

ships authorized by the act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States, to be suspended, and the timber for the same to be laid up and secured. And he is hereby further authorized, if in his opinion, the same can be done on advantageous terms to the United States, to cause to be purchased for the United States, a ship of not less than the smallest class authorized to be built by the said act, and for carrying such purchase into effect, the amount for which the purchase may be made, may be paid out of the appropriation heretofore made for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States.

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the building of one of the ships authorized by the act for the gradual increase of the navy to be suspended, &c.

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CHAP. LXV.—*An Act for the subscription of stock in the Dismal Swamp Canal Company.*

*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 and directed to subscribe, in the name and for the use of the United States, for six hundred shares of the capital stock of the Dismal Swamp Canal, and to pay for the same, at such times, and in such proportions, as may be required by the existing rules and regulations of the said company.

Secretary of the Treasury to subscribe, for 600 shares of the capital stock of the Dismal Swamp Canal.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That the Secretary of the Treasury shall vote for the president and directors of said company, according to said number of shares, and shall receive, upon said stock, the proportions of tolls and emoluments which shall, from time to time, become due to the United States, on the shares of stock aforesaid.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall not go into effect until the United States' board of engineers shall examine said canal, and make a report, in writing, to the Secretary of War, that, in their opinion, the plan on which the canal is to be executed, will answer, as far as circumstances will permit, as a part of the chain of canals contemplated along the Atlantic Coast, and that in their opinion, the sum hereby authorized to be subscribed for will be sufficient to finish the canal according to said plan: *And it is further provided,* That to carry this act into effect, the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

This act not to go into effect until the board of engineers shall examine said canal, and make a report, in writing, to the Secretary of War. 150,000 dollars appropriated to carry this act into effect.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the money subscribed on behalf of the United States shall be actually expended in the completion of the canal, and not in the payment of any debt or debts now owing by the company; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, before the payment of any part of the money subscribed on behalf of the United States, to adopt such measures as shall insure the application of the same to the completion of the said canal, according to the plan proposed, and to no other purpose whatsoever.

The money subscribed on behalf of the United States to be actually expended wholly in the completion of the canal.

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STATUTE I.

May 18, 1826.

CHAP. LXVI.—*An Act to authorize the sale and conveyance of the house belonging to the United States at the Hague.*

*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 to cause to be sold and conveyed, the house and lot belonging to the United States at the Hague, which was conveyed to the United States, by virtue of a resolution of the continental Con-

[Obsolete.] President to cause to be sold and conveyed, the house and lot belonging to the