

Pending process. year, respectively. And all writs, process, and proceedings returnable to the terms of either of said courts, as now fixed by law, shall be deemed returnable, and shall be continued to the terms of said courts, respectively, as fixed by this act: *Provided*, That all executions, processes, or orders issued from the district court of any district in this act mentioned, in cases transferred to the circuit court, and in part executed, shall be regarded as having been issued from the circuit court to which each particular case is transferred, and shall be returned thereto. And no writ of execution or other final process, or power exercised, or proceeding had in accordance with law to enforce any judgment or decree shall be affected by reason of the transfer directed by this act.

APPROVED, June 27, 1864.

June 28, 1864. CHAP. CLXVI. — *An Act to repeal the Fugitive Slave Act of eighteen hundred and fifty, and all Acts and Parts of Acts for the Rendition of Fugitive Slaves.*

Repeal of acts for the rendition of fugitive slaves. 1793, ch. 7, §§ 3, 4, Vol. i. p. 302. 1850, ch. 60. Vol. ix. p. 462.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That sections three and four of an act entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice and persons escaping from the service of their masters," passed February twelve, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, and an act entitled "An act to amend, and supplementary to, the act entitled 'An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters,' passed February twelve, seventeen hundred and ninety-three," passed September, eighteen hundred and fifty, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

APPROVED, June 28, 1864.

June 28, 1864. CHAP. CLXVII. — *An Act to provide for the Improvement of the Grounds of the Government Hospital for the Insane by an Exchange of Land.*

Exchange of land for government hospital for the insane.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to deed to John Perkins a portion of the extreme south point or angle of the farm of the Government Hospital for the Insane, in exchange for two acres of land, more or less, now owned and occupied by the said Perkins, and situated near the middle of that side of the hospital farm which fronts upon the public roads: *Provided*, That not more than three acres are given for one contained in the last described piece of land belonging to the said Perkins: *And provided, further*, That the said Perkins is able to give, and does give, to the United States a good and sufficient title to the piece of land now owned and occupied by him.

Expenses of moving dwelling-house, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Interior is further authorized to defray the expenses of moving the dwelling-house on the present Perkins tract to the tract exchanged for it, and of digging and walling a well, out of any appropriation already made, or that may be made, for enclosing the grounds of the hospital.

APPROVED, June 28, 1864.

June 28, 1864. CHAP. CLXVIII. — *An Act to provide for the Repair and Preservation of certain Public Works of the United States.*

Appropriation to preserve certain public works on northern lakes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there be, and hereby is, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, in protecting the commerce of the lakes by causing the public works connected with the harbors on Lakes Champlain, Ontario, Erie, St. Clair, Huron, Michigan, and Superior, to be repaired and made useful for purposes of commerce and navigation, so far as the same, in his judgment, may be necessary.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That there be, and hereby is, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the further sum of one hundred thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, in repairing and rendering useful for purposes of commerce and navigation such of the public works connected with the harbors on the seaboard of the United States as may, in his judgment, need such expenditure.

Appropriations to preserve certain public works on the seaboard.

APPROVED, June 28, 1864.

CHAP. CLXIX. — *An Act to incorporate the Colored Catholic Benevolent Society.*

June 28, 1864.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Basil Mullen, John Warren, William H. Wheeler, Charles Dyson, James M. Ferrell, David Adkins, William Queen, John H. Butler, William Ford, and their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby, constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and title of the Colored Catholic Male Benevolent Society, located in the city of Washington, and by its corporate name shall have perpetual succession, with power to sue and be sued, to implead and be impleaded, in any court of the United States, or of the District of Columbia, of competent jurisdiction, to receive subscriptions, gifts, and benefits, and to make such rules and by-laws as shall be necessary and expedient for the government of the society, and to alter the same from time to time in such mode as shall be prescribed therein: *Provided, always*, That such rules and by-laws shall be in no wise inconsistent with the constitution or laws of the United States, or with the objects of the society. The objects of the society are hereby declared to be to provide for the care and comfort of such members as shall be sick, disabled, or dependent, and of the families of such members, in cases where the officers of such society shall deem it expedient, and also to provide for the decent interment of such persons as may die in membership of such society, or belonging to the families of such members.

Colored Catholic Male Benevolent Society incorporated.

Objects, powers, and duties.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That said society shall have power to hold real estate, or personal and mixed estate, by purchase, gift, or devise, for the purposes of such society and no other, and to lease, sell, or convey such real estate or mixed estate, or personal property, as may be devised or donated to such society, and the leasing or sale of which will promote the interests of said society.

May hold, &c., real and personal estate.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That congress shall have the right, at any time, to modify, amend, or repeal this act.

Act may be altered or repealed.

APPROVED, June 28, 1864.

CHAP. CLXX. — *An Act repealing certain Provisions of Law concerning Seamen on board public and private Vessels of the United States.*

June 28, 1864.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That so much of an act entitled "An act for the regulation of seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States," approved the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, as makes it not lawful to employ on board any of the public or private vessels of the United States any person or persons except citizens of the United States or person[s] of color, natives of the United States; and so much of the third, fifth, sixth, and seventh sections of "An act concerning the navigation of the United States," approved the first of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, as concerns the crews of vessels therein named; and so much of the first section of an act entitled "An act to repeal the tonnage duties upon ships and vessels of the United States and upon certain foreign vessels," approved the thirty-first of May, one thousand eight

Certain laws respecting seamen on board U. S. vessels, repealed.

1813, ch. 42. Vol. ii. p. 809.

1817, ch. 31, §§ 3, 5, 6, 7. Vol. iii. p. 351.

1830, ch. 219, § 1. Vol. iv. p. 425.