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between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years, without the consent of his parents or guardian, or any minor under the age of fifteen years, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct."

Approved, May 12, 1879.

May 13, 1879.

CHAP. 6.—An act making appropriations for constructing jetties and other works at South Pass, Mississippi River.

Appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the requisite amount is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of War to cause to be paid all money

Eads jetties.

that may become due and owing to James B. Eads and his associates, or that may become payable to said Eads, his assigns or legal representatives, in accordance with the provisions of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and the acts amendatory thereof, and to continue the monthly payments in the manner and to the full extent of the amount specified in the act approved June nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, chapter three hundred and thirteen, Statutes at Large: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be held or construed as waiving or impairing any right which the United States may have under the original act hereinbefore referred to or the several acts amendatory thereof: *And provided further*, That nothing in this act shall be construed as making an appropriation for the payment of the one million of dollars which by the provisions of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five are to remain as security in the possession of the United States and only to become payable, one half at the end of ten years and the residue at the end of twenty years after the completion of the work provided for in said acts as ascertained and determined by the Secretary of War.

1875, ch. 134, 18 Stat., 463.

1878, ch. 313, 20 Stat., 168.

Proviso.

Proviso.

Reserve not appropriated.

Approved, May 13, 1879.

May 14, 1879.

CHAP. 7.—An act to authorize the employment of three additional assistants in the Library of Congress.

Library of Congress.

Additional assistants.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Librarian of Congress be authorized to employ three additional assistants, at a yearly compensation of twelve hundred dollars each; and the sum necessary is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, May 14, 1879.

May 17, 1879.

CHAP. 8.—An act to amend section fifty-four hundred and forty of the Revised Statutes.

R. S. 5440, Amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section fifty-four hundred and forty of the Revised Statutes of the United States of America be amended so as to read as follows:

Conspiracy against U. S.

If two or more persons conspire either to commit any offense against the United States or to defraud the United States in any manner or for any purpose, and one or more of such parties do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy all the parties to such conspiracy shall be liable to a penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars, or to imprisonment for not more than two years or to both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Approved, May 17, 1879.