under this Act in excess of the amount appropriated by the Congress for the particular purpose in each instance and for the fiscal year in which such disbursements were made: Provided, That all such disbursements shall have been or shall hereafter be made in pursuance of law in carrying out departmental regulations or to meet authorizations by the Commissioner of the General Land Office: Provided further, That the accounts containing such items shall have been duly approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Approved, March 2, 1907.

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CHAP. 2564.—An Act Providing for writs of error in certain instances in criminal cases.

Being enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a writ of error may be taken by and on behalf of the United States from the district or circuit courts direct to the Supreme Court of the United States in all criminal cases, in the following instances, to wit:

From a decision or judgment quashing, setting aside, or sustaining a demurrer to, any indictment, or any count thereof, where such decision or judgment is based upon the invalidity, or construction of the statute upon which the indictment is founded.

From a decision arresting a judgment of conviction for insufficiency of the indictment, where such decision is based upon the invalidity or construction of the statute upon which the indictment is founded.

From the decision or judgment sustaining a special plea in bar, when the defendant has not been put in jeopardy.

The writ of error in all such cases shall be taken within thirty days after the decision or judgment has been rendered and shall be diligently prosecuted and shall have precedence over all other cases.

Pending the prosecution and determination of the writ of error in the foregoing instances, the defendant shall be admitted to bail on his own recognizance: Provided, That no writ of error shall be taken by or allowed the United States in any case where there has been a verdict in favor of the defendant.

Approved, March 2, 1907.

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CHAP. 2565.—An Act Ceding certain lands to Colorado State Agricultural College.

Being enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be issued a patent conveying the northeast quarter of section twelve, township two north, range fifty-two, State of Colorado, to the Colorado State Agricultural College, located at Fort Collins, in the State of Colorado.

SEC. 2. That the lands ceded as hereinbefore provided shall be used by the Colorado State Agricultural College for forestry experimental purposes, and if not so used for a period of five years shall revert to the Government of the United States.

Approved, March 2, 1907.