

CHAP. 290.—An act to authorize an appointment in the Inspector-General's Department. June 16, 1874.

Whereas a vacancy of lieutenant-colonel in the Inspector General's Department of the Army originated on the thirteenth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, to which Major Absalom Baird was entitled to be promoted under the laws then in existence, but from which he was excluded by reason of another appointment in said department previously made, and Whereas an act of Congress approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, which was passed with the intention of rectifying this wrong, has failed to secure to Major Baird his just rights: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized to nominate and promote Absalom Baird to be lieutenant-colonel and assistant inspector-general, to date from June thirteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven; but no pay or allowance shall be made to him for any time prior to the passage of this act.

Approved, June 16, 1874.

CHAP. 294.—An act relating to Ambassadors, Consuls and other officers. June 17, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no Ambassador, Envoy Extraordinary, Minister Plenipotentiary, Minister Resident, Commissioner to any foreign country, chargé d'affaires, Secretary of Legation, Assistant Secretary of Legation, Interpreter to any legation in any foreign country, Consul General, Consul, Commercial Agent, consular pupils, or consular agent shall be absent from his post or the performance of his duties for a longer period than ten days at any one time, without the permission previously obtained of the President. And no compensation shall be allowed for the time of any such absence in any case except in cases of sickness; nor shall any diplomatic or consular officer correspond in regard to the public affairs of any foreign government with any private person, newspaper, or other periodical, or otherwise than with the proper officers of the United States; nor without the consent of the Secretary of State previously obtained, recommend any person at home or abroad for any employment of trust or profit under the Government of the country in which he is located; nor ask or accept, for himself or any other person, any present, emolument, pecuniary favor, office, or title of any kind from any such government.

Approved, June 17, 1874.

CHAP. 295.—An act to create an additional major of artillery, and to promote Captain James M. Robertson. June 17, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an additional major be added to the Second Regiment of Artillery, to be filled by the nomination and appointment of Captain James M. Robertson, of said regiment, by the President of the United States; and that the said Robertson take rank next after the junior major of artillery: *Provided, however,* That the additional major added by this act to the Second Regiment of Artillery shall not hereafter be filled by any other officer, and that the office shall expire whenever, by any casualty, the number of majors in each regiment of artillery shall be reduced to three.

SEC. 2. That the pay of said Captain Robertson as major shall commence from the date of his confirmation by the Senate on the nomination by the President.

Approved, June 17, 1874.