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PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the fourth day of December, 1876, *and ended on Saturday, the third day of March*, 1877.

ULYSSES S. GRANT, President. THOMAS W. FERRY was chosen President of the Senate *pro tempore* on the nineteenth of March, 1875, in special session, and continued to act as such throughout the second session, and from the beginning of the third session on the fourth of December, 1876, until its termination on the third day of March, 1877. SAMUEL J. RANDALL was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives on the fourth of December, 1876, and continued to act as such until the end of the session.

CHAP. 1.—An act to provide for the payment of the Electoral messengers. Dec. 18, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for payment of the messengers of the respective States for conveying to the seat of Government the votes of the electors of said States for President and Vice-President of the United States at the rate of twenty-five cents for every mile of the estimated distance by the most usual road traveled, from the place of meeting of the Electors to the seat of Government of the United States; computed for the one distance only, the sum of Twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation. Payment of electoral messengers.

Approved, December 18, 1876.

CHAP. 7.—An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a register and change the name of the brig "A. S. Pennell" to the "City of Moule." Dec. 22, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the owners of the brig "A. S. Pennell" of Portland, Maine, be, and they are hereby, authorized to change the name of said brig to that of the "City of Moule," and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to issue a register for the same.

Name of brig A.S. Pennell changed.

Approved, December 22, 1876.

CHAP. 9.—An act to provide for the expenses of certain Special Committees of the House of Representatives, and of the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate. Dec. 23, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of thirty five thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the actual expenses necessarily incurred of the three Special Committees from the House of Representatives, charged respectively with the investigation of the recent elections in the States of Louisiana, of South Carolina, and of Florida, and of the committee of five appointed to proceed to the cities of New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, and Jersey City, to examaine into any alleged fraudulent reg-

Appropriations. House special committees on elections.