

CHAP. 115.—An act to provide a temporary home for certain persons discharged from the United States Navy.

February 8, 1889.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to permit any person receiving the honorable discharge authorized by section fourteen hundred and twenty-nine of the Revised Statutes to elect a home on board of any of the United States receiving-ships, during any portion of the three months granted by law as the limit of time within which to receive the pecuniary benefit of such discharge, the men so choosing a home to be entitled to one ration per day for their keeping while furnished with such home, but not to pay, other than that authorized by section fifteen hundred and seventy-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States upon re-enlistment: *Provided,* That the persons so furnished with a home shall be amenable to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy or other competent authority.

Temporary homes for discharged seamen.
R. S., sec. 1429, p. 252.

Ration, etc.

R. S., sec. 1573, p. 269.

Proviso.

Regulations.

Approved, February 8, 1889.

CHAP. 116.—An act to authorize the furnishing of obsolete serviceable cannon to Soldiers Homes.

February 8, 1889.

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 hereby is, authorized and directed, subject to such regulations as he may prescribe, to deliver to any of the "National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers" already established or hereafter established and to any of the State Homes for soldiers and sailors or either now or hereafter duly established and maintained under State authority, such obsolete serviceable cannon, bronze or iron, suitable for firing salutes, as may be on hand undisposed of, not exceeding two to any one Home.

Obsolete serviceable cannon.

May be delivered to Soldiers' Homes.

Approved, February 8, 1889.

CHAP. 117.—An act for the establishment of light-ships, with fog-signals, at Sandy Hook, New York Harbor, and off Great Round Shoal, seacoast of Massachusetts, near Nantucket.

February 8, 1889.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be established off Sandy Hook, entrance to New York Harbor, a new light-ship, with a steam fog-signal, the entire cost of which shall not exceed the sum of sixty thousand dollars.

Light-ships authorized at—
Sandy Hook, New York Harbor.

That there be constructed and established a first-class light-ship, with a steam fog-signal, off Great Round Shoal, sea-coast of Massachusetts, near Nantucket, the cost of which shall not exceed the sum of sixty thousand dollars: *Provided,* That the construction of said light-ships shall be let to the lowest responsible bidders after advertisement, and that they shall be built in American ship-yards.

Great Round Shoal, Mass.

Proviso.

Contracts.

Approved, February 8, 1889.

CHAP. 119.—An act to provide for the deposit of the savings of seamen of the United States Navy.

February 9, 1889.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any enlisted man or appointed petty officer of the Navy may deposit his savings, in sums not less than five dollars, with the paymaster upon whose

Seamen's savings.

May be deposited with paymasters.

books his account is borne; and he shall be furnished with a deposit-book, in which the said paymaster shall note, over his signature, the amount, date, and place of such deposit. The money so deposited shall be accounted for in the same manner as other public funds, and shall pass to the credit of the appropriation for "Pay for the Navy," and shall not be subject to forfeiture by sentence of court-martial, but shall be forfeited by desertion, and shall not be permitted to be paid until final payment on discharge, or to the heirs or representatives of a deceased sailor, and that such deposit be exempt from liability for such sailor's debts: *Provided*, That the Government shall be liable for the amount deposited to the person so depositing the same.

Payment.

Proviso.

Liability.

Interest. SEC. 2. That for any sums not less than five dollars so deposited for the period of six months or longer, the sailor, on his final discharge, shall be paid interest at the rate of four per centum per annum.

Regulations. SEC. 3. That the system of deposits herein established, shall be carried into execution under such regulations as may be established by the Secretary of the Navy.

Approved, February 9, 1889.

February 9, 1889. **CHAP. 120.**—An act to punish, as a felony, the carnal and unlawful knowing of any female under the age of sixteen years.

Carnal and unlawful knowledge of females under sixteen to be felony.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every person who shall carnally and unlawfully know any female under the age of sixteen years, or who shall be accessory to such carnal and unlawful knowledge before the fact in the District of Columbia or other place, except the territories, over which the United States has exclusive jurisdiction; or on any vessel within the admiralty or maritime jurisdiction of the United States, and out of the jurisdiction of any State or Territory, shall be guilty of a felony, and when convicted thereof shall be punished by imprisonment at hard labor, for the first offense for not more than fifteen years, and for each subsequent offense not more than thirty years.

Punishment.

Approved, February 9, 1889.

February 9, 1889. **CHAP. 121.**—An act to constitute Columbus, Ohio, a port of delivery, and to extend the provisions of the act of June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An act to amend the statutes in relation to immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes," to said port of Columbus.

Columbus, Ohio. Made a port of delivery. Immediate transportation privileges. Vol. 21, p. 174.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Columbus, in the State of Ohio, be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery, and that the privileges of the seventh section of the act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An act to amend the statutes in relation to immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes," be, and the same are hereby, extended to said port, and that there shall be appointed at said port a surveyor, with compensation at nine hundred dollars per annum and the usual fees.

Surveyor.

Approved, February 9, 1889.