of the vessel before an American consul or consular agent is impracticable, such seaman may be sent to a consul or consular agent, who shall care for him and defray the cost of his maintenance and transportation, as provided in this paragraph."

Sending incapacitated seamen to consul. R. S., sec. 4531, p. 887, amended. Vol. 30, p. 759, amended.

SEC. 20. That in any suit to recover damages for any injury sustained on board vessel or in its service seamen having command shall not be held to be fellow-servants with those under their authority.

Injuries on vessel. Status of seaman in command.

Approved, March 4, 1915.

CHAP. 154.—An Act Authorizing the President to reinstate Joseph Eliot Austin as an ensign in the United States Navy.

March 4, 1915. [H. R. 2642.]

[Public, No. 303.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint Joseph Eliot Austin an ensign in the United States Navy and after one year's service as ensign he shall be promoted to the grade of lieutenant, junior grade, as an additional number in that grade and in any grade to which he may thereafter be promoted, to take rank with and next after the officer at the foot of the list of lieutenants, junior grade, at the date of the approval of this Act: Provided, That the said Joseph Eliot Austin, after one year's service as ensign, shall establish to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Navy, by examination pursuant to law, his physical, mental, moral, and professional fitness to perform the duties of lieutenant, junior grade, in the Navy.

Navy. Joseph Eliot Austin may be appointed ensign.

Promotion.

Proviso. Examination, etc.

Approved, March 4, 1915.

CHAP. 155.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to disregard section thirty-three of the public buildings Act of March fourth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, as to site at Vineland, New Jersey.

March 4, 1915. [H. R. 16642.]

[Public, No. 304.]

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, in his discretion, to disregard that portion of section thirty-three of the public buildings Act, approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, which requires that the Federal building site selected at Vineland, New Jersey, shall be bounded on at least two sides by streets.

Vineland, N. J. Public building street exposure modified. Vol. 37, p. 800.

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