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1869, ch. 124, § 6.
Vol. xv. p. 318.

CHAP. CCXXXVII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act making Appropriations for the Support of the Army for the Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.*

The President may appoint one assistant adjutant-general with the rank, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the sixth section of an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, is so far modified as to authorize and permit the President of the United States to nominate, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint, one assistant adjutant-general with the rank, pay, and emoluments of a major in the said department.

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1870, ch. 150, § 12.
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CHAP. CCXXXVIII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish the Department of Justice, and for other Purposes."*

Annual report of Attorney General, when to be made, and to include what.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the twelfth section of the act entitled "An act to establish the Department of Justice, and for other purposes," approved June twenty-second, eighteen hundred and seventy, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "That it shall be the duty of the Attorney General to make to Congress, at the commencement of each regular session of Congress, a report of the business of the said department for the last preceding fiscal year, and of any other matters appertaining thereto, that he may deem proper, including a statement of the several appropriations now, or which may hereafter be, placed under its control, the amount appropriated, and a detailed statement of the amounts used for defraying the expenses of the United States courts in each judicial district; also the statistice of crime under the laws of the United States, and a statement of the number of causes, civil and criminal, pending during the preceding year in each of the several courts of the United States.

Statutes and reports to be furnished to the Department of Justice for distribution.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to furnish to the head of the Department of Justice, from time to time, as they may be published, a sufficient number of the statutes of the United States, and the reports of the Supreme Court of the United States, to be by him distributed to such officers of the courts of the United States as are now or may hereafter be by law entitled to receive them; and all laws or parts of laws authorizing the distribution of such statutes and reports of the Supreme Court to the officers of the courts of the United States by the head of any other executive department of the government be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Repealing clause.

Register to be kept of books received and distributed.

SEC. 3. That a register of such books shall be kept, under the authority of the head of the Department of Justice, showing the quantity of each kind received by him in pursuance of this act; and it shall be his duty to cause to be entered in such register, and at the proper time, when, where, and to whom the same, or any part of them, have been distributed and delivered, and to report the same to Congress in his annual report.

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CHAP. CCXXXIX. — *An Act fixing the Time for the Election of Representatives from the State of California to the forty-fourth Congress*

Time for election of repre-

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That on the first Wednesday in September, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, there shall be elected in each congressional district in the State of California one

representative to represent said State in the forty-fourth Congress of the United States.

representatives in Congress from California.

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CHAP. CCXL. — *An Act to authorize the Unlading of Steamships at Night.*

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the collector of customs (with the concurrence of the naval officer, if there be one,) of any port at which a steamship from a foreign port or place may arrive, upon or after the issuing of a general order, to grant upon proper application therefor, a special license to unlade the cargo of said vessel at night, that is to say, between sunset and sunrise; but before any such special license is granted, the master, agents, or consignees of the vessel shall execute and deliver to the said collector a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by him, conditioned to indemnify and save the said collector harmless from any and all losses and liabilities which may occur or be occasioned by reason of the granting of such special license: *And provided,* That any liability of the master or owner of any such steamship to the owner or consignee of any merchandise landed from said vessel shall not be affected by the granting of such special license or of any general order, but such liability shall continue until said merchandise is properly removed from the dock whereon the same may be landed; and the collector, under such general regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, shall fix a uniform and reasonable rate of compensation for like service, to be paid by the master, owner, or consignee whenever such special license is granted, and shall collect and distribute the same among the inspectors assigned to superintend the unlading of the cargo.

Special license may be given to foreign steamship to unlade cargo between sunset and sunrise.

Master, &c., to give bond.

Liability of master and owner to consignee not affected.

Compensation when license is granted, and how distributed.

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CHAP. CCXLI. — *An Act to provide for the Preparation and Presentation to Congress of the Revision of the Laws of the United States, consolidating the Laws relating to the Post-roads, and a Code relating to military Offenses, and the Revision of Treaties with the Indian Tribes now in Force.*

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That a committee of three of the committee of the House of Representatives on the revision of the laws, with committee on the part of the Senate, is hereby authorized, by resolution, to be filed in the Department of Justice, to accept, on the part of Congress, the draft on revision of the laws of the United States prepared by the commissioners to revise the statutes, so far as the same has been reported by them, and may be hereafter reported by them, at the expiration of the time designated for performing that service, to wit: the fourth day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and to discharge said commissioners, from and after which all acts and parts of acts declaring the duties, powers, rights, and privileges of said commissioners, are hereby repealed; but nothing herein contained shall be construed as an approval or adoption by Congress of any part of the work of the commissioners.

Committee authorized to accept, for Congress, the draft of the revision of the laws from the commissioners, and to discharge them;

certain acts repealed from, &c.;

work of commissioners not hereby approved.

SEC. 2. That the committee of the House of Representatives on the revision of the laws, together with such committee as the Senate may join, be, and they hereby are, authorized to contract with some suitable person or persons, learned in the law, to prepare a bill revising and embodying in one act all the laws authorizing post-roads in force at the expiration of the present session of Congress; and also to prepare a bill codifying and regulating the laws in regard to military offenses, according to the recommendation made by the President of the United States in his annual message communicated to Congress at the present session, and also to prepare a revision of all the Indian treaties now in force as law:

The committee may contract for a bill embodying in one act all laws authorizing post-roads in force; for codifying laws as to military offenses; for revision of Indian treaties in force as laws.