

hundred and eighty-five, and to provide for the enforcement thereof, be amended by adding the following :

“SEC. 6. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby charged with the duty of executing the provisions of this act, and for that purpose he shall have power to enter into contracts with such State Commission, board, or officers as may be designated for that purpose by the Governor of any State to take charge of the local affairs of immigration in the ports within said State, under the rules and regulations to be prescribed by said Secretary ; and it shall be the duty of such State Commission, board, or officers so designated to examine into the condition of passengers arriving at the ports within such State in any ship or vessel, and for that purpose all or any of such commissioners or officers, or such other person or persons as they shall appoint, shall be authorized to go on board of and through any such ship or vessel ; and if in such examination there shall be found among such passengers any person included in the prohibition in this act, they shall report the same in writing to the collector of such port, and such persons shall not be permitted to land.

Contracts with State officers to take charge of immigration.

Examination of ships.

Prohibited persons not to be landed.

“SEC. 7. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall establish such regulations and rules, and issue from time to time such instructions, not inconsistent with law, as he shall deem best calculated for carrying out the provisions of this act ; and he shall prescribe all forms of bonds, entries, and other papers to be used under and in the enforcement of the various provisions of this act.

Rules, etc., to be prescribed by Secretary of the Treasury.

“SEC. 8. That all persons included in the prohibition in this act, upon arrival, shall be sent back to the nations to which they belong and from whence they came. The Secretary of the Treasury may designate the State board of charities of any State in which such board shall exist by law, or any commission in any State, or any person or persons in any State, whose duty it shall be to execute the provisions of this section and shall be entitled to reasonable compensation therefor to be fixed by regulation prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe regulations for the return of the aforesaid persons to the countries from whence they came, and shall furnish instructions to the board, commission, or persons charged with the execution of the provisions of this section as to the time of procedure in respect thereto, and may change such instructions from time to time. The expense of such return of the aforesaid persons not permitted to land shall be borne by the owners of the vessels in which they came. And any vessel refusing to pay such expenses shall not thereafter be permitted to land at or clear from any port of the United States. And such expenses shall be a lien on said vessel. That the necessary expense in the execution of this act for the present fiscal year, shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Return of prohibited persons.

Compensation.

Expenses of return.

Appropriation.

“SEC. 9. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Conflicting laws repealed.

“SEC. 10. That this act shall take effect at the expiration of thirty days after its passage.”

Approved, February 23, 1887.

CHAP. 221.—An act to amend section three thousand and fifty-eight of the Revised Statutes.

Feb. 23, 1887.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three thousand and fifty-eight of the Revised Statutes be amended to read as follows :

Ownership of imported merchandise.

R. S., sec. 3058, p. 588, amended.

Consignee deemed the owner.

Holder of bill of lading deemed consignee.

“SEC. 3058. All merchandise imported into the United States shall, for the purpose of this title, be deemed and held to be the property of the person to whom the merchandise may be consigned ; but the holder of any bill of lading consigned to order and properly indorsed shall be

Merchandise saved from wrecks.

deemed the consignee thereof; and in case of the abandonment of any merchandise to the underwriters, the latter may be recognized as the consignee; and under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, merchandise saved from a vessel wrecked or abandoned at sea, or on or along the coasts of the United States, and promptly brought into a port of the United States by or in possession of the salvors of the same, can, for the purpose of its title, be regarded as the property of such salvors, and the valuation thereof and payment of duties thereon can be made accordingly and with due reference to the condition of the said merchandise as thus saved and the necessities of the case: *Provided, however,* That such bringing in by salvors shall be in good faith and without intent to evade the just payment of duty: *And provided further,* That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prejudice in any other respect the rights of property, or of or through abandonment or allowance of the owner, or any other person interested in said merchandise".

Provisos.

Right of property not prejudiced.

Approved, February 23, 1887.

Feb. 23, 1887.

CHAP. 222.—An act to provide for grading and paving the approaches to the national cemetery near Danville, Virginia.

Danville, Va.
Appropriation to pave approaches to national cemetery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of grading and paving Lee street, Danville, Virginia, along the entire front of the national cemetery, to its intersection with Jefferson street, and the said Jefferson street to its intersection with Paxton street, and the said Paxton street to its intersection with Holbrook street, in said city; said sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

City to keep approaches in repair.

SEC. 2. That before any money shall be expended under the provisions of this act, the city council of Danville, Virginia, shall pass and enter of record an ordinance pledging said city to keep in good condition and repair the approaches to said national cemetery improved by the Government under the provisions of this act.

Approved, February 23, 1887.

Feb. 24, 1887.

CHAP. 249.—An act authorizing the construction of a public building for a post-office in the city of Houston, Texas.

Houston, Tex.
Public building.
Site.

Plans, etc.

Ccst.
Proviso.
Open space.

Title.

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 acquire by purchase or condemnation a site for, and cause to be erected thereon, a suitable building, with fire-proof vaults therein, for the accommodation of the post-office and other Government offices, at the city of Houston, in the State of Texas. The plans, specifications, and full estimates for said building shall be previously made and approved according to law, and shall not exceed for the site and building complete the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars: *Provided,* That the site shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of not less than forty feet, including streets and alleys; and no money appropriated for this purpose shall be available until a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Texas shall have ceded to the United States exclusive juris-