CHAP. XLVIII. — *An Act concerning the Fire Department of Washington City.* Feb. 18, 1867.

See *Post*, p. 544.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the right to have, use, and occupy all the several buildings, with their appurtenances, known as the Union, Franklin, Columbia, and Anacostia Engine-houses, be, and is hereby, granted to the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, said possession and occupation to continue so long as used for the purposes of the fire department and the pleasure of the Congress of the United States: *Provided*, That said use and occupancy of the Columbia Engine-house shall not in any way interfere with the possession and occupancy by the Columbia Fire Company of the rooms now used as library rooms in said building.

The city of Washington may use certain buildings and engine-houses for the purposes of the fire department during the pleasure of Congress.

Proviso.

APPROVED, February 18, 1867.

CHAP. LVI. — *An Act to regulate the Duties of the Clerk of the House of Representatives in preparing for the Organization of the House, and for other Purposes.* Feb. 21, 1867.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That before the first meeting of the next Congress, and of every subsequent Congress, the clerk of the next preceding House of Representatives shall make a roll of the representatives elect, and place thereon the names of all persons claiming seats as representatives elect from States which were represented in the next preceding Congress, and of such persons only, and whose credentials show that they were regularly elected in accordance with the laws of their States respectively, or the laws of the United States.

Before Congress meets, the clerk of the next preceding House of Representatives to make a roll, &c.

Names of what members to be placed on the roll.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in case of a vacancy in the office of clerk of the House of Representatives, or of absence or inability of said clerk to discharge the duties imposed on him by law or custom relative to the preparation of the roll of representatives or the organization of the House, the said duties shall devolve on the sergeant-at-arms of the next preceding House of Representatives; and in case of vacancies in both of the before-mentioned offices, or of the absence or inability of both the clerk and sergeant-at-arms to act, then the said duties shall be performed by the door-keeper of the next preceding House of Representatives.

In case of the disability of the clerk, the sergeant-at-arms to do the same duty.

If the clerk and sergeant-at-arms are unable, door-keeper to do this duty.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
LA FAYETTE S. FOSTER,
President of the Senate pro tempore.

Endorsed by the President: "Received 9th of February, 1867."

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. — The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the House of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

CHAP. LVII. — *An Act to declare the Sense of an Act entitled "An Act to restrict the Jurisdiction of the Court of Claims, and to provide for the Payment of certain Demands for Quartermasters' Stores and Subsistence Supplies furnished to the Army of the United States."* Feb. 21, 1867.

1864, ch. 240. Vol. xiii. p. 381.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of chapter two hundred and forty of the acts of the Thirty-eighth Congress, first session, approved July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, shall not be construed to authorize the settlement of any claim for supplies or stores taken or furnished for the use of, or used by, the armies of the United States, nor for the occupation of, or injury to, real estate, nor for the consumption, appropriation, or destruction of, or damage to, personal

Claims for supplies, &c. taken or used by the Union troops, or for injuries caused by them in a State, &c. declared in insurrection, or

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