

advantageously than in the manner provided in said joint resolution, it shall be so done, under such limitations and conditions as the joint committee on printing may from time to time prescribe.

SEC. 2. That the price of the printed copies of specifications and drawings of patents, when uncertified, shall be determined by the commissioner of patents, ten cents being hereby fixed as the minimum, and fifty cents as the maximum price of the same; certified copies to be sold at the price fixed by the patent act of eighteen hundred and seventy.

Price of printed copies of specifications and drawings of patents when uncertified, &c.

APPROVED, March 24, 1871.

CHAP. VI. — *An Act authorizing the President to nominate R. H. Lamson a Lieutenant in the United States Navy.*

March 27, 1871.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States be, and hereby is, authorized to nominate R. H. Lamson a lieutenant in the United States navy.

R. H. Lamson to be nominated a lieutenant in the navy.

APPROVED, March 27, 1871.

CHAP. VII. — *An Act to re-establish the Office of Surveyor at Eastport, Maine.*

March 30, 1871.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the office of surveyor at the port of Eastport, formerly existing by law and abolished by the Secretary of the Treasury, be, and is hereby, re-established and created, and shall hereafter exist, subject to the same laws and restrictions that appertained to the same before it was abolished; but it shall hereafter be known as the office of surveyor of Eastport and the district of Passamaquoddy bay.

Office of surveyor of Eastport, Me., re-established;

by what name to be known.

APPROVED, March 30, 1871.

CHAP. VIII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to divide the State of Virginia into two judicial Districts."*

April 4, 1871.

1871, ch. 35, § 6. Vol. xvi. p. 463.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the second clause of the sixth section of the act aforesaid, of which this act is an amendment, be amended as follows: "That the clerk of the circuit or district court of the eastern district of Virginia shall transmit the original papers and certified copies of all orders in any suit or proceeding which shall be removed for further proceedings from the eastern to the western district of Virginia, as authorized by the first clause of the said sixth section of the act aforesaid, to the clerk of the court to which such suit or proceeding shall be removed, together with a statement of all costs; and all further proceedings shall be had in the court to which the same shall be removed as if the said suit or proceeding had originally been commenced therein."

Clerk of court for eastern district of Virginia to transmit papers, &c.

Further proceedings.

APPROVED, April 4, 1871.

CHAP. IX. — *An Act authorizing the President to appoint Commissioners to examine and report upon the Sutro Tunnel in the State of Nevada.*

April 4, 1871.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States is hereby authorized and requested to appoint a board of three commissioners, two of whom shall be officers of engineers of the army and one a mining or civil engineer, to examine and report upon the Sutro tunnel in the State of Nevada, authorized to be constructed by an act of Congress approved July twenty-five, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, with special reference to the importance, feasibility, cost, and time required to

Commissioners to examine and report upon the Sutro tunnel in Nevada.

1866, ch. 244. Vol. xiv. p. 242.

Report of commissioners to state what.

construct the same; the value of the bullion extracted from the mines on the Comstock lode; their present and probable future production; also the geological and practical value of said tunnel as an exploring work, and its general bearing upon our mining and other national interests in ascertaining the practicability of deep mining.

APPROVED, April 4, 1871.

April 15, 1871.

CHAP. XIV. — *An Act relating to the Harbor at Buffalo, New York.*

Contract for improvement of harbor at Buffalo may be extended by Secretary of War.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be authorized, when in his judgment he thinks it will be for the interest of the United States, to extend or continue the contract for the improvement of the harbor at Buffalo, made and entered into upon the twentieth day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.

APPROVED, April 15, 1871.

April 15, 1871.

CHAP. XV. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of War to place at the Disposal of the Lyons Monument Association, of Missouri, certain condemned Cannon.*

Condemned cannon for the Lyon Monument Association of the State of Missouri.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place at the disposal of the Lyon Monument Association, of the State of Missouri, twelve condemned cannon, to be used for the purpose of erecting a monument in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, to the memory of the late Brigadier-General Nathaniel Lyon.

APPROVED, April 15, 1871.

April 19, 1871.

CHAP. XVI. — *An Act to authorize the Payment of duplicate Checks of disbursing Officers.*

Duplicate checks for pensions may be issued in place of original checks of not over \$500 lost or destroyed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in place of original checks issued for pensions, when lost, stolen, or destroyed, disbursing officers and agents of the United States are hereby authorized, after the expiration of six months from the date of such checks, to issue duplicate checks, and the treasurer, assistant treasurers, and designated depositories of the United States are directed to pay such checks, drawn in pursuance of law by such officers or agents, upon notice and proof of the loss of the original check or checks, under such regulations in regard to their issue and payment, and upon the execution of such bonds, with sureties, to indemnify the United States, as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe: *Provided,* That this act shall not apply to any check exceeding in amount the sum of five hundred dollars.

APPROVED, April 19, 1871.

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CHAP. XVII. — *An Act to create a Port of Delivery at Potomac, Virginia, and for other Purposes.*

Portion of the Tappahannock collection district annexed to that of Alexandria.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all the waters, shores, bays, harbors, creeks, and inlets on the south side of the river Potomac, comprehended between Boyd's Hole and Cockpit Point, now a part of the collection district of Tappahannock, Virginia, be, and the same are hereby, annexed to the collection district of Alexandria, Virginia.

Potomac made a port of delivery.

SEC. 2. That Potomac, in the State of Virginia, shall be, and is hereby, constituted and created a port of delivery within the collection district of Alexandria, and there shall be appointed, at a compensation not exceeding the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, a deputy collector