

CHAP. XI. — *An Act amending the Provisions of the second Section of the Act of January twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, enforcing the Attendance of Witnesses before Committees of either House of Congress.* January 24, 1862.
1857, ch. 19, § 2.
Vol. xi. p. 156.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the second section of the act entitled "An act more effectually to enforce the attendance of witnesses on the summons of either House of Congress, and to compel them to discover testimony," approved January twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, be amended, altered, and repealed, so as to read as follows: That the testimony of a witness examined and testifying before either House of Congress, or any committee of either House of Congress, shall not be used as evidence in any criminal proceeding against such witness in any court of justice: *Provided, however,* That no official paper or record, produced by such witness on such examination, shall be held or taken to be included within the privilege of said evidence so to protect such witness from any criminal proceeding as aforesaid; and no witness shall hereafter be allowed to refuse to testify to any fact, or to produce any paper touching which he shall be examined by either House of Congress, or any committee of either House, for the reason that his testimony touching such fact, or the production of such paper, may tend to disgrace him or otherwise render him infamous: *Provided,* That nothing in this act shall be construed to exempt any witness from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed by him in testifying as aforesaid.

Testimony of witness before committees, &c., not to be used against him, &c.

Proviso.
Official paper or record.
Witness not privileged, &c.

Proviso.
Witness may be punished for perjury.

APPROVED, January 24, 1862.

CHAP. XII. — *An Act authorizing an Increase of the Clerical Force in the War and Navy Departments.* January 27, 1862

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in addition to the clerical and other force now authorized by law in the War Department and its bureaus, the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to appoint as follows: In the office of the Secretary of War, four clerks of class one; in the office of the Adjutant General, eighteen clerks of class one, and two messengers; in the office of the Quartermaster General, ten clerks of class one, and one messenger; in the office of the Surgeon General, two clerks of class one, and one laborer; in the office of the Paymaster General, eight clerks of class one, and one messenger; in the office of the Chief of Engineers, one clerk of class one; in the office of the Chief of Ordnance, three clerks of class one; in the office of the Commissary General, three clerks of class one, and one laborer. And the Adjutant General is authorized to employ in his office any number, not exceeding ten, of non-commissioned officers, to be selected by him from the army, in addition to his present clerical force.

Additional clerks in the War Department.

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SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Navy be authorized to employ four additional clerks of class one for that Department. in the Navy Department.

APPROVED, January 27, 1862.

CHAP. XIII. — *An Act to provide for the Protection of Overland Emigrants to California, Oregon, and Washington Territory.* January 27, 1862

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the protection of emigrants on the overland routes between the Atlantic States and California, Oregon, and Washington Territory, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, if, in his judgment, the same may be necessary.

Emigrants on overland routes, appropriation to protect.

APPROVED, January 27, 1862.