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APPROVED, March 1, 1869.

CHAP. L. — *An Act establishing the Term of Office of the House of Representatives, and providing for biennial Sessions of the legislative Assembly of the Territory of Montana.* March 1, 1869.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the members of the house of representatives of the Territory of Montana shall be elected for the term of two years, and the stated sessions of the legislative assembly shall be biennial. And the said legislative assembly, at its first session after the passage of this act, shall provide by law for carrying this act into effect. Representatives in Montana to be elected for two years and sessions of assembly to be biennial. *Post*, p. 300.

APPROVED, March 1, 1869.

CHAP. LI. — *An Act granting a Portion of the military Reservation of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.* March 1, 1869.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to convey to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, by good and sufficient title, a portion of the military reservation at Sault Ste. Marie, in the State of Michigan, not to exceed one acre, now occupied by a mission building owned by said society. Part of military reservation at Sault Ste. Marie to be conveyed to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

APPROVED, March 1, 1869.

CHAP. LII. — *An Act to amend the Act of April tenth, eighteen hundred and six, for establishing Rules and Articles for the Government of the Armies of the United States.* March 1, 1869. 1806, ch. 20. Vol. ii. p. 366.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sixty-first article of "An act for establishing rules and articles for the government of the armies of the United States," approved April the tenth, eighteen hundred and six, be, and is hereby, repealed. Repeal of provision as to rank of brevets.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act commissions by brevet shall only be conferred in time of war, and for distinguished conduct and public service in presence of the enemy. And all brevet commissions shall bear date from the particular action or service for which the officer was brevetted. Commissions by brevet when and for what to be conferred and to bear what date.

APPROVED, March 1, 1869.

CHAP. LIII. — *An Act authorizing certain Banks named therein to change their Names.* March 1, 1869.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the name of the "City National Bank of New Orleans" shall be changed to the "Germania National Bank of New Orleans" whenever the board of directors of said bank shall accept the new name by resolution of the board, and cause a copy of such resolution, duly authenticated, to be filed with the comptroller of the currency: *Provided*, That such acceptance be made within six months after the passage of this act. Name of City National Bank of New Orleans shall be changed to, &c. when, &c. Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all the debts, demands, liabilities, rights, privileges, and powers of the "City National Bank of New Orleans" shall devolve upon and enure to the "Germania National Bank of New Orleans" whenever such change of name is effected. Rights, liabilities, &c. to belong to the association under the new name.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the name of the "Second National Bank of Plattsburgh" shall be changed to the "Vilas National Bank of Plattsburgh" whenever the board of directors of said bank shall accept the new name by resolution of the board, and cause a copy of such Name of Second National Bank of Plattsburgh shall be changed to, &c. when, &c.

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