

which the property is situated at the time the mortgage is executed. All mortgages of personal property in the Indian Territory heretofore executed and recorded in the judicial district thereof in which the property was situated at the time they were executed are hereby validated."

Approved, February 3, 1897.

**CHAP. 145.**—An Act To provide an American register for the barge Black Diamond. February 4, 1897.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioner of Navigation is hereby authorized and directed to cause the foreign-built barge Thomas S. Falck, owned by the Mobile Coal Company, of Mobile, Alabama, a corporation under the laws of Alabama, to be registered as a vessel of the United States under the name of Black Diamond.

Approved, February 4, 1897.

"Thomas S. Falck,"  
Barge.  
Granted American register and name changed to "Black Diamond."

**CHAP. 146.**—An Act To authorize officers who served during the war of the rebellion in the Regular Army to bear the title and, on occasions of ceremony, wear the uniform of their highest rank. February 4, 1897.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all officers who have served during the rebellion as officers of the Regular Army of the United States, and have been honorably discharged or resigned from the service, shall be entitled to bear the official title and, upon occasions of ceremony, to wear the uniform of the highest grade they have held, by brevet or other commission, as is now authorized for officers of volunteers by section twelve hundred and twenty-six, Revised Statutes.

Approved, February 4, 1897.

Army.  
Title and uniform of highest rank allowed ex-officers for service during the rebellion.  
R. S., sec. 1226, p. 212.

**CHAP. 167.**—An Act For the protection of yacht owners and shipbuilders of the United States. February 5, 1897.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section forty-two hundred and sixteen of the Revised Statutes be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4216. Yachts, belonging to a regularly organized yacht club of any foreign nation which shall extend like privileges to the yachts of the United States, shall have the privilege of entering or leaving any port of the United States without entering or clearing at the custom-house thereof or paying tonnage tax: *Provided,* That the privileges of this section shall not extend to any yacht built outside of the United States and owned, chartered, or used by a citizen of the United States, unless such ownership or charter was acquired prior to the passage of this Act."

SEC. 2. That section eleven of an Act, entitled "An Act to abolish certain fees for official services to American vessels, and to amend the laws relating to shipping commissioners, seamen and owners of vessels, and for other purposes," approved June nineteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, so far as the same exempts any yacht built outside of the United States and owned, chartered, or used by a citizen of the United States, from the payment of tonnage taxes, is hereby repealed.

Received by the President, January 25, 1897.

Yachts.  
Exemptions to foreign yacht clubs.  
R. S., sec. 4216, p. 812, amended.  
*Proviso.*  
Not extended to yachts used, etc., by citizens.  
Foreign-built yachts owned, etc., by citizens to pay tonnage tax.  
Vol. 24, p. 81.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval,