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deemed the consignee thereof; and in case of the abandonment of any merchandise to the underwriters, the latter may be recognized as the consignee; and under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, merchandise saved from a vessel wrecked or abandoned at sea, or on or along the coasts of the United States, and promptly brought into a port of the United States by or in possession of the salvors of the same, can, for the purpose of its title, be regarded as the property of such salvors, and the valuation thereof and payment of duties thereon can be made accordingly and with due reference to the condition of the said merchandise as thus saved and the necessities of the case: *Provided, however*, That such bringing in by salvors shall be in good faith and without intent to evade the just payment of duty: *And provided further*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prejudice in any other respect the rights of property, or of or through abandonment or allowance of the owner, or any other person interested in said merchandise".

Merchandise saved from wrecks.

Provisos.

Right of property not prejudiced.

Approved, February 23, 1887.

Feb. 23, 1887.

CHAP. 222.—An act to provide for grading and paving the approaches to the national cemetery near Danville, Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of grading and paving Lee street, Danville, Virginia, along the entire front of the national cemetery, to its intersection with Jefferson street, and the said Jefferson street to its intersection with Paxton street, and the said Paxton street to its intersection with Holbrook street, in said city; said sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

Danville, Va. Appropriation to pave approaches to national cemetery.

SEC. 2. That before any money shall be expended under the provisions of this act, the city council of Danville, Virginia, shall pass and enter of record an ordinance pledging said city to keep in good condition and repair the approaches to said national cemetery improved by the Government under the provisions of this act.

City to keep approaches in repair.

Approved, February 23, 1887.

Feb. 24, 1887.

CHAP. 249.—An act authorizing the construction of a public building for a post-office in the city of Houston, Texas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to acquire by purchase or condemnation a site for, and cause to be erected thereon, a suitable building, with fire-proof vaults therein, for the accommodation of the post-office and other Government offices, at the city of Houston, in the State of Texas. The plans, specifications, and full estimates for said building shall be previously made and approved according to law, and shall not exceed for the site and building complete the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the site shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of not less than forty feet, including streets and alleys; and no money appropriated for this purpose shall be available until a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Texas shall have ceded to the United States exclusive juris-

Houston, Tex. Public building.

Site.

Plans, etc.

Cost.

Proviso.

Open space.

Title.