

CHAP. 32.—An act for the relief of John T. Smith.

Jan. 30, 1875.

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 is hereby, authorized to nominate, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint, upon the retired list of the Navy, with the rank of first assistant engineer, John T. Smith, now a second assistant engineer on the active list of the Navy.

Authority to appoint John T. Smith first assistant-engineer on retired list of Navy.

Approved, January 30, 1875.

CHAP. 33.—An act for the payment of interest on three-sixty-five bonds of the District of Columbia.

Feb. 1, 1875.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred and eighty-two thousand and five hundred dollars, in currency or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and is hereby, appropriated for the payment of the interest on the bonds of the District of Columbia, known as three-sixty-five bonds, due on February first, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, issued under the act entitled "An act for the government of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four; said interest to be paid by the Treasurer of the United States, or the assistant treasurer of the United States in New York, on surrender of the proper coupons: *Provided,* That the said sum hereby appropriated shall be considered and adjusted as a part of the proper proportional sum to be paid by the United States toward the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia, and toward the payment of the interest on the funded debt of the District.

Appropriation.

Payment of interest on three-sixty-five bonds of D. C., due Feb. 1, 1875.

1874, c. 337; *ante*, p. 116.

Approved, February 1, 1875.

CHAP. 34.—An act to grant title to certain lands in the Territory of Arizona.

Feb. 5, 1875.

Whereas, certain lands in Santa Cruz Valley, county of Pima, and Territory of Arizona, have for many years been occupied and possessed by persons of Mexican birth, who became citizens of the United States under the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and the Gadsden treaty; and whereas the said persons desire to secure patents for said lands in the small and irregular tracts in which they were originally taken up under Mexican authority, and have been held and cultivated to the present time, and they cannot do so under the existing land laws of the United States; Therefore,

Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the right and title of the United States to the land embraced in sections two, eleven, and fourteen, and the east half of sections three, ten and fifteen of township fourteen south, range thirteen east, Gila and Salt River meridian, in the county of Pima, Territory of Arizona, be, and the same are hereby, relinquished and granted to the person or persons who have been in the actual bona-fide occupancy or possession of said land, by themselves or their ancestors or grantors for twenty years next preceding the date of the passage of this act; and it shall be the duty of the register and the receiver of the United States land-office for the district in which said land lies, to hear and determine, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the rights of the parties claiming under this act; and for that purpose the said register and the said receiver shall have power to summon witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony relative to such occupancy or possession: *Provided,* That no claim as aforesaid shall be of any validity under this act unless it shall have been duly filed with the said register and the

Relinquishing certain lands in Pima County, Arizona, to certain occupants.

Facts to be determined by register and receiver.