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CHAP. 101.—An act appropriating nine thousand dollars to pay the expenses of the Select Committee to investigate the Federal offices in Louisiana.

Appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of nine 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 expenses of the Select Committee charged with the investigation of the Federal offices in Louisiana; said appropriation to be added to the contingent fund of the House.

Expenses of investigating committee on Louisiana.

Approved, May 19, 1876.

May 20, 1876.

CHAP. 102.—An act to amend the act entitled "An act entitled 'An act to encourage the growth of timber on western praries,'" approved March thirteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

Post, pp. 55, 59, 405.

1874, ch. 55, 18 Stat., 21. Amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three of the act entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to encourage the growth of timber on the western prairies,'" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following further proviso: *Provided, further*, That whenever a party holding a claim under the provisions of this act, or whenever making final proof under the same, shall prove by two good and credible witnesses that the trees planted and growing on said claim were destroyed by grasshoppers during any one or more years while holding said claim, said year or years in which said trees were so destroyed shall not work any forfeiture of any of the rights or privileges conferred by this act; and the time allowed by this act in which to plant the trees and make final proof shall be extended the same number of years as the trees planted on the said claim were destroyed in the manner specified in this section.

Trees destroyed by grasshoppers.

Time to plant trees extended.

Planting of seeds, etc., to be deemed compliance.
Proviso.

SEC. 2. That the planting of seeds, nuts, or cuttings shall be considered a compliance with the provisions of the timber-culture act: *Provided*, That such seeds, nuts, or cuttings of the kind and for the purpose contemplated in the original act shall be properly and well planted, the ground properly prepared and cultivated; and in case such seeds, nuts, or cuttings should not germinate and grow, or should be destroyed by the depredations of grasshoppers, or from other inevitable accident, that the ground shall be replanted or the vacancies filled within one year from the first planting: *Provided, further*, That parties claiming the benefit of the provisions of this act shall prove, by two good and credible witnesses, that the ground was properly prepared and planted in such seeds, nuts, or cuttings, and were so destroyed by inevitable accident in such year.

Replanting, when required.
Proviso.

Proof of facts.

Trees, etc., may be planted in separate bodies.

SEC. 3. That it shall not be necessary to plant trees, seeds, nuts, or cuttings in one body, provided the several bodies, not exceeding four in number, planted by measurement, aggregate the amount required and in the time required by the original and amended act.

Approved, May 20, 1876.

May 23, 1876.

CHAP. 103.—An act relating to interments in the Congressional Cemetery.

Monuments to deceased Congressmen—

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter whenever any deceased Senator or Member of the House of Representatives shall be actually interred in the Congressional Cemetery, so-called, it shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, in the case of a Senator, and of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, in the case of a member of the House, to have a monument erected, of granite, with suitable inscriptions, and the cost of the same shall be a charge

when, and how erected;