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CHAP. 213.—An act to prohibit any officer, agent, or servant of the Government of the United States of America to hire or contract out the labor of prisoners incarcerated for violating the laws of the Government of the United States of America.

Feb. 23, 1887.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall not be lawful for any officer, agent, or servant of the Government of the United States to contract with any person or corporation, or permit any warden, agent, or official of any State prison, penitentiary, jail, or house of correction where criminals of the United States may be incarcerated to hire or contract out the labor of said criminals, or any part of them, who may hereafter be confined in any prison, jail, or other place of incarceration for violation of any laws of the Government of the United States of America.

Hiring out of convicts by prison officials forbidden.

SEC. 2. That any person who shall offend against the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned for a term not less than one year nor more than three years, at the discretion of the court, or shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for each offense.

Penalty.

SEC. 3. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Laws inconsistent repealed.

Approved, February 23, 1887.

CHAP. 214.—An act for the relief of Saint Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church in the District of Columbia.

Feb. 23, 1887.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act a certain piece of land situated in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, known as lots nine and eleven, in square seven hundred and eighty-eight of the plan of that city, and occupied by the church known as Saint Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church, and all the buildings, grounds, and property appurtenant thereto and used in connection therewith in the District of Columbia, shall be exempt from any and all taxes or assessments, national, municipal, or county; and all taxes together with the interest and penalties, now due and unpaid upon said property, shall be, and they are hereby, remitted.

Saint Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C.

Remission of taxes on real estate.

Approved, February 23, 1887.

CHAP. 215.—An act to amend section five of the act entitled "An act to amend the statutes in relation to immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes", approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty.

Feb. 23, 1887.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section five of the act entitled "An act to amend the statutes in relation to immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes", approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, be, and the same is hereby, amended so that it shall read as follows, namely:

Immediate transportation act, amended.
Vol. 21, p. 174.

SEC. 5. "That merchandise transported under the provisions of this act shall be conveyed in cars, vessels, or vehicles securely fastened with locks or seals, under the exclusive control of the officers of the customs; and merchandise may also be transported under the provisions of this act by express companies on passenger-trains, in safes, 'pouches', and trunks, which shall be of such size, character, and description and secured in such manner as shall be from time to time prescribed by the

Transportation of sealed merchandise.

Express companies.