

CHAP. 117.—An act to provide for the inspection of the disbursements of appropriations made by officers of the Army. April 20, 1874.

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 Secretary of War to cause frequent inquiries to be made as to the necessity, economy, and propriety of all disbursements made by disbursing officers of the Army, and as to their strict conformity to the law appropriating the money; also to ascertain whether the disbursing officers of the Army comply with the law in keeping their accounts and making their deposits; such inquiries to be made by officers of the inspection department of the Army, or others detailed for that purpose: *Provided*, That no officer so detailed shall be in any way connected with the department or corps making the disbursement.

Inspection of disbursements made by officers of the Army.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. That the reports of such inspections shall be made out and forwarded to Congress with the annual report of the Secretary of War; Reports to Congress.

Approved, April 20, 1874.

CHAP. 118.—An act to relinquish title of the United States in certain real estate near Columbia, Tennessee, to Rose Hill Cemetery. April 21, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whatever title the United States may have acquired in and to a portion of the ground held and owned by Rose Hill Cemetery, a corporation so known under the laws of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of a contract and agreement made and entered into in May, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, by the officers of said cemetery on behalf of said corporation, and G. W. Marshall, captain and assistant quartermaster-general United States volunteers, on behalf of the United States, be, and the same is hereby, released, quit-claimed, and set over to the president and directors of said corporation, and their successors in office, to be by them held as though said agreement and conveyance, dated in May, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, aforesaid, had not been made.

Release of title to Rose Hill Cemetery, in Tennessee.

Approved, April 21, 1874.

CHAP. 122.—An act to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to gather authentic information as to the condition and importance of the fur-trade in the Territory of Alaska. April 22, 1874.

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 appoint some person qualified by experience and education a special agent for the purpose of visiting the various trading stations and Indian villages in the Territory of Alaska, the seal islands, and the large islands to the north of them, in Behring sea, for the purpose of collecting and reporting to him all possible authentic information upon the present condition of the seal fisheries of Alaska; the haunts and habits of the seal, and the preservation and extension of the fisheries as a source of revenue to the United States; together with like information respecting the fur-bearing animals of Alaska generally, the statistics of the fur-trade, and the condition of the people or natives, especially those upon whom the successful prosecution of the fisheries and fur-trade is dependent; such agent to receive as compensation eight dollars per day while actually thus employed, with all actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred therein: *Provided*, That the appointment made under this act shall not continue longer than two years. That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to detail an officer of the Navy to go in connection with the person above mentioned, who shall be charged

Special agent to Alaska to report on condition of seal fisheries and fur-bearing animals, and condition of people.

Compensation.

Limit of appointment.