

March 3, 1873. CHAP. CCXLVII. — *An Act providing for the Payment to the Government of Japan the Sum due on Account of Rents for Lands and Buildings occupied by the diplomatic and consular Representatives of the United States to Japan, and for other Purposes.*

Payment to Japan for rents for lands, &c., used by the United States for jails, &c.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay to the government of Japan, through its resident diplomatic representative in the United States, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, any sum not exceeding six thousand dollars, which may be found to be due to the government of Japan by that of the United States, on account of rents for lands or buildings occupied for hospital purposes, jail, and court-house by the United States in Japan.

Buildings for court-house and jail at Jedo;

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of State through the minister resident at Japan be, and he is hereby, authorized to rent furnish and keep suitable buildings with grounds appurtenant in Jedo or such other place as he may designate for a court-house and jail at an annual cost not exceeding five thousand dollars: *Provided,* That the period for which the said buildings shall be rented shall be for two years with renewals for two years as the Secretary of State shall determine.

to be rented for periods of two years.

Law library for legation in Japan.

SEC. 3. That a further sum, not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, also appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase of a suitable law-library for the use of said legation in Japan, the selection of such library to be made by the Secretary of State.

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March 3, 1873. CHAP. CCXLVIII. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of War to furnish a duplicate Certificate of Discharge where the same has been lost.*

Duplicate certificates of discharges to be furnished soldiers, &c., and marked as duplicate;

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever satisfactory proof shall be furnished to the War Department that any non-commissioned officer or private soldier who served in the army of the United States in the late war against the rebellion has lost his certificate of discharge, or the same has been destroyed without his privity or procurement, the Secretary of War shall be authorized to furnish, on request, to such non-commissioned officer or private, a duplicate of such certificate of discharge, to be indelibly marked, so that it may be known as a duplicate: *Provided,* Such certificate shall not be accepted as a voucher for the payment of any claim against the United States for pay bounty, or other allowance, or as evidence in any other case.

not to be vouchers, or evidence.

Army regulations modified.

SEC. 2. That the army regulations now in force are hereby modified in accordance with the provisions of this act.

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March 3, 1873. CHAP. CCXLIX. — *An Act to provide for the Establishment of a military Prison, and for its Government.*

Military prison established at Rock Island;

who may be confined therein.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That there shall be established at Rock Island, in the State of Illinois, a prison for the confinement and reformation of offenders against the rules, regulations and laws for the government of the army of the United States, in which shall be securely confined, and employed at labor, and governed in the manner hereinafter directed, all offenders convicted before any court-martial or military commission in the United States, and sentenced according to law to imprisonment therein.

Board to adopt plan for building prison and regulations for government of prisoners.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War shall organize a board of five members, to consist of three officers of the army and two persons from civil life, who shall adopt a plan for the building of such prison, and who shall frame regulations for the government of the prisoners, in accordance with