

of Oregon and Minnesota to report to Congress the amount of money expended.

and Minnesota shall report to Congress annually a detailed statement of the expenditure of money appropriated by Congress for the use or benefit of said Territories, which is expended under the order or supervision of the governor and assembly.

APPROVED, July 18, 1850.

July 18, 1850.

CHAP. XXIV. — *An Act authorizing the Legislative Assemblies of Minnesota and Oregon Territories to prolong their next Annual Session to a Period of ninety Days.*

Legislative assemblies of Minnesota and Oregon authorized to prolong their sessions.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the legislative assemblies of Minnesota and Oregon Territories be, and they are hereby, authorized to prolong their next annual session to a period of ninety days, any thing contained in any former act or acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, July 18, 1850.

July 18, 1850.

CHAP. XXV. — *An Act to grant the Franking Privilege to Mrs. Margaret S. Taylor.*

Franking privilege granted to Mrs. Margaret Smith Taylor, relict of Zachary Taylor.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the franking privilege heretofore accorded to the widows of the deceased Presidents be, and the same is hereby, granted to Mrs. Margaret Smith Taylor, relict of Zachary Taylor, late President of the United States.

APPROVED, July 18, 1850.

July 29, 1850.

CHAP. XXVII. — *An Act to provide for recording the Conveyances of Vessels, and for other Purposes.*

No bill of sale, &c., to be valid except as against grantors, &c., unless recorded in the office of the collector of customs where the vessel is registered or enrolled.

Proviso as to lien by bottomry.

Collectors of the customs shall record all bills of sale, &c., and shall receive therefor a fee of fifty cents.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That no bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or conveyance of any vessel, or part of any vessel, of the United States, shall be valid against any person other than the grantor or mortgagor, his heirs and devisees, and persons having actual notice thereof; unless such bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or conveyance be recorded in the office of the collector of the customs where such vessel is registered or enrolled: *Provided,* That the lien by bottomry on any vessel created during her voyage, by a loan of money or materials, necessary to repair or enable such vessel to prosecute a voyage, shall not lose its priority, or be in any way affected by the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the collectors of the customs shall record all such bills of sale, mortgages, hypothecations, or conveyances, and, also, all certificates for discharging and cancelling any such conveyances, in a book or books to be kept for that purpose, in the order of their reception; noting in said book or books, and also on the bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or conveyance, the time when the same was received, and shall certify on the bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or conveyance, or certificate of discharge or cancellation, the number of the book and page where recorded; and shall receive, for so recording such instrument of conveyance, or certificate of discharge, fifty cents.

An index of records, &c., to

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the collectors of the customs shall keep an index of such records, inserting alphabetically the