

in such school or college: *Provided*, That the number of officers so detailed shall not at any time exceed twenty-five, and such details shall be governed by rules to be prescribed from time to time by the President: *And provided further*, That such details may be withheld or withdrawn whenever, in the judgment of the President, the interests of the public service shall so require.

Approved, February 26, 1879.

CHAP. 106.—An act to amend an act entitled “An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes”, approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Feb. 26, 1879.

1878, ch. 359,
Ante, 207.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled “An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes”, approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding to the clause of said act relating to the binding of books for the departments of the government, after the words “Congressional Library”, the following words: “nor to the Library of the Patent Office”, nor to the Library of the Department of State.

Approved, February 26, 1879.

Public binding.
Rule as to, not to apply to Libraries of Patent Office and State Department.

CHAP. 109.—An act authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to accept for the purposes of a voyage of exploration by way of Behring's Straits, the ship *Jeannette*, tendered by James Gordon Bennett for that purpose.

Feb. 27, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept and take charge of, for the use of a North Polar Expedition by way of Behring's straits, the ship *Jeannette*, owned by James Gordon Bennett, and by him devoted to this purpose; that he may use, in fitting her for her voyage of exploration, any material he may have on hand proper for the purposes of an Arctic voyage; and that he is further authorized to enlist the necessary crew for the said vessel for “special service”, their pay to be temporarily met from the pay of the Navy, and to be paid or refunded by James Gordon Bennett to the Navy Department under the order of the Secretary of the Navy and as he may require; the vessel to proceed on her voyage of exploration under the orders and instructions of the Navy Department; that the men so “specially enlisted” as above shall be subject in all respects to the Articles of War and Navy Regulations and discipline; and that all parts of the act approved March eighteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, inconsistent with the above, be, and they are hereby, repealed: *Provided*, That the government of the United States shall not be held liable for any expenditure incurred or to be incurred on account of said exploration.

Approved, February 27, 1879.

Polar Expedition.

Ship *Jeannette* accepted for service.

Enlistment and pay of men.

Subject to Articles of War.

1878, ch. 38,
Ante, 31.

Proviso.

CHAP. 110.—An act to provide for the settlement of tax-lien certificates erroneously issued by the late authorities of the District of Columbia.

Feb. 27, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to settle and pay to the holders of certain tax-lien certificates purporting to have been issued pursuant to an act of the legislative assembly of the District of Columbia approved June twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, which the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may deter-

District of Columbia.

Erroneous tax-lien certificates.