

April 4, 1888.

CHAP. 61.—An act to amend the laws relating to navigation, and for other purposes.

Tonnage tax.
 Vol. 24, chap. 421, sec.
 11, p. 82, amended.

Special exemption of
 coasting trade.

Compensation to col-
 lectors, etc.

Vol. 24, p. 80.

R. S., sec. 4461, p. 863.
 Care of discharged
 seamen.
 R. S., sec. 4581, p. 887.
 Vol. 23, p. 55.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section eleven of an act to abolish certain fees for official services to American vessels, and to amend the laws relating to shipping commissioners, seamen, and owners of vessels, and for other purposes, approved June nineteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, be amended by striking out of the sixth and seventh lines of the subproviso of said section the words "of the country in which such port is situated, or on the cargoes of such vessels," and substituting in lieu thereof the words "of such country, or on the cargoes of such vessels; but this proviso shall not be held to be inconsistent with the special regulation by foreign countries of duties and other charges on their own vessels, and the cargoes thereof, engaged in their coasting trade, or with the existence between such countries and other states of reciprocal stipulations founded on special conditions and equivalents, and thus not within the treatment of American vessels under the most-favored nation clause in treaties between the United States and such countries."

SEC. 2. That section one of the act hereinbefore mentioned be amended, in the third line from the end of the section, by inserting, after the words "shipping commissioners," the words "and clerks of steamboat inspectors, and such allowances for fees of United States marshals and witnesses for services under the steamboat-inspection laws, and for expenses of steamboat inspectors provided for by section forty-four hundred and sixty-one of the Revised Statutes."

SEC. 3. That section forty-five hundred and eighty-one of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section seven of chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the public laws passed by the Forty-eighth Congress, is amended by striking out all after the word "thereof," in the fifth line, and inserting in lieu thereof as follows: "If any seaman, after his discharge, shall have incurred any expense for board or other necessities, or for reasonable charges for medical care and nursing, at the place of his discharge, before shipping again, or for transportation to the United States, such expense shall be paid out of the arrears of wages and extra wages received by the consular officer, which shall be retained for that purpose, and the balance only paid over to such seaman; and if such arrears and extra wages are not sufficient to defray such expense, the deficiency shall be paid from the fund in the Treasury for the maintenance and transportation of destitute American seamen."

Approved, April 4, 1888.

April 5, 1888.

CHAP. 63.—An act making an appropriation to construct a road and approaches from Pineville, Louisiana, to the national military cemetery near that town.

Pineville, La.
 Appropriation for
 road from, to national
 cemetery.

To be expended un-
 der Secretary of War.

Provisos.
 Repair.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of eleven thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of constructing a road and approaches from the river at Pineville, Louisiana, about one mile, to the national military cemetery near Pineville.

SEC. 2. That the sum of money appropriated by this act shall be expended by and under the direction of the Secretary of War, either by contract or otherwise, as to him may seem best: *Provided,* That before said sum, or any part thereof, is expended, the corporation of Pineville shall make provision, satisfactory to the Secretary of