

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.]



Jan. 31, 1873.

CHAP. LXXXIV. — *An Act to aid in maintaining the Fire Department in the District of Columbia.*

One-third of cost of fire department in the District of Columbia to be paid by the United States;

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That one-third of the expense incurred in maintaining a fire department in the District of Columbia by the government of said District shall hereafter be paid by the United States, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to pay annually into the treasury of the District of Columbia, out of any moneys in the United States treasury hereafter to be appropriated, one-third of the entire cost of maintaining the said fire department: *Provided,* That the amount paid by the United States in any one year shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

not in any year to exceed \$25,000.

APPROVED, January 31, 1873.

Feb. 1, 1873.

CHAP. LXXXVIII. — *An Act to regulate the Employment of Engineer Soldiers on extra Duty.*

Pay of engineer soldiers for extra-duty service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the enlisted men of engineers in the army are hereby placed on the same footing with respect to compensation for extra-duty service as the other enlisted men of the army, and that all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this provision be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

APPROVED, February 1, 1873.

Feb. 5, 1873.

CHAP. CV. — *An Act making an Appropriation to defray the Expenses of the American and British Claims Commission, and for other Purposes.*

Appropriation for mixed commission on American and British claims;

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred and thirteen thousand five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the fiscal year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, to defray the expenses on the part of the United States of the mixed commission on American and British claims, appointed under the twelfth article of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, signed May eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

See *Post*, p. 867.

for post-office and court-house in New York city.

SEC. 2. For payment of contractors for stone work, and other employés, on the post-office and court-house in New York city, five hundred thousand dollars.

APPROVED, February 5, 1873.

Feb. 7, 1873.

CHAP. CXX. — *An Act to provide for the holding of additional Terms of the Circuit Court of the United States for the southern District of New York.*

Additional terms of the circuit court in the southern district of New York.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That additional terms of the circuit court of the United States for the southern district of New York shall hereafter be held in each year, commencing as follows: On the second Wednesday of January, on the second Wednesday of March, on the second Wednesday of May, on the third Wednesday of June, on the second Wednesday of October, and on the second Wednesday of December. The holding of any of the above-mentioned terms shall not dispense with or affect the holding of any other term at the same time, nor shall the pending of any other term of the court prevent the holding of any of the terms hereby appointed.

Other terms of the court not interfered with.

Terms hereby created, to be for criminal cases;

by what judges to be held.

SEC. 2. That the terms hereby appointed shall be devoted exclusively to the trial and disposal of the criminal cases and matters arising and pending in said court. The terms of said court appointed by this act may be held by the circuit judge of the second judicial circuit and the district judges for the southern and eastern districts of New York, or any one of