CHAP. XXXII.—*An Act to authorize the President of the United States to cause to be procured, by Purchase or otherwise, a suitable Steamer as a Revenue Cutter.* Feb. 5, 1857.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be and is hereby authorized to cause to be procured, by purchase or otherwise, a suitable steamer as a revenue cutter; and that the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated for that purpose, out of any moneys now in the treasury of the United States, and not otherwise appropriated.

Steam Revenue Cutter to be procured.

$150,000 appropriated. 1857, ch. 108, § 5. *Post*, p. 228.

APPROVED, February 5, 1857.

CHAP. XXXVI.—*An Act supplementary to "An Act to organize an Institution for the Insane of the Army and Navy, and of the District of Columbia, in the said District," approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.* Feb. 7, 1857.

1855, ch. 199. Vol. x. p. 682.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no insane person not charged with any breach of the peace shall ever hereafter be confined in the United States jail, or in the United States penitentiary, in this District.

No insane person not charged with a breach of the peace, to be confined in the jail or penitentiary.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall have power to grant his order for the admission into the government hospital for the insane, any insane person unable to support himself or herself and family, (or himself, or herself if he or she have no family,) under the visitation of insanity, who resided in the District at the time he or she became insane, and who is not charged with any breach of the peace, upon the certificate of any judge of the circuit or criminal court, or any justice of the peace of the District, stating that two respectable physicians appeared before said judge or justice and certified under oath, and under their hands, that they knew the party alleged to be insane, and that they believed him or her to be a fit subject for treatment in such hospital; also stating that two respectable householders, residents of the District, appeared before him and certified under oath, and under their hands, that they knew the party alleged to be insane and indigent, that he or she was a resident of the District at the time he or she was seized with the mental disorder under which he or she then labored, and that he or she was unable to pay his or her board and other expenses therein; and the certificate of such physicians, and the certificate of such householders shall accompany the certificate of such judge or justice. The application of [to] the Secretary of the Interior for his order for the admission of said indigent insane person into the said hospital must be made within five days after the examination of the witnesses before the said judge or justice of the peace, before such proceedings shall be had before such judge or justice.

How admission to the asylum is to be obtained for insane persons, residents of the District of Columbia.

Certificate.

Proof that person is insane and indigent.

Within what time application to be made.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the order of the Secretary of the Interior, granted under the authority of the second section of this act, shall authorize any police officer or constable to assist in carrying such indigent insane person to the hospital, whenever such assistance is represented to be necessary by the person holding the order; but all the expenses of witnesses before said judge or justice of the peace, and of carrying such patient to the hospital, shall be borne by his or her friends, or by the local authorities of the District.

Police officers, &c., may assist in conveying insane persons there.

Expenses.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That any indigent insane person who did not reside in the District at the time he or she became insane, may in like manner as provided in the second section of this act, be admitted into the said hospital upon the application of the corporate authorities of the city of Washington, or of Georgetown, and at the expense of either of the said cities during the continuance of said insane person therein, it being hereby designed to give the superintendent thereof authority to take

Admission of non-resident insane persons.

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