

Jan. 24, 1873.

CHAP. LXVII. — *An Act to give to the Bark Jewess an American Register.*

An American register to be issued to the bark Jewess.

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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 bark Jewess, built in Chelsea, Massachusetts, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and now owned by Morris Ketchum, a citizen of Connecticut, one of the United States of America, be, and she is hereby, relieved from any disabilities imposed upon said vessel by reason of an act of Congress entitled "An act to regulate the registering of vessels," passed February tenth, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-six; and that the owner of the said bark be entitled, and is hereby allowed, to register the said vessel, and to obtain a certificate thereof upon his complying with the usual requirements of law.

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CHAP. LXVIII. — *An Act to provide for the Sale of a Part of the Light-house Reservation at Fort Gratiot, Port Huron, in the State of Michigan.*

Portion of the Fort Gratiot light-house reservation to be sold.

Boundaries.

Record.

Money received to be paid into the treasury.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be platted and sold at public auction so much of the Fort Gratiot light-house reservation, at Port Huron, in the State of Michigan, as is comprised within the following metes and bounds, to wit: Beginning at a point which is one thousand ninety-two and one-half feet north eighty degrees and forty-four minutes east (true) from monument number one of the survey of Fort Gratiot military reservation made by W. H. Hearing in April, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, and the position of which is indicated upon the map of the same reservation made under the direction of Major O. M. Poe, corps of engineers, United States army, in eighteen hundred and seventy; thence north nine degrees and sixteen minutes west (true) three thousand one hundred and thirty-five feet; thence north eighty degrees and forty-four minutes east (true) five hundred and thirty-two feet; thence south nine degrees and sixteen minutes east (true) one thousand one hundred and eighty-four feet; thence north eighty degrees and forty-four minutes east (true) to the shore of lake, to the place of beginning, save and except that right of way is expressly reserved over a strip of land sixty-six feet wide and extending in a direct line from the light-house tower, either in its present or any future position, to the present western boundary of the reservation; and that the subdivision of the same be made to correspond, as far as may be, to the plat of the village of Fort Gratiot; and that a record thereof be filed in the office of register of deeds for the county of Saint Clair; and that the money received for such lands be paid into the treasury, except so much as may be necessary to repay the expenses of survey and sale.

APPROVED, January 24, 1873.

Jan. 27, 1873.

CHAP. LXX. — *An Act to authorize the President to appoint Frederick E. Upton, of Bath, Maine, a Master in the Navy of the United States.*

Frederick E. Upton to be appointed a master in the navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint Frederick E. Upton, of Bath, Maine, a master in the United States navy, with the grade in his rank that he held at the date of leaving the United States service.

APPROVED, January 27, 1873.

Jan. 28, 1873.

CHAP. LXXII. — *An Act making an Appropriation for the Erection of a marine Hospital at San Francisco.*

A pavilion hospital to be erected

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 be, and is hereby, authorized to erect on one of the government

reservations near the city of San Francisco, California, a pavilion hospital, in accordance with the designs and estimates prepared by the supervising architect, the cost of said hospital not to exceed the amount of the estimates, viz: Fifty-eight thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine dollars and fifty-six cents, which amount is hereby appropriated for that purpose out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized, in his discretion to sell the marine hospital and grounds now owned by the government in that city: *And provided further*, That no reservation shall be used or occupied for the purpose herein indicated if the same is wanted or likely to be wanted by the military department, nor without its formal consent first obtained.

on a government reservation near San Francisco. Cost not to exceed, &c.

Appropriation.

Marine hospital may be sold.

No reservation to be used, if, &c.

APPROVED, January 28, 1873.

CHAP. LXXXII. — *An Act to abolish the franking Privilege.*

Jan. 31, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the franking privilege be, and the same hereby is, abolished from and after the first day of July, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and that thenceforth all official correspondence, of whatever nature, and other mailable matter sent from or addressed to any officer of the government or person now authorized to frank such matter, shall be chargeable with the same rates of postage as may be lawfully imposed upon like matter sent by or addressed to other persons: *Provided*, That no compensation or allowance shall now or hereafter be made to senators, members, and delegates of the House of Representatives on account of postage.

Franking privilege abolished after July 1, 1873.

No allowance to be made to senators, representatives, &c., on account of postage.

APPROVED, January 31, 1873.

CHAP. LXXXIII. — *An Act to quiet the Title to certain Lands in the State of Iowa.*

Jan. 31, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the title to the lands in the State of Iowa heretofore approved and certified by the Department of the Interior for railroad purposes, to aid in the construction of a railroad from the city of Davenport, via Iowa city, to Council Bluffs, under the grants made by Congress, according to the adjustments thereof made at the General Land Office, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed to the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad Company and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company, and their assigns, they being the corporations to whom said lands were certified: *Provided*, That this act shall be construed as conveying only any reversionary or other interest which the United States may have in said lands, and all lands settled upon in good faith and now occupied by homestead or pre-emption settlers shall be excluded from the operations of this act.

The title to certain lands in Iowa confirmed to certain railroad companies.

Interest of the United States only released. Homestead and pre-emption rights saved.

J. G. BLAINE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,

Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate.

Received by the President January 20, 1873.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. — The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]