reservations near the city of San Francisco, California, a pavilion hospital, in accordance with the designs and estimates prepared by the supervising architect, the cost of said hospital not to exceed the amount of the estimates, viz: Fifty-eight thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine dollars and fifty-six cents, which amount is hereby appropriated for that purpose out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized, in his discretion to sell the marine hospital and grounds now owned by the government in that city: *And provided further*, That no reservation shall be used or occupied for the purpose herein indicated if the same is wanted or likely to be wanted by the military department, nor without its formal consent first obtained.

on a government reservation near San Francisco.

Cost not to exceed, &c.

Appropriation.

Marine hospital may be sold.

No reservation to be used, if, &c.

APPROVED, January 28, 1873.

CHAP. LXXXII. — *An Act to abolish the franking Privilege.*

Jan. 31, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the franking privilege be, and the same hereby is, abolished from and after the first day of July, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and that thenceforth all official correspondence, of whatever nature, and other mailable matter sent from or addressed to any officer of the government or person now authorized to frank such matter, shall be chargeable with the same rates of postage as may be lawfully imposed upon like matter sent by or addressed to other persons: *Provided*, That no compensation or allowance shall now or hereafter be made to senators, members, and delegates of the House of Representatives on account of postage.

Franking privilege abolished after July 1, 1873.

No allowance to be made to senators, representatives, &c., on account of postage.

APPROVED, January 31, 1873.

CHAP. LXXXIII. — *An Act to quiet the Title to certain Lands in the State of Iowa.*

Jan. 31, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the title to the lands in the State of Iowa heretofore approved and certified by the Department of the Interior for railroad purposes, to aid in the construction of a railroad from the city of Davenport, via Iowa city, to Council Bluffs, under the grants made by Congress, according to the adjustments thereof made at the General Land Office, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed to the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad Company and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company, and their assigns, they being the corporations to whom said lands were certified: *Provided*, That this act shall be construed as conveying only any reversionary or other interest which the United States may have in said lands, and all lands settled upon in good faith and now occupied by homestead or pre-emption settlers shall be excluded from the operations of this act.

The title to certain lands in Iowa confirmed to certain railroad companies.

Interest of the United States only released.

Homestead and pre-emption rights saved.

J. G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate.

Received by the President January 20, 1873.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. — The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

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