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SEC 7. This act shall take effect on and after the first day of July, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-eight. Date of effect.

Approved, June 19, 1878.

CHAP. 317.—An act to protect public libraries in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes June 19, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who shall steal, wrongfully deface, injure, mutilate, tear, or destroy any book, pamphlet, or manuscript, or any portion thereof, belonging to the Library of Congress, or to any public library in the District of Columbia, whether the property of the United States or of any individual or corporation in said District, or who shall steal, wrongfully deface, injure, mutilate, tear, or destroy any book, pamphlet, document, manuscript, print, engraving, medal, newspaper, or work of art, the property of the United States, shall be held guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall, when the offense is not otherwise punishable by some statute of the United States, be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, and by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than twelve months, or both, for every such offense. Public libraries, District of Columbia. Stealing, etc., books of. Penalty.

Approved, June 19, 1878.

CHAP. 318.—An act to amend section twenty-nine hundred and thirty-one of the Revised Statutes of the United States so as to allow repayment by the Secretary of the Treasury of the tonnage-tax where it has been exacted in contravention of treaty provisions June 19, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of section twenty-nine hundred and thirty-one, of chapter six, title thirty-four, of the Revised Statutes, shall not apply to cases of the payment of tonnage-tax on vessels where the Secretary of the Treasury and Attorney-General shall be satisfied that the exaction of such tax was in contravention of treaty provisions; and he may draw his warrant for the refund of the tax so illegally exacted, as is provided in section three thousand twelve and one half of said statutes: *Provided*, That this act shall not be construed to authorize the refunding of any tonnage-duties whatever exacted prior to the first day of June eighteen hundred and sixty-two, nor shall it apply to cases of the payment of tonnage-tax heretofore made on vessels other than those of the Hanseatic Republics and Sweden and Norway. Refund of tonnage-dues. R. S. 2931, p. 570. R. S. 3012½, p. 583. *Proviso.*

Approved, June 19, 1878.

CHAP. 319.—An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act to carry into effect the convention between the United States and China concluded on the eighth day of November, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, at Shanghai", approved March third eighteen hundred and fifty-nine and to give the Court of Claims jurisdiction in certain cases June 19, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person or persons, or body corporate holding and making any claim upon the balance of the fund usually designated and known as "the Chinese indemnity fund", under the control of the Department of State of the United States and now unappropriated, for loss sustained by the plunder and destruction, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, of the bark Caldera, and property on board of said vessel, may, at any time within twelve months after the passage of this act commence proceedings in the United States Court of Claims against the United States, in the same manner as other suits are brought, pursuant to and in virtue of the statutes of the United Bark "Caldera." Claims for loss, etc., on, referred to Court of Claims. 1859, ch. 77, 11 Stat., 408.