with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, of such stores as may be required for custom-house purposes at any of the smaller revenue ports of the United States: *Provided*, That no collector or other officer of the customs shall enter into any contract or agreement for the use of any building to be thereafter erected as a public store or warehouse, and no lease of any building to be so used shall be taken for a longer period than three years, nor shall rent be paid, in whole or in part, in any case, in advance.

Provision for the case of fire or other casualty while goods are in bond or being transferred.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized, upon production of satisfactory proof to him of the actual injury or destruction, in whole or in part, of any goods, wares, or merchandise; by accidental fire, or other casualty, while the same remained in the custody of the officers of the customs in any public or private warehouse under bond, or in the appraisers' stores undergoing appraisal, in pursuance of law or regulations of the Treasury Department, or while in transportation under bond from the port of entry to any other port in the United States, to abate or refund, as the case may be, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amount of impost duties paid or accruing thereupon; and likewise to cancel any warehouse bond or bonds, or enter satisfaction thereon in whole or in part, as the case may be.

Secretary of the Treasury may make rules, &c., to carry out this act.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized from time to time to establish such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States, for the due execution of this act, as he may deem to be expedient and necessary; and all acts and parts of acts conflicting with this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, March 28, 1854.

CHAP. XXXII.—*An Act to authorize the Construction of Six first-class Steam-frigates, and for other purposes.* April 6, 1854.

Six first-class steam-frigates to be built in navy-yards or by contract.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be constructed for the United States navy, at as early a day as practicable, consistently with a due regard for economy and efficiency, six first-class steam-frigates, to be provided with screw-propellers, and properly armed and equipped for service; said vessels and machinery to be built by contract, or in the government navy-yards, as the Secretary of the Navy may think most advisable for the public interest.

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$3,000,000 appropriated for the above purpose and for repairing, &c., the Santee and Sabine.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That there be, and is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, for the purpose above specified, and for altering, completing, and launching the frigates Santee, at Kittery, and Sabine, at New York, the sum of three millions of dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 6, 1854.

CHAP. XXXIII.—*An Act for the Benefit of Citizens and Occupants of the Town of Council Bluffs, in Iowa.* April 6, 1854.

County judge of Pottawattomie, Iowa, to enter certain lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the judge of the county court, as such, for the county of Pottawattomie, in the State of Iowa, be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter at the proper land office, by paying therefor, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents the acre, the west half of the southwest quarter of section thirty, the west half of the northwest quarter of section thirty-one, in township number seventy-five, north of range forty-three west; the southeast quarter and the east half

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