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examine and cross-exime witnesses. All its proceedings shall be transacted in public, except when in consultation for the purpose of deciding upon the evidence and arguments laid before it. The chairman of the commission is hereby authorized to administer oaths to witnesses in all investigations conducted by the commission, and such witnesses shall be subpœnied in the same manner as witnesses are subpœnied to appear before United States courts and commissioners, and they shall each receive the same fees as witnesses attending before United States commissioners: *Provided*, That said temporary board of commissioners shall have power to limit the number of witnesses in each case where fees shall be paid by the United States.

Proviso.
Number of witnesses.

Expenses.

SEC. 11. All fees, expenses, and compensation of this commission shall be paid as hereinbefore provided in section five of this act.

Approved, October 1, 1888.

October 1, 1888.

CHAP. 1064.—An act a supplement to an act entitled "An act to execute certain treaty stipulations relating to Chinese," approved the sixth day of May eighteen hundred and eighty-two.

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, it shall be unlawful for any chinese laborer who shall at any time heretofore have been, or who may now or hereafter be, a resident within the United States, and who shall have departed, or shall depart, therefrom, and shall not have returned before the passage of this act, to return to, or remain in, the United States.

Exclusion of Chinese laborers.
Vol. 22, p. 59.
Ante, p. 476.

No certificates for return to be issued.

SEC. 2. That no certificates of identity provided for in the fourth and fifth sections of the act to which this is a supplement shall hereafter be issued; and every certificate heretofore issued in pursuance thereof, is hereby declared void and of no effect, and the chinese laborer claiming admission by virtue thereof shall not be permitted to enter the United States.

Penalties.

SEC. 3. That all the duties prescribed, liabilities penalties and forfeitures imposed, and the powers conferred by the second, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth, sections of the act to which this is a supplement are hereby extended and made applicable to the provisions of this act.

Repeal provisions.

SEC. 4. That all such part or parts of the act to which this is a supplement as are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved, October 1, 1888.

October 1, 1888.

CHAP. 1065.—An act to authorize the Postmaster-General to advertise for and purchase improved registered mail locks and keys therefor

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be and he is hereby authorized to advertise for and receive proposals for such registering mail locks and keys for such locks, for the use of the Post-Office Department as he may deem suitable for the safety and security of registered mail matter; and he is further authorized to make contracts for such locks and keys for the supply of the Post-Office Department, if he deem the same suitable, and for such a number of years, not to exceed four years, as he may deem best for the interest of the mail service; with power, however, to the Postmaster-General to renew such contract or contracts, should he make any contracts under the provisions of this act for said articles of mail equipment, for another and an additional period of four years should he deem it proper and advisable so to do; and the sum of forty-five thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary

Mail locks and keys.
Postmaster-General to advertise for new registered mail locks and keys.

Contracts.

Appropriation.