

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.

April 22, 1874.

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.

April 23, 1874.

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.

Post, ch. 170, p. 45.

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.