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When not engaged on her station on pilotage duty, she shall carry the same lights as other steam vessels.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall be construed as supplementary to article eight of the Act approved June seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled "An Act to adopt regulations for preventing collisions upon certain harbors, rivers, and inland waters of the United States," and to article eight of an Act approved August nineteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled "An Act to adopt regulations for preventing collisions at sea." Vol. 30, p. 98. Vol. 26, p. 323.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall take effect on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred. Effect.

Approved, February 19, 1900.

CHAP. 23.—An Act To amend "An Act making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine. February 20, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section one of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out and repealing the paragraphs in said Act on pages eleven hundred and twenty-seven and eleven hundred and twenty-eight of the United States Statutes at Large, volume thirty, which read as follows: Galveston Ship Channel and Buffalo Bayou, Texas, improvement of. Repeal of paragraphs in prior act. Vol. 30, pp. 1127, 1128.

Improving Galveston Ship Channel and Buffalo Bayou, Texas: For improvement of the Galveston Ship Channel and Buffalo Bayou, by dredging or otherwise, from the jetties at Galveston, Texas, up through the present ship channel and Buffalo Bayou to the proposed harbor site at Houston, Texas, to be provided by the citizens of Houston, three hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That out of said sum a suitable dredge may be constructed for said work.

For commencing the improvement of the water route from the mouth of the jetties at Galveston, through the existing ship channel and up Buffalo Bayou to Houston, Texas, including harbor at Houston, in accordance with project submitted by the Board of Engineers in report of survey dated November third, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That contracts may be entered into by the Secretary of War for the whole or any part of such materials and work as may be required for prosecuting said improvement, or the said materials may be purchased and the work done otherwise than by contract, to be paid for as appropriations may from time to time be made by law, not to exceed in the aggregate two million dollars: *Provided further*, That out of said sum two dredges may be constructed for said work.

And amend said Act so as to read in place of said paragraphs repealed as follows:

"Improving Galveston Ship Channel and Buffalo Bayou, Texas: For improvement of the Galveston Ship Channel and Buffalo Bayou, by dredging or otherwise in accordance with the project submitted by a board of engineers in the report of a survey dated November third, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and submitted by the Chief of Engineers in his report for eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, in volume one, pages two hundred and eighty-eight and two hundred and eighty-nine, three hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That all sums heretofore appropriated and available for work on Galveston Ship Act amended. *Provisos.* Prior appropriations available.

Division one of survey.

Channel and Buffalo Bayou are hereby made available for said project: *Provided further*, That all of said sums of money not necessary for administration, surveys and maintenance be used in improving division one of said survey."

SEC. 2. That section twelve of the same Act be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the word "fourteen" after the word "section," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "eleven."

SEC. 3. That section twenty of the same Act be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the word "ten," after the word "sections," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "nine."

Approved, February 20, 1900.

February 24, 1900.

CHAP. 24.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to suspend the operation of certain provisions of law relating to the War Department, and for other purposes."

Army.
Suspension of certain provisions of law.
Vol. 30, p. 1350.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to suspend the operation of certain provisions of law relating to the War Department, and for other purposes,'" approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"That the operation of the following provisions of law be, and is hereby, continued suspended for such further time as, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, may be found necessary, or until otherwise provided by Congress, not longer, however, than June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one:

"First. The provision of the first section of the Act entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and for other purposes,' in the following words:

Provisos.
Limit of draft animals.
Vol. 25, p. 486.

"'*Provided*, That hereafter no part of this appropriation shall be expended in the purchase for the Army of draft animals until the number on hand shall be reduced to five thousand, and thereafter shall only be expended for the purchase of a number sufficient to keep the supply up to five thousand.'

Vol. 30, p. 323.

"Second. The provisions of the first section of the Act entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and for other purposes,' in the following words:

Quartermaster's Department.
—printing for, etc.

"'*Provided*, That hereafter no part of the appropriations for the Quartermaster's Department shall be expended on printing unless the same shall be done by contract, after due notice and competition, except in such cases as the emergency will not admit of the giving notice for competition: *Provided further*, That after advertisement, all the supplies for the use of the various departments and posts of the Army and of the branches of the army service shall hereafter be purchased where the same can be purchased the cheapest in the markets of the United States, quality and cost of transportation and the interest of the Government considered, except that purchases may be made in open market, in the manner common among business men, when the aggregate amount required does not exceed two hundred dollars, but every such purchase shall be immediately reported to the Secretary of War.'

—purchases where cheapest, etc.

"And the words:

—purchase of horses; limit, etc.

"'*Provided*, That the number of horses purchased under this appropriation, added to the number on hand, shall not at any time exceed the number of enlisted men and Indian scouts in the mounted service, and that no part of this appropriation shall be paid out for horses not purchased by contract, after competition duly invited by the Quarter-