

laws, judgments, orders, decrees, journals, correspondence, or other public documents of any foreign government or its agents, relating to the title to lands claimed by or under the United States, on the application of one of the *head* of one of the departments, the Solicitor of the Treasury, or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to authenticate the same under his hand and seal, and certify the same to be correct and true copies of such laws, judgments, orders, decrees, journals, correspondence, or other public documents; and when the same shall be certified by an American minister or consul under his hand and seal of office, or by a judge of one of the United States courts under his hand and seal, to be true copies of the originals, the same shall be sealed up by him and returned to the Solicitor of the Treasury, who shall file the same in his office, and cause it to be recorded in a book to be kept for that purpose. A copy of said laws, judgments, orders, decrees, journals, correspondence, or other public documents so filed, or of the same so recorded in said book, may be read in evidence in all courts, where the title to land claimed by or under the United States may come into question, equally with the originals thereof.

APPROVED, March 2, 1849.

CHAP. LXXXIII. — *An Act to provide for an Increase of the Medical Staff, and for an additional Number of Chaplains of the Army of the United States.*

March 2, 1849.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of section third of an act entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled An Act supplemental to an act entitled an An Act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes," approved July nineteen, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, as prevents the filling of vacancies in the medical department of the army until further authorized by law, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Repeal of provision of act of July 19, 1848, ch. 104, prohibiting the filling of vacancies in the medical staff.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the medical staff of the army be increased by the addition of ten assistant surgeons, to be appointed as provided by existing laws, and the regulations made under them.

Medical staff increased.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-eight be, and hereby are, extended so as to authorize the employment of ten additional chaplains, for military posts of the United States.

Appointment of ten additional chaplains authorized.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a suitable person as judge advocate for the army, to be taken from the captains in the army, who shall have the brevet rank, pay, and emoluments of a major of cavalry, and that so much of the proviso to the third section of the act approved July nineteenth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, as relates to officers of the Adjutant-General's department, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

1838, ch. 162.
Judge advocate of the army — appointment of, authorized.

1848, ch. 104.

APPROVED, March 2, 1849.

CHAP. LXXXIV. — *An Act for changing the Location of the Land Office in the Chippewa Land District, and establishing an additional Land District in the State of Wisconsin.*

March 2, 1849.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the thirtieth June next, the land office for the sale of the public lands in the Chippewa land district shall be removed from the Falls of St.

Land office at Falls of St. Croix, Wisconsin, to be