

expressly authorized by law, or for objects required or authorized by law without reference to the amounts annually appropriated therefor, shall, on or before the beginning of each fiscal year, be so apportioned by monthly or other allotments as to prevent undue expenditures in one portion of the year that may require deficiency or additional appropriations to complete the service of the fiscal year; and all such apportionments shall be adhered to except when waived or modified in specific cases by the written order of the head of the Executive Department or other Government establishment having control of the expenditure, but this provision shall not apply to the contingent appropriations of the Senate or House of Representatives; and all such waivers or modifications, together with the reasons therefor, shall be communicated to Congress in connection with estimates for any additional appropriations required on account thereof. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be summarily removed from office and may also be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not less than one month."

Exceptions.

Penalty for violations.

Sault Ste. Marie ship canal.
Celebration of opening.

Oklahoma. -
Contracts for buildings permitted.
Ante, p. 112.

For the purpose of assisting in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the inauguration of the Sault Ste. Marie ship canal, to be held in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, the present year, ten thousand dollars.

That that portion of an Act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and five, and for other purposes, approved March eighteenth, nineteen hundred and four, which provides that the legislative assembly of the Territory of Oklahoma shall not make any appropriation or enter into any contract for a capitol building, or any other public building, shall not apply to the University Preparatory Normal School at Tonkawa, nor the colored agricultural and normal school at Langston, in said Territory.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

March 3, 1905.
[S. 1344.]

[Public, No. 218.]

Mississippi.
Sales of public lands under swamp-land act validated.

Vol. 9, p. 520.

CHAP. 1485.—An Act To quiet certain land titles in the State of Mississippi.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases in which lands in the State of Mississippi have heretofore been sold by authority of the State of Mississippi, or by claim of authority of the State of Mississippi, and the right to make such sales was claimed to be by virtue of an Act of Congress approved September twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and fifty, entitled "An Act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim the 'swamp lands' within their limits," the said lands so sold as aforesaid shall be held to be of the class and kind mentioned in said Act of Congress, and said sales are hereby ratified and confirmed, and the titles to said lands are hereby validated and vested in the purchasers, respectively, thereof, as of the date of said sales in all respects as if title of the United States had passed by such sales: *Provided*, That no valid title or valid claim under the public land laws of the United States heretofore acquired and now existing to any of said lands shall be affected by this Act.

Proviso.
Titles not affected.

Descent of title.

SEC. 2. That where any of said purchasers has conveyed any of the land as purchased by him or her, his or her vendee or subvendee shall be vested with title as if the title of such purchaser had been perfect by such original purchase.

Counties excepted.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall not apply to the counties now composing the Third Congressional district, to wit: Tunica, Quitman, Coahoma, Bolivar, Sunflower, Leflore, Holmes, Washington, Sharkey, and Issaquena.

SEC. 4. That this Act take effect and be in force from and after the date of its approval. Effect.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

CHAP. 1486.—An Act Restoring James G. Field, naval surgeon, to the line of promotion.

March 3, 1905.
[S. 1786.]

[Public, No. 219.]

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, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to restore James G. Field, surgeon, United States Navy (not in the line of promotion), to the line of promotion in accordance with the date of his original commission of May twenty-third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, to take rank next after Surgeon Eugene P. Stone: Provided, That the said Field shall be carried as additional to the number of the grade to which he shall be restored, or at any time thereafter promoted.

Navy.
James G. Field, surgeon.
Restored to line of promotion.

Proviso.
Promotions.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

CHAP. 1487.—An Act To fix the compensation of criers and bailiffs in the United States courts.

March 3, 1905.
[S. 2207.]

[Public, No. 220.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on and after the passage of this Act the per diem pay of all persons employed in any court of the United States under section seven hundred and fifteen of the Revised Statutes, now fixed by law at two dollars a day, shall be three dollars a day.

United States courts.
Criers', etc., pay increased.
R. S., sec. 715, p. 136, amended.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

CHAP. 1488.—An Act To amend section sixty-six of the Act of June eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An Act to revise, consolidate, and amend the statutes relating to the Post-Office Department."

March 3, 1905.
[S. 3379.]

[Public, No. 221.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever any postmaster, clerk, carrier, or other person in the postal service, employed in the Post-Office Department or elsewhere, notifies the Postmaster-General of his desire to execute a new bond, or whenever any of the sureties of such postmaster, clerk, carrier, or other person, notifies the Postmaster-General of his desire to be released from such suretyship, or whenever the Postmaster-General deems a new bond necessary or expedient, the execution of the new bond may be directed by the Postmaster-General. When accepted by the Postmaster-General the sureties of postmasters in the prior bond shall be released from responsibility for all acts or defaults of the postmaster which may be done or committed subsequent to the last day of the quarter in which such new bond shall be executed and accepted, and the sureties of other persons in the prior bond shall be released from responsibility for all acts or defaults of such persons which may be done or committed subsequent to the day such new bond becomes operative.

Postal service.
Execution of new bonds by officials.
R. S., sec. 3837, p. 751, amended.

Release of sureties.

Approved, March 3, 1905.