

tween ports of the United States for carrying the mails upon such routes where no mail service has previously been performed, without advertising for proposals therefor; but no contract for such new service shall be for a longer time than one year. No contract for carrying the mails between the United States and any foreign port shall be for a longer time than two years, unless otherwise directed by Congress. So much of sections thirty-nine hundred and forty-three, thirty-nine hundred and fifty-six, and thirty-nine hundred and seventy of the Revised Statutes as is in conflict with the preceding sections is hereby repealed.

R. S. 3943, p. 770.
R. S. 3956, p. 770.
R. S. 3970, p. 773.
Repealed in part.

SEC. 6. All laws or parts of laws inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved, May 17, 1878.

CHAP. 109.—An act extending the privileges of sections twenty-nine hundred and ninety to twenty-nine hundred and ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes, inclusive, to the port of Bath, in the State of Maine.

May 25, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the privileges of sections twenty-nine hundred and ninety to twenty-nine hundred and ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes, inclusive, be, and they are hereby, extended to the port of Bath, in the State of Maine.

Transportation in bond, etc., extended to Bath, Me.

Approved, May 25, 1878.

R. S. 2990 to 2997, p. 579, 580.

CHAP. 140.—An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands under the pre-emption laws.

May 27, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who has made a settlement on the public lands under the pre-emption laws, and has subsequent to such settlement changed his filing in pursuance of law to that for a homestead entry upon the same tract of land, shall be entitled to have the time required to perfect his title under the homestead laws computed from the date of his original settlement heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, under the pre-emption laws, subject to all the provisions of the law relating to homesteads.

Homestead title; time for perfecting.

Approved, May 27, 1878.

CHAP. 141.—An act to change the name of the steam-boat D. A. McDonald to Silver Wave.

May 27, 1878.

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 and directed to allow the owner of the steamboat D. A. McDonald, a vessel of American ownership, running on the Upper Mississippi River, to change the name of said boat to that of Silver Wave.

Name of steam-boat D. A. McDonald changed.

Approved, May 27, 1878.

CHAP. 142.—An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes.

May 27, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, namely:

Appropriations; Indian service.