And all laws allowing the President, the Secretary of the Interior, or the commissioner of Indian affairs to enter into treaties with any Indian tribes are hereby repealed, and no expense shall hereafter be incurred in negotiating a treaty with any Indian tribe until an appropriation authorizing such expense shall be first made by law.

Laws allowing the making of treaties with Indian tribes repealed.
*Post*, p. 18.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the several sums of money heretofore appropriated to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of public buildings be transferred to and may be expended under the direction of the chief engineer of the army, or such officer of the engineer corps as he may direct.

Chief engineer, &c. to expend moneys appropriated to be expended under direction of commissioner of public buildings.

APPROVED, March 29, 1867.

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CHAP. XIV. — *An Act to reimburse the States of Indiana and Ohio for Moneys expended for the United States in enrolling, equipping, and provisioning Militia Forces to aid in suppressing the Rebellion.*

March 29, 1867.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That immediately after the passage of this act the President shall appoint three commissioners, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who are not residents of the State of Indiana, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the amount of moneys expended by the State of Indiana in enrolling, equipping, subsisting, transporting, and paying such State forces as were called into service in said State since the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, to act in concert with the United States forces in the suppression of rebellion against the United States.

President to appoint three commissioners to ascertain the amount of moneys spent by Indiana in raising, &c. State forces during the rebellion.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners so appointed shall proceed, subject to regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of War, at once to examine all the items of expenditure made by said State for the purposes herein named, allowing only for disbursements made and amounts assumed by the State for enrolling, equipping, subsisting, transporting, and paying such troops as were called into service by the governor, at the request of the United States department commander commanding the district in which Indiana may at the time have been included, or by the express order, consent, or concurrence of such commander, or which may have been employed or used in suppressing rebellion in said State. And no allowance shall be made for any troops which did not perform actual military service in full concert and co-operation with the authorities of the United States and subject to their orders.

Commissioners to do what.

What disbursements to be allowed;

what not to be allowed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in making up said account, for the convenience of the accounting officers of the government, the commissioners shall state separately the amounts expended, respectively, for enrolling, equipping, arming, subsisting, transporting, and paying said troops.

In making up the account certain items of expenditure to be stated separately.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, in the adjustment of accounts under this act, the commissioners shall not allow for any expenditure or compensation for service at a rate greater than was at the time authorized by the laws of the United States and the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War in similar cases.

Rates of compensation to be allowed.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That as soon as said commissioners shall have made up said account and ascertained the balance, as herein directed, they shall make written report thereof, showing the different items of expenditure as hereinbefore stated to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall cause the same to be examined by the proper accounting officers of the treasury, and said officers shall audit the said accounts as in ordinary cases; and if from said report it shall appear that any sum remains due to the said State, he shall draw his warrant for the same, payable to the governor of said State, and deliver it to him.

Commissioners to make written report to the Secretary of Treasury.

Any sum due the State to be paid.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners to be appointed as aforesaid shall, before proceeding to the discharge of their du-

Commissioners to be sworn.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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