

CHAP. 584.—An act to legalize and validate the general laws of the Territory of Dakota for the incorporation of insurance companies and for other purposes.

June 30, 1886.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all general laws heretofore enacted by the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota providing for the incorporation of insurance companies are hereby legalized and made valid, and are declared to have the same force and effect as if the said legislative assembly had had full power and authority to enact the same; and all insurance companies incorporated under said laws and in accordance therewith are hereby declared to have been legally incorporated.

Dakota Territory: Laws of, for incorporation of insurance companies, declared valid.

Approved, June 30, 1886.

CHAP. 585.—An act for the erection of a public building at El Paso, Texas.

June 30, 1886.

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 purchase or otherwise provide a site and cause to be erected thereon a substantial and commodious building, with fire-proof vaults, for the use and accommodation of the United States custom-house, post-office, and Federal courts, and for other Government uses, at El Paso, in the State of Texas. The site, and building thereon, when completed upon plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not exceed in cost the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the transaction of the public business, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited after the site shall have been purchased and paid for, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury; and no purchase of site, nor plan for said building, shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for site and building; and the site purchased shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least fifty feet, including streets and alleys: *Provided,* That no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Texas shall cede to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of civil process therein.

El Paso, Texas. Public building.

Site, plans, cost.

Estimates.

Limit.

Open space. *Proviso.* Title.

Approved, June 30, 1886.

CHAP. 599.—For the relief of Fitz-John Porter.

July 1, 1886.

Whereas, the board of Army officers convened by the President of the United States by special orders numbered seventy-eight, headquarters of the Army, April twelfth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, to examine into and report upon the case of Fitz John Porter, late a major-general of the United States volunteers and a brevet brigadier-general and colonel of the Army, having by their report of March nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, stated that, in their opinion, "justice required at his (the Presidents hands) such action as may be necessary to annul and set aside the findings and sentence of the court-martial in the case of Major-General Fitz John Porter, and 'to restore him to the positions of which the sentence deprived him, such restoration to take effect from the date of dismissal from the service;" and

Preamble.

Whereas the President, on the fourth day of May, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, remitted so much of the sentence of said court-martial

remaining unexecuted as "forever disqualified the said Fitz-John Porter from holding any office of trust or profit under the Government of the United States:" Therefore, that justice may be done the said Fitz-John Porter, and to carry into effect the recommendations of said board,

Fitz-John Porter.
President authorized to appoint, a colonel in the Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint Fitz-John Porter, late a major-general of the United States volunteers and a brevet brigadier-general and colonel of the Army, to the position of colonel in the Army of the United States, of the same grade and rank held by him at the time of his dismissal from the Army by sentence of court-martial promulgated January twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and, in his discretion, to place him on the retired-list of the Army as of that grade, the retired-list being hereby increased in number to that extent; and all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are suspended for this purpose only: *Provided,* That said Fitz-John Porter shall receive no pay, compensation, or allowance whatsoever prior to his appointment under this act.

Proviso.
No pay, etc., prior to appointment.

Approved, July 1, 1886.

July 1, 1886.

CHAP. 600.—An act making appropriations for the diplomatic and consular service of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and for other purposes.

Diplomatic and consular appropriations.
To be full compensation.

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, severally appropriated in full compensation for the diplomatic and consular service of the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the objects hereinafter expressed, namely:

Schedule A.

SCHEDULE A.

Salaries.

SALARIES OF MINISTERS.

Envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary.

Envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary to Great Britain, France, Germany, and Russia, at seventeen thousand five hundred dollars each, seventy thousand dollars.

Envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary to Japan, China, Spain, Austria, Italy, Brazil, and Mexico, at twelve thousand dollars each, eighty-four thousand dollars.

Envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary to Chili and Peru, at ten thousand dollars each, twenty thousand dollars.

Envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Salvador, to reside at such place in either of said states as the President may direct, ten thousand dollars.

Envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Turkey, ten thousand dollars.

Envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States of Colombia, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Ministers resident.

Ministers resident in Belgium, Netherlands, Hawaiian Islands, Sweden and Norway, and Venezuela, at seven thousand five hundred dollars each, thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Ministers resident and consuls-general.

Minister resident and consul-general in the Argentine Republic, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Ministers resident and consuls-general in Liberia, Switzerland, Denmark, Portugal, Siam, Persia, Corea, Hayti, and Bolivia, at five thousand dollars each; and the minister resident and consul-general in Hayti shall also be accredited as chargé d'affaires to Santo Domingo, forty-five thousand dollars.