

February 12, 1862.

CHAP. XX. — *An Act to authorize an additional Issue of United States Notes.*

\$10,000,000 of demand notes to be issued, &c. 1861, ch. 5 & 46. Ante, pp. 259, 313.

Post, p. 370.

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, in addition to the fifty millions of notes payable on demand of denominations not less than five dollars, heretofore authorized by the acts of July seventeenth and August fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue like notes, and for like purposes, to the amount of ten millions of dollars, and said notes shall be deemed part of the loan of two hundred and fifty millions of dollars authorized by said acts.

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CHAP. XXI. — *An Act authorizing the Detail of Naval Officers for the Service of the War Department.*

Naval officers to be detailed to inspect transport vessels for War Department, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to temporarily detail three competent naval officers for the service of the War Department in the inspection of transport vessels, and for such other services as may be designated by the Secretary of War.

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CHAP. XXII. — *An Act making an Appropriation for the Purchase of Cotton and Tobacco Seed for general Distribution.*

Cotton and tobacco seed — appropriation to purchase for distribution.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of three thousand dollars, for the purchase of cotton seed, and one thousand dollars for the purchase of tobacco seed, under the superintendence of the Secretary of the Interior, for general distribution: *Provided,* That the said cotton seed shall be purchased from places where cotton is grown as far north as practicable.

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CHAP. XXIII. — *An Act to authorize the Construction of twenty Iron-clad Steam Gunboats.*

Iron-clad steam gunboats.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and empowered to cause to be constructed, by contract or otherwise, as he shall deem best for the public interest, not exceeding twenty iron-clad steam gunboats for the use of the navy of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of ten million dollars be, and hereby is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry out the purpose of this act.

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CHAP. XXIV. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate Trade and Intercourse with the Indian Tribes, and to preserve Peace on the Frontiers," approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and thirty-four.*

1834, ch. 161, § 20. Vol. iv. p. 732.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the twentieth section of the "Act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows, to wit:—

“SEC. 20. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person shall sell, exchange, give, barter, or dispose of any spirituous liquor or wine to any Indian under the charge of any Indian superintendent or Indian agent appointed by the United States, or shall introduce or attempt to introduce any spirituous liquor or wine into the Indian country, such person, on conviction thereof before the proper district court of the United States, shall be imprisoned for a period not exceeding two years, and shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars: *Provided, however*, That it shall be a sufficient defence to any charge of introducing or attempting to introduce liquor into the Indian country if it be proved to be done by order of the War Department, or of any officer duly authorized thereto by the War Department. And if any superintendent of Indian affairs, Indian agent or sub-agent, or commanding officer of a military post, has reason to suspect or is informed that any white person or Indian is about to introduce or has introduced any spirituous liquor or wine into the Indian country, in violation of the provisions of this section, it shall be lawful for such superintendent, agent, sub-agent, or commanding officer, to cause the boats, stores, packages, wagons, sleds, and places of deposit of such person to be searched; and if any such liquor is found therein, the same, together with the boats, teams, wagons, and sleds used in conveying the same, and also the goods, packages, and peltries of such person, shall be seized and delivered to the proper officer, and shall be proceeded against by libel in the proper court, and forfeited, one half to the informer and the other half to the use of the United States; and if such person be a trader, his license shall be revoked and his bond put in suit. And it shall moreover be lawful for any person in the service of the United States, or for any Indian, to take and destroy any ardent spirits or wine found in the Indian country, except such as may be introduced therein by the War Department. And in all cases arising under this act Indians shall be competent witnesses.”

Sale, &c., of spirituous liquors, &c., to Indians, how punished.

Proviso.

Superintendent, &c., may cause search to be made of suspected places for liquor.

Proceedings if liquor is found.

Ardent spirits or wine found in Indian country, except, &c., may be destroyed.

Indians may be witnesses under this act.

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CHAP. XXV. — *An Act making an Appropriation for completing the Defences of Washington, and for other Purposes.*

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for completing the defences of Washington: *Provided*, That all arrearages of debts already incurred for the objects of this act shall be first paid out of this sum: *And provided, further*, That no part of the sum hereby appropriated shall be expended in any work hereafter to be commenced.

Appropriation for defences of Washington.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the fifth section of the act of twenty-eighth September, eighteen hundred and fifty, providing for the discharge from the service of minors enlisted without the consent of their parents or guardians, be, and the same hereby is repealed: *Provided*, That hereafter no person under the age of eighteen shall be mustered into the United States service, and the oath of enlistment taken by the recruit shall be conclusive as to his age.

Enlistment of minors. 1850, ch. 78, § 5. Vol. ix. p. 507.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That no volunteers or militia from any State or Territory shall be mustered into the service of the United States on any terms or conditions confining their service to the limits of said State or Territory, or their vicinities, beyond the number of ten thousand in the State of Missouri, and four thousand five hundred in the State of Maryland, heretofore authorized by the President of the United States, or Secretary of War, to be raised in said States.

Mustering of volunteers into service, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the second section of the act