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SEC. 3. That the sum of five hundred dollars, to be immediately available, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into effect the provisions of this act. Appropriation,

Approved, September 26, 1890.

CHAP. 998.—An act to amend the Articles of War relative to the punishment on conviction by courts-martial. September 27, 1890.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever by any of the Articles of War for the government of the Army the punishment on conviction of any military offense is left to the discretion of the court martial the punishment therefor shall not, in time of peace, be in excess of a limit which the President may prescribe. Courts martial, Army. Discretionary punishment limited. R. S., Title XIV, chap. 5, p. 229.

Approved, September 27, 1890.

CHAP. 999.—An act to provide an American register for the Steamer Neptuno. September 27, 1890.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Navigation is hereby authorized and directed to cause the foreign-built steamer Neptuno, purchased and wholly owned by American citizens, and repaired by them, to be registered as a vessel of the United States. "Neptuno." American register granted to foreign-built steamer.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to authorize and direct the inspection of said steam-vessel, steam-boiler, steam-pipes, and the appurtenances of said boiler, and cause to be granted the proper and usual certificate issued to steam-vessels of the merchant marine, without reference to the fact that said steam-boiler, steam-pipes, and appurtenances were not constructed pursuant to the laws of the United States, and were not constructed of iron stamped pursuant to said laws; and the tests to be applied to the inspection of said boiler, steam-pipes, and appurtenances will be the same in all respects as to strength and safety as are required in the inspection of boilers constructed in the United States for marine purposes, save the fact that said boiler, steam-pipes, and appurtenances not being constructed pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the United States, and are of unstamped iron, shall not be an obstacle to the granting of the usual certificate if said boiler, steam-pipes, and appurtenances are found to be of sufficient strength and safety. Inspection, etc.

Approved, September 27, 1890.

CHAP. 1000.—An act for the relief of George M. Wheeler. September 27, 1890.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and is hereby, authorized to nominate and, by and with the advice of the Senate, to appoint Captain George M. Wheeler, United States Army, retired, a major on the retired list of the Army, with the rank and pay of that grade from the twenty-third of July, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, being the date on which he would have been eligible to promotion but for his retirement as captain on June fifteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight. George M. Wheeler. To be appointed and retired a major in the Army. Rank and pay.

Approved, September 27, 1890.