CHAP. LIII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to carry into Effect the Convention between the United States and the Emperor of Brazil, of the twenty-seventh Day of January, in the Year eighteen hundred and forty-nine," approved March twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty.* July 3, 1852.

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, in discharging the awards made by the commissioner under the act "to carry into effect the Convention between the United States and the Emperor of Brazil, of the twenty-seventh day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine," approved March twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty, which is hereby amended, shall, in all cases to which the same shall apply, be governed by the provisions of the eighth section of the act entitled "An act to carry into effect certain stipulations of the treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, of the second day of February, eighteen hundred and forty-eight," approved March third, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, in the same manner and to the same extent as if said eighth section had been originally a part of said act hereby amended: *Provided, however*, That any party who shall desire to avail himself of the provisions of the said eighth section shall notify the Secretary of the Treasury thereof, within five days from the passage of this act, or from the date of said award of the commissioner to adjust the claims against Brazil.

In carrying into effect the act of 1850, ch. 6, the Secretary of the Treasury is to be governed by act of 1849, ch. 107, § 8, respecting conflicting claims to the amount awarded.

Proviso.

APPROVED, July 3, 1852.

CHAP. LIV. — *An Act to establish a Branch of the Mint of the United States in California.* July 3, 1852.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a branch of the mint of the United States be established in California, to be located by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the coinage of gold and silver.

Branch mint in California.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That suitable buildings shall be procured or erected, for carrying on the business of said branch mint, and the following officers shall be appointed so soon as the public interests may require their services, upon the nomination of the President, [by] and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to wit: one superintendent, one treasurer, one assayer, one melter and refiner, and one coiner. And the said superintendent shall engage and employ as many clerks, and as many subordinate workmen and servants, as shall be provided for by law; and until the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, the salaries of said officers and clerks shall be as follows: to the superintendent and to the treasurer, the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars each; to the assayer, to the melter and refiner, and to the coiner, the sum of three thousand dollars each; to the clerks, the sum of two thousand dollars each; to the subordinate workmen, such wages and allowances as are customary and reasonable, according to their respective stations and occupations.

Buildings for the mint. *Post*, p. 96.

Officers and workmen to be appointed.

Salaries and pay.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers and clerks to be appointed under this act, before entering upon the duties thereof, shall take an oath or affirmation before some judge of the United States, or the Supreme Court of the State of California, faithfully and diligently to perform the duties thereof, and shall each become bound to the United States of America, with one or more sureties, to the satisfaction of the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury, or the District Attorney of the United States for the State of California, with condition for the faithful and diligent performance of their offices.

Officers and clerks to make oath and give bonds.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the general direction of the business of said branch of the mint of the United States shall be under

Director of the mint at Philadelphia to have