

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.]

CHAP. 20.—An act referring the claim of the owners of the schooner "Flight," to the Court of Claims. Jan 12, 1877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claim of the legal owner or owners of the schooner "Flight," her cargo, freight, and personal effects, alleged to have been sunk by collision with the United States steamer Tallapoosa, October eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, be referred to the Court of Claims to hear and determine the same to judgment, with right of appeal as in other cases: *Provided,* That no suit shall be brought under the provisions of this act after six months from the date of the passage thereof.

Claim of schooner Flight, referred to Court of Claims.

Proviso.

Approved, January 12, 1877.

CHAP. 26.—An act for the relief of Assistant Surgeon Thomas F. Azpell, United States Army. Jan. 16, 1877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the payments made by the Department of the Interior to Assistant Surgeon Thomas F. Azpell, United States Army, for medical services rendered the Hoopa Valley Indians at the request of said Department in the absence of other medical aid, are hereby sanctioned; and the said Assistant Surgeon Azpell is authorized to retain the compensation already paid, anything in the statutes of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding.

Payment to T. F. Azpell sanctioned.

Approved, January 16, 1877.

CHAP. 28.—An act to authorize the Vancouver Water Company to lay water-pipes through the Fort Vancouver military reservation. Jan. 19, 1877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Vancouver Water Company, a corporation organized under the laws of Washington Territory is hereby authorized to lay down and keep in repair water-pipes for the conveyance of water through the military reservation of Fort Vancouver in the said Territory, to be subject at all times to removal and to the orders and regulations of the War Department.

Vancouver Water Company may convey water through reservation.

Approved, January 19, 1877.

CHAP. 29.—An act for the relief of Ephraim P. Abbott. Jan. 19, 1877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon the payment of two dollars and fifty cents per acre by Ephraim P. Abbott, of the county of Wayne, in the State of Michigan, his heirs or assigns, into the Treasury of the United States, or to the receiver of the land-office of the district in which the following lands are situated, within six months from the passage of this act, the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, shall

Patent for land to E. P. Abbott.