representative to represent said State in the forty-fourth Congress of the United States. sentatives in Congress from California.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCXL. — *An Act to authorize the Unlading of Steamships at Night.* March 3, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the collector of customs (with the concurrence of the naval officer, if there be one,) of any port at which a steamship from a foreign port or place may arrive, upon or after the issuing of a general order, to grant upon proper application therefor, a special license to unlade the cargo of said vessel at night, that is to say, between sunset and sunrise; but before any such special license is granted, the master, agents, or consignees of the vessel shall execute and deliver to the said collector a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by him, conditioned to indemnify and save the said collector harmless from any and all losses and liabilities which may occur or be occasioned by reason of the granting of such special license: *And provided*, That any liability of the master or owner of any such steamship to the owner or consignee of any merchandise landed from said vessel shall not be affected by the granting of such special license or of any general order, but such liability shall continue until said merchandise is properly removed from the dock whereon the same may be landed; and the collector, under such general regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, shall fix a uniform and reasonable rate of compensation for like service, to be paid by the master, owner, or consignee whenever such special license is granted, and shall collect and distribute the same among the inspectors assigned to superintend the unlading of the cargo.

Special license may be given to foreign steamship to unlade cargo between sunset and sunrise.

Master, &c., to give bond.

Liability of master and owner to consignee not affected.

Compensation when license is granted, and how distributed.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCXLI. — *An Act to provide for the Preparation and Presentation to Congress of the Revision of the Laws of the United States, consolidating the Laws relating to the Post-roads, and a Code relating to military Offenses, and the Revision of Treaties with the Indian Tribes now in Force.* March 3, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That a committee of three of the committee of the House of Representatives on the revision of the laws, with committee on the part of the Senate, is hereby authorized, by resolution, to be filed in the Department of Justice, to accept, on the part of Congress, the draft on revision of the laws of the United States prepared by the commissioners to revise the statutes, so far as the same has been reported by them, and may be hereafter reported by them, at the expiration of the time designated for performing that service, to wit: the fourth day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and to discharge said commissioners, from and after which all acts and parts of acts declaring the duties, powers, rights, and privileges of said commissioners, are hereby repealed; but nothing herein contained shall be construed as an approval or adoption by Congress of any part of the work of the commissioners.

Committee authorized to accept, for Congress, the draft of the revision of the laws from the commissioners, and to discharge them;

certain acts repealed from, &c.;

work of commissioners not hereby approved.

SEC. 2. That the committee of the House of Representatives on the revision of the laws, together with such committee as the Senate may join, be, and they hereby are, authorized to contract with some suitable person or persons, learned in the law, to prepare a bill revising and embodying in one act all the laws authorizing post-roads in force at the expiration of the present session of Congress; and also to prepare a bill codifying and regulating the laws in regard to military offenses, according to the recommendation made by the President of the United States in his annual message communicated to Congress at the present session, and also to prepare a revision of all the Indian treaties now in force as law:

The committee may contract for a bill embodying in one act all laws authorizing post-roads in force;

for codifying laws as to military offences;

for revision of Indian treaties in force as laws.

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