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CHAP. 23.—An act authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to offer a reward of twenty-five thousand dollars for rescuing or ascertaining the fate of the Greely expedition. Apr. 17, 1884.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to make proclamation immediately, and cause said proclamation to be published and distributed as thoroughly as may be in such foreign ports as are interested in navigation and traffic in the Arctic seas, that the Government of the United States will pay a reward of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be equitably paid or distributed, to such ship or ships, person or persons, not in the military or naval service of the United States, as shall discover and rescue or satisfactorily ascertain the fate of the Greely expedition; but such proclamation shall not be made in terms that will involve the United States in any future liability or responsibility beyond said reward, or will induce unprepared vessels to incur extraordinary peril or risk. And the determination of the Secretary of the Navy as to the right of any person to said reward or a share thereof, shall be conclusive upon all persons.

Greely expedition, reward for discovery and rescue of.

Approved, April 17, 1884.

CPAP. 24.—An act to further suspend the operation of section fifty-five hundred and seventy-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States, title seventy-two, in relation to guano islands. Apr. 18, 1884.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section fifty-five hundred and seventy-four, title seventy-two, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, be and the same is hereby, further suspended, as therein set forth, for the period of five years next from and after the passage of this act.

Guano Islands, R. S. 5574, 1080; suspended, etc.

Approved, April 18, 1884.

CHAP. 25.—An act to amend section twenty-five hundred and twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes, relating to the district of Gloucester. Apr. 18, 1884.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second clause of section twenty-five hundred and twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes, describing the district of Gloucester, is hereby amended by making the town of Rockport a port of delivery therein.

R. S. 2527, 495.

Rockport created a port of delivery.

Approved, April 18, 1884.

CHAP. 26.—An act making it a felony for a person to falsely and fraudulently assume or pretend to be an officer or employee acting under authority of the United States or any Department or any officer thereof, and prescribing a penalty therefor. April 18, 1884.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every person who, with intent to defraud either the United States or any person, falsely assumes or pretends to be an officer or employee acting under the authority of the United States, or any Department, or any officer of the Government thereof, and who shall take upon himself to act as such, or who shall in such pretended character demand or obtain from any person or from the United States, or any Department, or any officer of the Government thereof, any money, paper, document, or other valuable thing, shall be

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