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or corporations as above set forth, are such as come within the provisions of this act, and that the American owners of such steamships, for which an American registry is to be granted under the provisions hereof, have built or contracted to build in American shipyards steamships of an aggregate tonnage as set forth in the first section hereof, shall direct the bills of sale or transfer of the foreign-built steamships so acquired to be recorded in the office of the collector of customs of the proper collection district, and cause such steamships to be registered as vessels of the United States by said collector. After which, each of such vessels shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a vessel of the United States, except that it shall not be employed in the coastwise trade of the United States.

R. S., sec. 4155, p. 801.

Vessels to enjoy all privileges but coastwise trade.

Additional inspection not required.

SEC. 3. That no further or other inspection shall be required for the said steamship or steamships than is now required for foreign steamships carrying passengers under the existing laws of the United States, and that a special certificate of inspection may be issued for each steamship registered under this act; and that before issuing the registry to any such steamship as a vessel of the United States the collector of customs of the proper collection district shall cause such steamship to be measured and described in accordance with the laws of the United States, which measurement and description shall be recited in the certificate of registry to be issued under this act.

Measurement, etc.

United States may take the vessels as cruisers.

Payment.

Appraisement.

SEC. 4. That any steamships so registered under the provisions of this act may be taken and used by the United States as cruisers or transports upon payment to the owners of the fair actual value of the same at the time of the taking, and if there shall be a disagreement as to the fair actual value at the time of taking between the United States and the owners, then the same shall be determined by two impartial appraisers, one to be appointed by each of said parties, who, in case of disagreement, shall select a third, the award of any two of the three so chosen to be final and conclusive.

Approved, May 10, 1892.

May 11, 1892.

CHAP. 64.—An act making appropriations for expenses that may be incurred under the treaties between the United States and Great Britain, concluded at Washington, February twenty-ninth and April eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

Appropriation for expenses of Bering Sea arbitration.

Post, pp. 947, 952.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the President to fulfill the stipulations contained in the treaties between the United States and Great Britain signed on the twenty-ninth day of February and the eighteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, in relation to the tribunal of arbitration at Paris.

To be expended by Secretary of State.

SEC. 2. That the sum hereby appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of State, with the approval of the President of the United States.

Approved, May 11, 1892.

May 11, 1892.

CHAP. 65.—An act to punish false swearing before trial boards of the Metropolitan police force and fire department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.

Attendance of witnesses in police and fire department trials.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter any trial board of the Metropolitan police force and of the fire department of the District of Columbia shall have power to issue subpœnas, attested in the name of the president of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, to compel before it the attendance of witnesses upon any