

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.

Detail of naval officer to accompany agent, and to make like and other reports.

with the same duties and shall make a like report upon all subjects therein named; and shall also inquire and report whether the contracts as to the seal fisheries have been complied with by the persons or company now in possession; and whether said contracts can be safely extended.

Approved, April 23, 1874.

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CHAP. 123.—An act authorizing the Secretary of War to deliver certain condemned ordnance to the municipal authorities of Concord, Massachusetts, for monumental purposes.

Condemned cannon for monument at Concord, Mass.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, authorized to deliver to the municipal authorities of Concord, Massachusetts, ten pieces of condemned brass cannon, to be used in the erection of a monument at the Old North Bridge, to commemorate the first repulse of the troops of Great Britain in the war of the Revolution, on the nineteenth day of April, seventeen hundred and seventy-five.

Approved, April 22, 1874.

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CHAP. 125.—An act to provide for the relief of the persons suffering from the overflow of the lower Mississippi River.

Supplies for sufferers by overflow of lower Mississippi River.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized and empowered to direct the issue temporarily of supplies of food and disused army clothing, sufficient to prevent starvation and suffering and extreme want to any and all classes of destitute or helpless persons living on or near the lower Mississippi River, who have been rendered so by reason of the present overflow of the Mississippi River. This act shall expire on the first day of September, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

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Expiration of act.

Approved, April 23, 1874.

April 24, 1874.

CHAP. 127.—An act to establish the Bismarck land district in the Territory of Dakota.

Bismarck land district in Dakota established.

Location of land office.

Register and receiver.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that portion of Dakota Territory lying north of the seventh standard parallel and west of the ninth guide-meridian be, and the same is hereby, created into a separate land district, to be known as the Bismarck district; and the land office for said district shall be located at the town of Bismarck, where the North Pacific Railroad intersects the Missouri River.

SEC. 2. That a register and a receiver shall be appointed for said district land office, who shall be governed by the same laws and receive the same compensation as prescribed for similar officers in the other land districts of said Territory.

Approved, April 24, 1874.