

CHAP. XX.—An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to grant a Register for the Schooner "William A. Hamill."

Feb. 2, 1859.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be granted, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a register for the schooner "William A. Hamill," lying in the port of Baltimore, and now owned by Robert Dorritie, a citizen of the United States: *Provided*, It be proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that she was built at May's Landing, in the State of New Jersey; that she was enrolled as an American vessel, and that she was owned in whole by citizens of the United States at the time she was stranded on a reef near Abaco, one of the Bahama islands, and that she is now owned by Robert Dorritie, who is now a citizen of the United States.

Register granted.

Proviso.

APPROVED, February 2, 1859.

CHAP. XXI.—An Act providing for the Payment of the Expenses of Investigating Committees of the House of Representatives.

Feb. 5, 1859.

Post, p. 438.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of the expenses of the several investigating committees of the House of Representatives during the present session, and that the same be added to the miscellaneous item of the contingent fund of said House: *Provided*, That no portion of this sum shall be paid for constructive mileage for summoning witnesses.

Appropriation for expense of investigating committees.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That hereafter the mileage or traveling allowance to the officer or other person executing precepts or summons of either house of Congress shall not exceed ten cents for each mile necessarily and actually travelled by such officer or other person in the execution of any such precept or summons.

Mileage of officer serving precepts.

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CHAP. XXII.—An Act providing for keeping and distributing all Public Documents.

Feb. 5, 1859.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby charged with receiving, arranging, safe-keeping, and [with the] distribution of all printed journals of the two houses of Congress, and all other books and documents, of every nature whatever, already or hereafter directed by law to be printed or purchased for the use of the government, except of such as are directed to be printed or purchased for the particular use of Congress, or if [of] either house thereof, or for the particular use of the Executive or of any of the departments; and for this purpose the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to set apart a proper room or rooms in the Patent-Office building to be used for this and no other purpose; and the superintendent of public printing, public printer, binder, or contractor, or any or any other person whose duty it shall be by law to deliver any of the same, shall deliver the same to him there.

Secretary of Interior to receive, keep, and distribute all public documents, except, &c.

Rooms in Patent Office Building to be used therefor.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to obtain and remove from the other departments and offices and from the Congressional Library, and other places where the same are now kept, all such journals, books, and other documents now on hand and described in the foregoing section; and for this purpose, so much as is necessary of the appropriation made in the following clause of the act, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain civil expenses of the government for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight," approved March three, eighteen hun-

Such public documents to be removed from other offices.

1857, ch. 108  
Ante, p. 227.

dred and fifty-seven, to wit: "For expenses of packing and distributing the congressional journals and documents, in pursuance of the provisions contained in the joint resolution of Congress approved twenty-eighth January, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, twenty-two thousand dollars," as remains unexpended, is hereby appropriated.

*Ante*, p. 253.

Register there-  
of to be kept to  
show receipts  
and delivery.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That a register of such journals, books, and other documents shall be kept under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior, showing the quantity and kind of each at any time received by him in pursuance of this act; and it shall be his duty to be caused to be entered in such register, at the proper time, when, where, and to whom the same, or any part of them, have been distributed and delivered, and to report the same to Congress at the first session of each Congress.

To be delivered  
only on written  
requisitions, ex-  
cept, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the same shall be delivered out by the Secretary of the Interior only on the written requisition of the heads of departments, Secretary of the Senate, Clerk of the House of Representatives, Librarian of Congress, and other officers and persons, private and corporate, who are, by law, authorized to receive the same, except where by law the Secretary of the Interior is required, without such requisition, to cause the same to be sent and delivered; and in either of such cases it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to cause the same to be sent and delivered, the expenses thereof, except when otherwise directed, to be charged on the contingent fund of the department.

Expense of  
delivery how  
charged.

Distribution by  
Secretary of In-  
terior.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all such journals, books, and other documents, shall hereafter be distributed according to and for the purposes now prescribed by law, except that the distribution of the same to the governors of the States and Territories and to the judges of the courts of the United States and other officers and public bodies within the States or Territories shall be wholly under the control of the Secretary of the Interior; and the joint resolution approved March twenty, eight-<sup>[een]</sup> hundred and fifty-eight, supplementary to the joint resolution approved January twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, respecting the distribution of certain documents, is hereby repealed; and the third section of said joint resolution of January twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, is hereby amended by striking out the words "by him" in the last line, and inserting the words "to him by each of the senators from the several States, respectively, and by the delegate from each Territory from each congressional district, and by the delegate from each Territory in the United States." *And provided*, That such distribution shall first be made at the instance of the representatives in Congress from districts in which such public documents have not already been distributed so that the quantity distributed to each congressional district and territory shall be equal.

Repeal of Res.  
*Ante*, p. 368.

Amendment of  
Res.  
*Ante*, p. 253.

Proviso.

1846, ch. 178, §  
10.  
Vol. ix. p. 106.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the tenth section of an act entitled "An act to establish the 'Smithsonian Institution' for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men," approved August tenth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, is hereby repealed.

Wilkes' Ex-  
ploring Expedi-  
tion excepted.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That by this act the distribution of all works mentioned in the first section as public documents is intended and directed to be made, except the "Exploring Expedition" conducted by Commander Wilkes.

Matters per-  
taining to copy-  
rights transferred  
from State De-  
partment to De-  
partment of the  
Interior.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That all books, maps, charts, and other publications of every nature whatever heretofore deposited in the Department of State according to the laws regulating copyrights, together with all the records of the Department of State in regard to the same, shall be removed to, and be under the control of the Department of the Interior, which is hereby charged with all the duties connected with the same, and with all matters pertaining to copyright, in the same manner

and to the same extent that the Department of State is now charged with the same; and hereafter all such publications of every nature whatever shall, under present laws and regulations, be left with, and kept by him.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the Joint Committee on the Library may, at any time, dispose of duplicate, injured, or wasted books of the library, or any other matter in the library not deemed proper to it, in such manner as such committee may deem best.

Joint Committee on Library may dispose of duplicates, &c.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That all such books and documents, when received at the proper offices, libraries, and so forth, as provided by law, shall be kept there and not removed from such places.

Books, &c. not to be removed from proper offices.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That of the Statutes at Large of the United States, published by Little and Brown, now deposited in the library of Congress for the use of senators and representatives during the sessions of Congress, ten copies be retained by the librarian for the use of the judges of the Supreme Court, during the terms of court, and that one third of the number then remaining in the library be transferred to the Senate and two thirds to the library of the House of Representatives for the use of the senators and representatives during the sessions of Congress.

Statutes at Large now in Library of Congress.

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CHAP. XXIII.—*An Act for the Punishment of the Crime of Forgery [of] or Counterfeiting Military Bounty-Land Warrants, Military Bounty-Land Certificates, Certificates of Location, Certificates of Purchase and Receivers' Receipts.*

Feb. 5, 1859.

*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 shall falsely make, alter, forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged, or counterfeited, or willingly aid or assist in falsely making, altering, forging, or counterfeiting, any military bounty-land warrant, or military bounty-land warrant certificate, issued or purporting to have been issued by the Commissioner of Pensions under any act of Congress, or any certificate of location of any military bounty-land warrant, or any duplicate certificate of the location of any military bounty-land warrant, or military bounty-land warrant certificate, upon any of the lands of the United States, or any certificate of the purchase of any of the lands of the United States, or any duplicate certificate of the purchase of any of the lands of the United States, or any receipt for the purchase-money of any of the lands of the United States, or any duplicate receipt for the purchase-money of any lands of the United States, issued or purporting to have been issued by the register and receiver at any land-office of the United States, or by either of them; or if any person or persons shall pass, utter or publish as true any false, forged, or counterfeited military bounty-land warrant, military bounty-land warrant certificate, certificate of location, or duplicate certificate of location, certificate of purchase, duplicate certificate of purchase, receipt or duplicate receipt, for the purchase money of any of the lands of the United States, knowing the same to be false or forged, such person or persons so offending shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of felony, and, being thereof duly convicted, shall be sentenced to be imprisoned and kept at hard labor for a period not less than three years nor more than ten years: *Provided, nevertheless*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive the courts of the several States of jurisdiction under the laws thereof over offences declared punishable by this law.

Forging, or counterfeiting military bounty-land warrants, &c., or knowingly passing, &c. such forged warrants, made a felony.

Penalty.

Proviso.

APPROVED, February 5, 1859.

CHAP. XXVI.—*An Act granting the Right of Way over, and Depot Grounds on, the Military Reserve at Fort Gratiot, in the State of Michigan, for Railroad Purposes.*

Feb. 8, 1859.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the right of way through

Right of way granted.