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troller of the Currency, and shall publish notice of such contemplated change of location in two weekly papers in Hagerstown, State of Maryland, not less than four weeks, thereupon such change of location and name shall be effected, and the operations of discount and deposit of said bank shall be carried on in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That such acceptance of this act be made within six months after the passage of this act, and that all expenses incident to the proposed change, including engraving, shall be borne and paid by said bank.

Liabilities and rights unchanged.

SEC. 2. That nothing in this act shall be so construed as in any manner to release the said bank from any debt, demand, or liability whatever, nor affect any action or proceeding in law in which the said bank may be a party interested; and all the rights, privileges, and powers of the Citizens' National Bank of Hagerstown, in the State of Maryland, shall devolve upon the Citizens' National Bank of Washington City, whenever such change is effected.

Approved, May 1, 1874.

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**CHAP. 142.**—An act to render available an unexpended balance of appropriation for collection and payment of bounty, &c., for colored soldiers and sailors.

Unexpended balance for collection and payment of bounty of colored soldiers, &c., made available.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the balance of appropriation, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for collection and payment of bounty, prize-money, and other legitimate claims, of colored soldiers and sailors, unexpended at the expiration of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, may be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War for the payment of expenses incurred in the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, in the collection and payment of bounty, prize-money, and other legitimate claims of colored soldiers and sailors.

Approved, May 1, 1874.

May 6, 1874.

**CHAP. 145.**—An act to grant an American register to the barque "Azor."

American register to barque "Azor."

*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 issue an American register to the barque "Azor," an American built vessel employed as a packet between the island of Fayal and the United States, which had been transferred to a British subject in eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and re-transferred to the heirs of Charles W. Dabney, late consul of the United States in the island of Fayal.

Approved, May 6, 1874.

May 7, 1874.  
1855, ch. 213, vol. 1, p. 719.

**CHAP. 149.**—An act to amend the act entitled "An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in steamships and other vessels," approved March three, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

Repeal of section 13.

Collectors of customs to make returns of lists of passengers to Secretary of Treasury.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the thirteenth section of the act entitled "An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in steamships and other vessels," approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and that hereafter each and every collector of customs to whom shall be delivered the manifests or lists of passengers prescribed by the twelfth section of the act aforesaid, approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, shall make returns from such manifests or lists of passengers to the Secretary of

the Treasury of the United States, in such manner as shall be prescribed by that officer, under whose direction statements of the same shall be prepared and published.

Approved, May 7, 1874.

**CHAP. 154.**—An act to amend the thirty-first section of an act entitled "An act for enrolling and calling out the national militia, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

May 8, 1874.  
1863, ch. 75, § 31.  
vol. xii, p. 736.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all officers on duty at any point west of a line drawn north and south through Omaha City, and north of a line drawn east and west upon the southern boundary of Arizona, shall be allowed sixty days' leave of absence without deduction of pay or allowances: *Provided,* That the same is taken but once in two years: *And provided further,* That the leave of absence may be extended to three months, if taken once only in three years; or four months if taken once only in four years.

Leave of absence to certain army officers.

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Approved, May 8, 1874.

**CHAP. 163.**—An act in relation to the customs duties on imported fruits.

May 9, 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 is hereby directed to suspend the repayment of all duties heretofore paid on imported fruits until further legislation by Congress authorizing the same, or until the final decision of the Supreme Court, except in cases where suits in court have been discontinued by instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury. And the error in the punctuation of the clause relating to fruit-plants in the fifth section of the act approved June six, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An act to reduce duties on imports, and to reduce internal taxes, and for other purposes," of inserting a comma instead of a hyphen after the word "fruit" is hereby corrected, and said clause shall read as follows: Fruit-plants tropical and semi-tropical for the purpose of propagation or cultivation: *Provided,* That the duties imposed by virtue of this amendment shall not be levied or collected upon fruits entered for consumption at any port of entry prior to July first, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

Repayment of duties on imported fruit suspended.

Error corrected.

1872, ch. 315, § 5  
vol. xvii, p. 235.

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Approved, May 9, 1874.

**CHAP. 165.**—An act providing for the payment of the bonds of the Louisville and Portland Canal Company.

May 11, 1874.

1873, ch. 233, vol. xvii, p. 563.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the appropriations made by the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled "An act making appropriations for the repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," for the payment of the debts of the Louisville and Portland Canal Company, are hereby continued in full force, and are made permanently applicable to the payment of the debts of the said Louisville and Portland Canal Company; and so much as may be necessary shall be applied to the payment of the interest as it accrues, and the principal of the outstanding bonds of said company as they mature: *Provided, however,* That the Secretary of the Treasury may purchase and pay for any of said bonds, at the market price, not above par, whenever he deems it for the interest of the United States.

Appropriation for payment of debts of Louisville and Portland Canal Company continued.

Purchase of bonds.