

Report of commissioners to state what.

construct the same; the value of the bullion extracted from the mines on the Comstock lode; their present and probable future production; also the geological and practical value of said tunnel as an exploring work, and its general bearing upon our mining and other national interests in ascertaining the practicability of deep mining.

APPROVED, April 4, 1871.

April 15, 1871.

CHAP. XIV. — *An Act relating to the Harbor at Buffalo, New York.*

Contract for improvement of harbor at Buffalo may be extended by Secretary of War.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be authorized, when in his judgment he thinks it will be for the interest of the United States, to extend or continue the contract for the improvement of the harbor at Buffalo, made and entered into upon the twentieth day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.

APPROVED, April 15, 1871.

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CHAP. XV. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of War to place at the Disposal of the Lyons Monument Association, of Missouri, certain condemned Cannon.*

Condemned cannon for the Lyon Monument Association of the State of Missouri.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place at the disposal of the Lyon Monument Association, of the State of Missouri, twelve condemned cannon, to be used for the purpose of erecting a monument in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, to the memory of the late Brigadier-General Nathaniel Lyon.

APPROVED, April 15, 1871.

April 19, 1871.

CHAP. XVI. — *An Act to authorize the Payment of duplicate Checks of disbursing Officers.*

Duplicate checks for pensions may be issued in place of original checks of not over \$500 lost or destroyed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in place of original checks issued for pensions, when lost, stolen, or destroyed, disbursing officers and agents of the United States are hereby authorized, after the expiration of six months from the date of such checks, to issue duplicate checks, and the treasurer, assistant treasurers, and designated depositories of the United States are directed to pay such checks, drawn in pursuance of law by such officers or agents, upon notice and proof of the loss of the original check or checks, under such regulations in regard to their issue and payment, and upon the execution of such bonds, with sureties, to indemnify the United States, as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe: *Provided,* That this act shall not apply to any check exceeding in amount the sum of five hundred dollars.

APPROVED, April 19, 1871.

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CHAP. XVII. — *An Act to create a Port of Delivery at Potomac, Virginia, and for other Purposes.*

Portion of the Tappahannock collection district annexed to that of Alexandria.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the waters, shores, bays, harbors, creeks, and inlets on the south side of the river Potomac, comprehended between Boyd's Hole and Cockpit Point, now a part of the collection district of Tappahannock, Virginia, be, and the same are hereby, annexed to the collection district of Alexandria, Virginia.

Potomac made a port of delivery.

SEC. 2. That Potomac, in the State of Virginia, shall be, and is hereby, constituted and created a port of delivery within the collection district of Alexandria, and there shall be appointed, at a compensation not exceeding the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, a deputy collector

of customs, to reside at said port, who shall perform such duties as may be conferred upon him, in pursuance of law, by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Deputy collector, salary, duties, &c.

SEC. 3. That all acts and parts of acts establishing at Dumfries, in the collection district of Tappahannock, Virginia, a port of delivery be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Port of delivery at Dumfries abolished.

APPROVED, April 19, 1871.

CHAP. XVIII. — *An Act for the Restoration of Commander George A. Stevens, United States Navy, to the active from the retired List.*

April 19, 1871.

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 is hereby, authorized to nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate appoint, George A. Stevens to the active list of the navy, with the rank of lieutenant-commander.

Commander George A. Stevens restored to the active list of the navy.

APPROVED, April 19, 1871.

CHAP. XIX. — *An Act to enable the Leavenworth, Lawrence, and Galveston Railroad Company to relocate a Portion of its Road.*

April 19, 1871.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Leavenworth, Lawrence, and Galveston Railroad Company, for the purpose of improving its route and accommodating the country, may relocate any portion of its road south of the town of Thayer, within the limits of its grant, as prescribed by the act of Congress entitled "An act for a grant of lands to the State of Kansas, in alternate sections, to aid in the construction of certain railroads and telegraphs in said State," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, but not thereby to change, enlarge, or diminish said land grant.

Leavenworth, Lawrence, and Galveston Railroad Company may relocate a portion of its road.

1863, ch. 98. Vol. xii. p. 772. Land grant not changed.

APPROVED, April 19, 1871.

CHAP. XXI. — *An Act making Appropriations to supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for the Service of the Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and for additional Appropriations for the Service of the Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and for other Purposes.*

April 20, 1871.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to carry into effect the provisions of an act entitled "An act granting pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, and the widows of deceased soldiers," approved February fourteen, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, there be, and is hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment, during the remainder of the present fiscal year, of two clerks of class three, four clerks of class two, nineteen clerks of class one, and two assistant messengers in the pension office, to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, eight thousand two hundred and sixty dollars; for office rent, furniture, and contingent expenses of said office for the same period, six thousand five hundred dollars; and for the payment, during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, of four clerks of class three, eight clerks of class two, forty-eight clerks of class one, and three assistant messengers in said office, to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, seventy-seven thousand three hundred and sixty dollars; and for office rent, furniture, stationery, and contingent expenses of said office during the said year, seven thousand dollars: *Provided,* That nothing in any act contained shall be construed to alter or amend an act entitled "An act to define the duties of pension agents and prescribe the manner of paying pensions, and for other purposes," approved July eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy; but the provisions of said act are hereby declared to be in full force and effect, and applicable to the prosecution of claims to pension, and to the payment of pensions

Deficiency appropriation for the year ending June 30, 1871, and additional appropriation for the year ending June 30, 1872.

Payment of additional clerks in the pension office, &c. (to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior,) made necessary by act

1871, ch. 50. Vol. xvi. p. 411.

Provisions of act 1870, ch. 225, Vol. xvi. p. 193, made applicable to the prosecution of claims to, and payments of, pensions.