CHAP. XIII. — *An Act amendatory of an Act entitled "An Act relating to Habeas Corpus and regulating judicial Proceedings in certain Cases."*

Jan. 22, 1869.
1863, ch. 81.
Vol. xii. p. 755.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of an act entitled "An act relating to habeas corpus and regulating judicial proceedings in certain cases," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, so far as the same relate to the removal of causes from the State to the federal courts, be, and the same [are] *is* hereby, declared to extend to any suit or action at law, or prosecution, civil or criminal, which has been or shall be commenced in any State court against the owner or owners of any ship or vessel, or of any railway, or of any line of transportation, firm, or corporation engaged in business as common carriers of goods, wares, or merchandise, for any loss or damage which may have happened to any goods, wares, or merchandise whatever, which shall have been delivered to any such owner or owners of any ship or vessel, or any railway, or of any line of transportation, firm, or corporation, engaged in business as common carriers, where such loss or damage shall have been occasioned by the acts of those engaged in hostility to the government of the United States during the late rebellion, or where such loss or damage shall have been occasioned by any of the forces of the United States, or by any officer in command of such forces: *Provided*, That this act shall not be construed to affect any contract of insurance for war risks which may have been made with reference to any goods, wares, or merchandise, which shall have been so destroyed.

Provisions respecting the removal of causes from State to federal courts, extended.

Contracts of insurance for war risks not affected.

APPROVED, January 22, 1869.

CHAP. XV. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to prescribe the Mode of obtaining Evidence in Cases of contested Elections," approved February nineteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-one.*

Jan. 23, 1869.
1851, ch. 11, § 3.
Vol. ix. p. 568.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any register in bankruptcy or notary public, resident in a congressional district the right to represent which is contested, is hereby authorized to take the testimony and to perform any of the other acts which a judge of any court of the United States is authorized to do by the third section of an act entitled "An act to prescribe the mode of obtaining evidence in cases of contested elections," approved February nineteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-one.

Registers in bankruptcy or notaries public, residents, &c. may take evidence, &c. in cases of contested elections.

APPROVED, January 23, 1869.

CHAP. XVI. — *An Act in Relation to the Appointment of Midshipmen from the lately reconstructed States.*

Jan. 30, 1869.

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 hereby is, authorized and directed to make the appointment of midshipmen to the United States Naval Academy, on or before the fourth day of March next, from any State in which the election of members of the House of Representatives to the Forty-first Congress does not by law take place previous to the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, upon the nomination of the members of the House of Representatives from such States in the present Congress: *Provided*, That no such appointment shall be made from any State not by law entitled to the appointment of midshipmen in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

Appointment of midshipmen to the United States Naval Academy.

Proviso.

APPROVED, January 30, 1869.

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