

dollars hereinafter appropriated. And the sum of forty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for incidental repairs of harbors for which there is no special appropriation provided for by law, and for examination and survey of such rivers and harbors, as in the judgment of the Secretary of War, will subserve the general interests of commerce.

Appropriation for repairs and surveys.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War is hereby directed to report to Congress on the first Monday of December next what legislation, in his opinion, is necessary to protect the breakwaters, piers, and other public works constructed by the United States against trespasses upon or injury thereto; and the Secretary of War is hereby directed to report to Congress at its next session all the instances in the United States in which piers, breakwaters, or other structures or works built or made by the United States in aid of commerce or navigation, are used, occupied, or injured by a corporation or an individual, and the extent and mode of such use, occupation, or injury, and the facts touching the same. Any person who shall wilfully and unlawfully injure any pier, breakwater, or other work of the United States for the improvement of rivers or harbors, or navigation in the United States, shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Reports by Secretary of War of necessary legislation and unlawful use of piers, etc.

Approved, August 14, 1876.

CHAP. 268.—An act to authorize the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to receive lands in payment of Judgments to Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Aug. 14, 1876.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioners of Indian Affairs be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to collect and receive, in payment of the amount due on certain Judgments in favor of William Johnston and against William H. Thomas, now held by him in trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina, the lands mentioned and described in the award of Rufus Barringer, John H. Dillard, and Thomas Ruffin, as a board of arbitrators, under date of October twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, upon which such judgments were a lien; such lands to be taken at their cash-value, to be determined by an appraisal to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and conveyed to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in fee-simple: *Provided,* That if the lands above mentioned shall not be sufficient in value to pay off and discharge said judgment, the Commissioner is authorized to receive such other lands as the said Eastern Band of Indians may select, by and with the assent of the said Commissioner, to an amount sufficient to discharge the said judgment.

Certain lands to be taken in satisfaction of judgments of William Johnston vs. William H. Thomas.

Proviso.

Approved, August 14, 1876.

CHAP. 269.—An act to change the name of the pleasure-yacht "Lydia," to that of "Sylph"

Aug. 14, 1876.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the name of the pleasure-yacht "Lydia," owned by Andrew C. Wheelwright, of Boston in the State of Massachusetts, be, and hereby is, changed to that of "Sylph," and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to grant said vessel a register under said name.

Name of yacht Lydia changed to Sylph.

Approved, August 14, 1876.

CHAP. 270.—An act establishing the port of Saint Paul, Minnesota, as a port of appraisal.

Aug. 14, 1876.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions contained in, and the privileges accorded by, sections twenty-nine hundred and ninety, twenty-nine hundred and ninety-one, twenty-nine hundred and

Saint Paul to be port of appraisal. R. S., 2990 to 2997, pp. 579, 580.

ninety-two, twenty-nine hundred and ninety-three, twenty-nine hundred and ninety-four, twenty-nine hundred and ninety-five, twenty-nine hundred and ninety-six, and twenty-nine hundred and ninety-seven, of the Revised Statutes be extended to, and held to include, the port of Saint Paul in the collection-district of Minnesota.

Appraiser's salary.

SEC. 2. That the appraiser at the port of Saint Paul shall receive the same amount of salary that the deputy collector of that port now receives.

Approved, August 14, 1876.

Aug. 14, 1876.

CHAP. 271.—An act allowing the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to carry the mails in their new iron steamships.

Iron steamships accepted for China mail service.

1865, ch. 37,  
13 Stat., 430.

Proviso.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept from the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, for service in transporting the mails of the United States between San Francisco and China, the steamships City of Sidney, City of New York, and City of San Francisco, the same being new iron American-built ships of more than three thousand tons register; said iron steamships to be substituted for any wooden side-wheel steamers now lawfully doing service under the act of Congress of February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed as creating reviving or recognizing any claim now pending, or as a basis of any claim which may hereafter be preferred against the United States by said steamship company, growing out of any law or contract whatever, excepting compensation for service performed by the said company for the balance of the term of the contract of the said company made in pursuance of the said act of February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five and for which appropriation has been made.

Approved, August 14, 1876.

Aug. 14, 1876.

CHAP. 272.—An act to provide for the printing and distribution of the Reports of the Commissioner of Agriculture for the years eighteen hundred and seventy-four and eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Agricultural reports to be printed.

Number of copies.

Appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the public printer be and he is hereby directed to cause to be printed one hundred thousand copies of the Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, twenty thousand copies of which shall be for the use of the Senate and eighty thousand copies for the use of the House of Representatives; and that he also cause to be printed two hundred thousand copies of the Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five forty-three thousand seven hundred and fifty copies of which shall be for the use of the Senate, one hundred and thirty-one thousand two hundred and fifty copies shall be for the use of the House of Representatives and twenty-five thousand copies shall be for the use of the Commissioner of Agriculture; and that the sum of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated for the execution of the work, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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