

- information as they may be able to obtain as to how, where, and through what channels a market may be opened for American products and manufactures. In addition to the duties now imposed by law, it shall be the duty of consuls and commercial agents of the United States, annually, to procure and transmit to the Department of State, as far as practicable, information respecting the rate of wages paid for skilled and unskilled labor within their respective jurisdictions.
- Wages.* For salaries and expenses of the United States and Spanish Claims Commission, namely: For commissioner, three thousand dollars; for counsel, three thousand dollars; for secretary, nine hundred dollars; for messenger, three hundred dollars; for contingent expenses, seven hundred and fifty dollars; making in all the sum of seven thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars.
- Spanish Claims Commission.* For salaries and expenses of the United States and Spanish Claims Commission, namely: For commissioner, three thousand dollars; for counsel, three thousand dollars; for secretary, nine hundred dollars; for messenger, three hundred dollars; for contingent expenses, seven hundred and fifty dollars; making in all the sum of seven thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars.
- Prisons.* For rent of prisons for American convicts in Siam and Turkey, and for wages of keepers of the same, including loss by exchange, two thousand dollars.
- For rent of prison for American convicts in China, one thousand five hundred dollars; for wages of keepers, care of offenders, and expenses, nine thousand five hundred dollars.
- For rent of prison for American convicts in Japan, seven hundred and fifty dollars.
- For wages of keepers, care of offenders, and expenses, five thousand dollars.
- For rent of court-house and jail, with grounds appurtenant, at Yeddo, or such other place as shall be designated, three thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars.
- Buildings for legation in China.* For rent of buildings for legation and other purposes at Peking, or such other place as shall be designated, three thousand one hundred dollars.
- Extradition.* For bringing home from foreign countries persons charged with crimes, and expenses incidental thereto, including loss by exchange, five thousand dollars.
- Relief and protection of seamen.* For relief and protection of American seamen in foreign countries, fifty thousand dollars.
- Rescuing shipwrecked Americans.* For expenses of acknowledging the services of masters and crews of foreign vessels in rescuing American citizens from shipwreck, four thousand five hundred dollars.
- Cape Spartel light.* For annual proportion of the expenses of Cape Spartel light, on the coast of Morocco, two hundred and eighty-five dollars.
- Widows and heirs of diplomatic and consular officers.* For allowance to widows or heirs of deceased diplomatic and consular officers for the time that would be necessarily occupied in making the transit from the post of duty of the deceased to his residence in the United States, five thousand dollars. And the salaries provided in this act for the officers within named respectively shall be in full for the annual salaries thereof from and after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine; and all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.
- Salaries herein to be in full.*
- Consular Regulations.* For expenses of revising and editing the Consular Regulations, three thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be available immediately.
- Neutrality act. R. S. 291.* To meet the necessary expenses attendant upon the execution of the neutrality act, to be expended under the direction of the President, pursuant to the requirement of section two hundred and ninety-one of the Revised Statutes, five thousand dollars.

Approved, January 27, 1879.

Jan. 23, 1879.

**CHAP. 30.**—An act defining the manner in which certain land-scrip may be assigned and located, or applied by actual settlers, and providing for the issue of patents in the name of the locator or his legal representatives

*Private land-claims.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever, in cases prose-

cuted under the acts of Congress of June twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty, March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and the first section of the act of June tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, providing for the adjustment of private land-claims in the States of Florida, Louisiana and Missouri, the validity of the claim has been, or shall be hereafter, recognized by the Supreme Court of the United States, and the court has decreed that the plaintiff or plaintiffs is or are entitled to enter a certain number of acres upon the public lands of the United States, subject to private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, or to receive certificate of location for as much of the land the title to which has been established as has been disposed of by the United States, certificate of location shall be issued by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, attested by the seal of said office, to be located as provided for in the sixth section of the aforesaid act of Congress of June twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty, or applied according to the provisions of the second section of this act; and said certificate of location or scrip shall be subdivided according to the request of the confirmer or confirmeres, and, as nearly as practicable, in conformity with the legal divisions and subdivisions of the public lands of the United States, and shall be, and are hereby declared to be, assignable by deed or instrument of writing, according to the form and pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, so as to vest the assignee with all the rights of the original owners of the scrip, including the right to locate the scrip in his own name.

SEC 2. That such scrip shall be received from actual settlers only in payment of pre-emption claims or in commutation of homestead claims, in the same manner and to the same extent as is now authorized by law in the case of military bounty-land warrants.

SEC 3. That the register of the proper land-office, upon any such certificate being located, shall issue, in the name of the party making the location, a certificate of entry, upon which, if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office that such certificate has been fairly obtained, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, a patent shall issue, as in other cases, in the name of the locator or his legal representative.

SEC 4. That the provisions of this act respecting the assignment and patenting of scrip and its application to pre-emption and homestead claims shall apply to the indemnity-certificates of location provided for by the act of the second of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, entitled "An act to provide for the location of certain confirmed private land-claims in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes."

Approved, January 28, 1879.

1860, ch. 188,  
12 Stat., 85.  
1867, ch. 184,  
14 Stat., 544.  
1872, ch. 421,  
17 Stat., 378.

Certificates of location.

Subdivisions.

Assignable.

Receivable for pre-emption and homestead claims.

Entry proceedings.

Patent.

Provisions extended.

1858, ch. 81,  
11 Stat., 294.

**CHAP. 33.**—An act making appropriations to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to carry out the provisions of section two hundred and fifty-four of the Revised Statutes, and to appropriate forty thousand dollars for the miscellaneous expenses of the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

Jan. 29, 1879.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to meet the expenses of the transportation of coin and bullion sixty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* that this appropriation be made available on and after the passage of this act, and that the amount paid for the transportation of gold coin from San Francisco to New York shall not exceed one fourth of one per cent, and for the transportation of silver one per cent, and for intermediate point at proportionate rates corresponding to the distance.

Appropriations. Transportation of coin.

Limit of cost.

To meet the miscellaneous expenses of the House of Representatives to be disbursed by the clerk of the House the sum of forty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not

House miscellaneous expenses.