

Report of commissioners to state what.

construct the same; the value of the bullion extracted from the mines on the Comstock lode; their present and probable future production; also the geological and practical value of said tunnel as an exploring work, and its general bearing upon our mining and other national interests in ascertaining the practicability of deep mining.

APPROVED, April 4, 1871.

April 15, 1871.

CHAP. XIV. — *An Act relating to the Harbor at Buffalo, New York.*

Contract for improvement of harbor at Buffalo may be extended by Secretary of War.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be authorized, when in his judgment he thinks it will be for the interest of the United States, to extend or continue the contract for the improvement of the harbor at Buffalo, made and entered into upon the twentieth day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.

APPROVED, April 15, 1871.

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CHAP. XV. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of War to place at the Disposal of the Lyons Monument Association, of Missouri, certain condemned Cannon.*

Condemned cannon for the Lyon Monument Association of the State of Missouri.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place at the disposal of the Lyon Monument Association, of the State of Missouri, twelve condemned cannon, to be used for the purpose of erecting a monument in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, to the memory of the late Brigadier-General Nathaniel Lyon.

APPROVED, April 15, 1871.

April 19, 1871.

CHAP. XVI. — *An Act to authorize the Payment of duplicate Checks of disbursing Officers.*

Duplicate checks for pensions may be issued in place of original checks of not over \$500 lost or destroyed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in place of original checks issued for pensions, when lost, stolen, or destroyed, disbursing officers and agents of the United States are hereby authorized, after the expiration of six months from the date of such checks, to issue duplicate checks, and the treasurer, assistant treasurers, and designated depositories of the United States are directed to pay such checks, drawn in pursuance of law by such officers or agents, upon notice and proof of the loss of the original check or checks, under such regulations in regard to their issue and payment, and upon the execution of such bonds, with sureties, to indemnify the United States, as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe: *Provided,* That this act shall not apply to any check exceeding in amount the sum of five hundred dollars.

APPROVED, April 19, 1871.

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CHAP. XVII. — *An Act to create a Port of Delivery at Potomac, Virginia, and for other Purposes.*

Portion of the Tappahannock collection district annexed to that of Alexandria.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all the waters, shores, bays, harbors, creeks, and inlets on the south side of the river Potomac, comprehended between Boyd's Hole and Cockpit Point, now a part of the collection district of Tappahannock, Virginia, be, and the same are hereby, annexed to the collection district of Alexandria, Virginia.

Potomac made a port of delivery.

SEC. 2. That Potomac, in the State of Virginia, shall be, and is hereby, constituted and created a port of delivery within the collection district of Alexandria, and there shall be appointed, at a compensation not exceeding the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, a deputy collector