

eastern district includes the counties of Schnyler, Adair, Knox, Shelby, Monroe, Pike, Montgomery, Gasconade, Franklin, Washington, Reynolds, Shannon, and Oregon, as they existed January first, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, with all the counties east of them. The western district includes the residue of said State.

Approved, April 8, 1878.

April 10, 1878. **CHAP. 58.**—An act to authorize the Secretary of War to prescribe rules and regulations to be observed in the preparation, submission, and opening of bids for contracts under the War Department.

Bids for contracts under War Department.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to prescribe rules and regulations to be observed in the preparation and submission and opening of bids for contracts under the War Department; and he may require any bid to be accompanied by a bond in such penal sum as he may deem advisable, with good and sufficient security, conditioned that the bidder will enter into a contract agreeably to the terms of his bid, if the same be awarded to him within sixty days from the date of the opening of the bids, or otherwise pay the penalty. No bid shall be withdrawn by the bidder within the said period of sixty days.

Approved, April 10, 1878.

April 17, 1878. **CHAP. 59.**—An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the sale of certain New York Indian lands in Kansas," approved February nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three.

Indian settlers on New York Indian lands in Kansas; time extended. 1873, ch. 167, 17 Stat., 466.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the period within which the thirty-two Indians referred to in the act to which this is an amendment, or their heirs, are required to prove their identity in order to entitle them to the benefits of said act, be, and the same is hereby, extended for two years from the nineteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Approved, April 17, 1878.

April 17, 1878. **CHAP. 60.**—An act to prevent deprecations upon property in the District of Columbia

Depredation on fixtures in houses in District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every person who, in the District of Columbia, shall willfully and without color of right, enter into any occupied or unoccupied dwelling-house or other building, the property of another, and shall cut, break, or tear from its place any gas-pipe, water-pipe, door-bell, or other fixture therein; or who shall, in such dwelling-house or other building, willfully and without color of right cut, break, or tear down any wall, or part of a wall, or door, with intent to cut, break, or tear from its place any pipe or fixture therein, shall, for the first offense, be fined not more than two hundred dollars, and be imprisoned in the District jail not less than two months or more than one year, and for any subsequent offense shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary for not less than one year or more than three years.

Penalty.

Approved, April 17 1878.

April 19, 1878. **CHAP. 61.**—An act requiring the Commissioner for preparing and publishing a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States to revise and perfect the index to the first volume of the same.

Index to Revised Statutes to be revised.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the commissioner appointed under the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for the preparation and publication of a new edition of the Re-

vised Statutes of the United States", approved March second eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, to revise and perfect the index to the new edition of volume one of the Revised Statutes therein mentioned, under the direction of the Secretary of State; and the necessary expenses thereof including such reasonable additional compensation to said commissioner for said service as shall be allowed by the Secretary of State, shall be paid out of the Treasury; and a sum of money sufficient therefor is hereby appropriated.

1877, ch. 82,
19 Stat., 263.

Compensation

Appropriation.

Approved, April 19, 1878.

CHAP. 62.—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge abutment and approach within the Fort Riley military reservation.

April 20, 1878.

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 to permit the county commissioners of Davis County, Kansas, in erecting a bridge across the Republican River, to construct one abutment of the same upon land included within the military reservation of Fort Riley, and also to permit the eastern approach to the same to be laid out across said reservation: *Provided,* That such bridge and the highway leading thereto shall always be open to government transportation free of charge, and that such point shall be selected for the construction of said abutment and approach as shall be mutually agreed upon by said county commissioners and the Secretary of War.

Bridge over Republican River; location of abutment and approach.

Use of by government.

Approved, April 20, 1878.

CHAP. 64.—An act to authorize the restoration of George A. Armes to the rank of captain

April 23, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of law regulating appointments in the Army by promotion in the line are hereby suspended for the purposes of this act, and only so far as they affect George A. Armes; and the President can, if he so desire, in the exercise of his own discretion and judgment, nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint said George A. Armes, late captain in the Tenth United States Cavalry Regiment, to the same grade and rank of captain held by him on June seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy, in any vacancy occurring in the grade of captain in said regiment: *Provided however,* That no pay, compensation, or allowance whatever shall ever be given to said Armes for the time between June seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy, and the date of appointment hereunder: *And provided further,* That the acceptance of any benefit under this act by said George A. Armes shall be taken and construed to be by his election a bar to any claim for pay or allowances from the date of his discharge to his acceptance of a commission, if one be granted him under the provisions of this act.

George A. Armes may be restored to rank and grade in Army.

Approved, April 23, 1878.

CHAP. 66.—An act to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases into the United States.

April 29, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no vessel or vehicle coming from any foreign port or country where any contagious or infectious disease may exist, and no vessel or vehicle conveying any person or persons, merchandise or animals, affected with any infectious or contagious disease, shall enter any port of the United States or pass the boundary line between the United States and any foreign country, con-

Contagious and infectious diseases.

Vessels from infected ports entering United States.