

hundred and thirty-two, who have never received warrants for bounty land for services in said war, shall be entitled to receive a certificate or warrant from the Department of the Interior for one hundred and sixty acres of land, upon making proof either by record evidence or such parol evidence as the commissioner of pensions may require of having served in said war for the term of at least fourteen days; the provisions of this act to extend to the widows and minor children of said officers and soldiers who have died or may die before receiving such warrant or certificate.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857. CHAP. CXVI.—*An Act in Addition to an Act more effectually to provide for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States, and for other Purposes.*

Manslaughter within the admiralty jurisdiction and out of the jurisdiction of any state, by striking, shooting, &c.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That if any person or persons upon the high seas, or in any arm of the sea, or in any river, haven, creek, basin, or bay, within the admiralty jurisdiction of the United States, and out of the jurisdiction of any particular State, shall unlawfully and wilfully, but without malice aforethought, strike, stab, wound, or shoot at any other person, of which striking, stabbing, wounding, or shooting, such person shall afterwards die upon land, within or without the United States, every person so offending, his or her counsellors, aiders, and abettors, shall be deemed guilty of the crime of manslaughter; and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as is hereinafter provided.

Attempts to commit murder or manslaughter.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person upon the high seas, or in any arm of the sea, or in any river, haven, creek, basin, or bay, within the admiralty jurisdiction of the United States, and out of the jurisdiction of any particular State, shall attempt to commit the crime of murder or manslaughter, by poisoning, drowning, or strangling another person, or by any means not constituting the offence of an assault with a dangerous weapon, such offender, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for a period not exceeding three years, and a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, at the discretion of the court.

Manslaughter, how punished.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the crime of manslaughter, as provided for by this act, and all other acts heretofore passed, shall be punished by imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for a period not exceeding three years, and a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, at the discretion of the court.

Inconsistent acts repealed, saving existing prosecutions and liabilities.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed: *Provided, however,* That this repeal shall not affect any act done before, or any prosecution pending at the time of the passage of this act; but all such acts shall be indictable and punishable, and all such prosecutions shall be proceeded with as the same would have been indictable and punishable, and proceeded with if this act had not been passed.

Perjury in oaths used in land-offices.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That in all cases where any oath, affirmation, or affidavit shall be made or taken before any register or receiver or either or both of them of any local land-office in the United States or any territory thereof, or where any oath, affirmation, or affidavit, shall be made or taken before any person authorized by the laws of any State or territory of the United States to administer oaths or affirmations, or take affidavits, and such oaths, affirmations, or affidavits are made, used, or filed in any of said local land-offices, or in the General Land-Office, as well in cases arising under any or either of the orders, regulations, or instructions, concerning any of the public lands of the United States, issued by the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, or other proper officer of the government of the United States, as under the laws

of the United States; in any wise relating to or effecting any right, claim, or title, or any contest therefor, to any of the public lands of the United States, and any person or persons shall, taking such oath, affirmation or affidavit, knowingly, wilfully, or corruptly swear or affirm falsely, the same shall be deemed and taken to be perjury, and the person or persons guilty thereof shall, upon conviction, be liable to the punishment prescribed for that offence by the laws of the United States.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXVII.—*An Act to confirm to the several States the Swamp and overflowed Lands selected under the Act of September twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and fifty, and the Act of the second March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine.*

March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the selection of swamp and overflowed lands granted to the several States by the act of Congress, approved September twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and fifty, entitled "An act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim the swamp lands within their limits," and the act of the second of March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, entitled "An act to aid the State of Louisiana in draining the swamp lands therein," heretofore made and reported to the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, so far as the same shall remain vacant and unappropriated, and not interfered with by an actual settlement under any existing law of the United States, be and the same are hereby confirmed, and shall be approved and patented to the said several States, in conformity with the provisions of the act aforesaid, as soon as may be practicable after the passage of this law: *Provided, however,* That nothing in this act contained shall interfere with the provisions of the act of Congress entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands," approved March the second, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, which shall be and is hereby continued in force, and extended to all entries and locations of lands claimed as swamp lands made since its passage.

Selections of swamp and overflowed lands confirmed.  
1850, ch. 84.  
Vol. ix. p. 519.  
1849, ch. 87.  
Vol. ix. p. 352.

Act of 1855, ch. 147, continued in force and extended.  
Vol. x. p. 634.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXVIII.—*An Act to construct a Building for a Custom-House and Post-Office at Perth Amboy, New Jersey.*

March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of twenty thousand dollars, with ten per cent. thereon to cover contingencies, and so much as may be required to purchase a suitable site, be and the same are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the construction, in the city of Perth Amboy, in the State of New Jersey, for the accommodation of a custom-house and post-office, of a brick building perfectly fire-proof, with floors constructed of iron beams and brick arches, and an iron roof of forty-five by thirty-two feet, and thirty-two feet high: *Provided,* That no money hereby appropriated shall be used or applied for the purpose mentioned until a valid title to the land for the site of said building shall be vested in the United States, and until the State of New Jersey shall also duly relinquish and release to the United States the right to tax or in any way assess said site, or the property of the United States that may be thereon during the time that the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof.

Appropriation for a building for a custom-house and post-office at Perth Amboy.

Proviso as to site and taxes.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.