Compensation of commissioners.

ties, be sworn that they will carefully examine the accounts existing between the United States and the State of Indiana, and that they will, to the best of their ability, make a just, true, and impartial statement thereof, as required by this act. They shall receive such compensation for their services as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, not exceeding ten dollars per day for each commissioner.

Provisions of this act to apply to Ohio.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this act shall apply in every respect to the State of Ohio, and the same proceedings shall be had for ascertaining the amount due the said State of Ohio, as are herein provided for ascertaining the amount due the State of Indiana, and for the payment of such amount, when ascertained under the limitations and restrictions of this act, a sufficient sum is hereby appropriated.

Appropriation.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That a sufficient sum is hereby appropriated to carry this act into effect.

APPROVED, March 29, 1867.

March 29, 1867.

CHAP. XV. — *An Act to grant to the American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company, of New York, the Right of Way and Privilege to lay, land, and operate a Submarine Telegraph Cable on the Atlantic Coast of the United States, and establish Telegraph Communication between the United States and Europe, via the Bermudas and Azores Islands.*

American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company may lay and operate cables on the Atlantic coast, except, &c.;

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company, of New York, be, and are hereby, vested with the right, power, and privilege, having acquired the necessary land therefor, to lay, land, and operate their cable or cables on the Atlantic coast, except the coast of Florida, within the jurisdiction of the United States, and the right, power, and privilege so to lay, land, and operate their cable or cables shall be vested in the said American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company for the period of twenty years from the approval of this act: *Provided*, That the said company shall commence active operations within the space of two years from the approval of this act.

to commence operations in two years;

may lay and operate cables in any harbor, &c. on the Atlantic coast, except, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company, having acquired the necessary land therefor, shall have the right, power, and privilege to lay, land, and operate their cable or cables within any of the harbors, waters, inlets, towns, and cities on the Atlantic coast, except the coast of Florida, offering the most practical and convenient landing, and to construct or erect all the necessary fixtures to accomplish the object of this act.

The government to have the preference in the use of the cables.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the government of the United States shall at all times have the preference in its use, upon terms that may be agreed upon between the Postmaster-General and the said company.

This act may be altered, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress shall have power to alter, amend, or repeal this act.

APPROVED, March 29, 1867.

March 29, 1867.

CHAP. XVI. — *An Act to establish a Port of Delivery at Chester, Pennsylvania.*

Chester, in the district of Philadelphia, made a port of delivery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Chester, in the district of Philadelphia, shall be a port of delivery, and a surveyor shall be appointed, who shall reside at said port of delivery and receive a salary of five hundred dollars per annum.

APPROVED, March 29, 1867.

March 29, 1867.

CHAP. XVII. — *An Act to increase the Force in the Patent-Office.*

Additional principal and assistant exam-

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioner of patents is authorized from time to time to appoint, in the manner already

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