

**CHAP. 169.**—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to donate two condemned cannon to Moores Creek Battle Ground Association.

February 23, 1909.  
[S. 8708.]

[Public, No. 251.]

*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 and directed to donate to Moores Creek Battle Ground Association, of Currie, North Carolina, two condemned bronze field pieces with their carriages and a suitable outfit of cannon balls which may not be needed in the service: *Provided,* That no expense shall be incurred by the United States in connection with the donation of the above-mentioned articles of ordnance property.

Moores Creek Battle Ground Association, Currie, N. C. Condemned cannon donated to.

*Proviso.*  
No expense.

Approved, February 23, 1909.

**CHAP. 170.**—An Act Providing for the purchase of a site and the erection of a new immigration station thereon at the city of Boston, Massachusetts.

February 23, 1909.  
[H. R. 13851.]

[Public, No. 252.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be erected, upon any site except Castle Island now owned or controlled by the Government of the United States or upon any site to be ceded to or purchased by the Government for the purpose of establishing a new immigration station, suitable fireproof building or buildings in connection therewith, at the port of Boston, Massachusetts: *Provided,* That this Act shall not be construed to amend, modify or repeal joint resolution numbered seventeen authorizing the use and improvement of Castle Island in Boston Harbor, approved May first, eighteen hundred and ninety.

Boston, Mass. Building for immigration station at, authorized.

*Proviso.*  
Castle Island. Vol. 26, p. 671.

**SEC. 2.** That the expenditure of the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby authorized for the purchase of ground for and the complete erection and furnishing of said building, which sum shall be paid from the "immigrant fund;" that the said building shall be erected in accordance with plans and specifications to be prepared by the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department, and under the supervision of said Department.

Appropriation from immigrant fund. *Post,* p. 982.

Plans, etc.

Approved, February 23, 1909.

**CHAP. 171.**—An Act Extending the provisions of the Act of June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, concerning transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement.

February 23, 1909.  
[H. R. 24140.]

[Public, No. 253.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the privileges of the first section of the Act, approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, governing the immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement, be, and the same are hereby, extended to the subports of Blaine and Sumas, in the State of Washington.

Customs, Blaine and Sumas, Wash., granted immediate transportation facilities. Vol. 21, p. 178.

**SEC. 2.** That all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Approved, February 23, 1909.

**CHAP. 174.**—An Act To reenact and to amend sections thirty-six hundred and forty-six and thirty-six hundred and forty-seven of the Revised Statutes.

February 23, 1909.  
[H. R. 25805.]

[Public, No. 254.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That sections thirty-six hundred and forty-six and thirty-six hundred and forty-seven of the Revised Statutes be, and they hereby are, reenacted and amended to read as follows:

Lost, etc., checks. R. S., secs. 3646, 3647, pp. 717, 718.

"**SEC. 3646.** Whenever any original disbursing officer's check is lost, stolen, or destroyed, the Secretary of the Treasury may authorize

Disbursing officers' checks. Duplicates of, lost, etc., may be issued.

R. S., sec. 3646, p. 717, amended.  
*Ante*, p. 415.

*Provisos.*  
 Small amounts.

Postal checks and warrants.  
 Issuance of duplicates.

Small amounts to officials, etc.

Death of issuing officer.  
 R. S., sec. 3647, p. 718, amended.  
 Regulations, etc.

*Proviso.*  
 Postal checks.

the officer issuing the same, after the expiration of six months and within three years from the date of such disbursing officer's check, to issue a duplicate thereof upon the execution of such bond to indemnify the United States as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe: *Provided*, That when such original disbursing officer's check does not exceed in amount the sum of fifty dollars the Secretary of the Treasury may authorize the issuance of a duplicate at any time after the expiration of thirty days and within three years from the date of such disbursing officer's check: *Provided further*, That whenever any original check or warrant of the Post-Office Department has been lost, stolen, or destroyed the Postmaster-General may authorize the issuance of a duplicate thereof, at any time within three years from the date of such original check or warrant, upon the execution by the owner thereof of such bond of indemnity as the Postmaster-General may prescribe: *And provided further*, That when such original check or warrant does not exceed in amount the sum of fifty dollars and the payee or owner is, at the date of the application, an officer or employee in the service of the Post-Office Department, whether by contract, designation, or appointment, the Postmaster-General may, in lieu of an indemnity bond, authorize the issuance of a duplicate check or warrant upon such an affidavit as he may prescribe, to be made before any postmaster by the payee or owner of an original check or warrant.

"SEC. 3647. In case the disbursing officer or agent by whom such lost, destroyed, or stolen original check was issued is dead or no longer in the service of the United States it shall be the duty of the proper accounting officer, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, to state an account in favor of the owner of such original check for the amount thereof and to charge such amount to the account of such officer or agent: *Provided*, That in case a check drawn by any officer or agent of the Post-Office Department is lost, stolen, or destroyed a duplicate thereof may be issued under regulations prescribed by the Postmaster-General, as set forth in section thirty-six hundred and forty-six."

Approved, February 23, 1909.

February 24, 1909.  
 [H. R. 19606.]

[Public, No. 255.]

Colorado.  
 Desert lands in former Ute Indian Reservation granted to.  
 Vol. 28, p. 422.

Vol. 29, p. 434.  
 Vol. 31, p. 1188.

Vol. 22, p. 178.  
*Proviso.*  
 Price per acre.

Vol. 21, p. 203.

**CHAP. 178.**—An Act To provide for the granting and patenting to the State of Colorado desert lands within the former Ute Indian Reservation in said State.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the provision of section four of "An Act making appropriation for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and for other purposes," approved August eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and the amendments thereof, approved June eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and March third, nineteen hundred and one, respectively, be, and are hereby, extended over and shall apply to the desert lands within the limits of all that portion of the former Ute Indian Reservation, not included in any national forest, in the State of Colorado, described and embraced in the Act entitled "An Act relating to lands in Colorado lately occupied by the Uncompahgre and White River Ute Indians," approved July twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two: *Provided*, That before a patent shall issue for any of the lands aforesaid under the terms of the Act approved August eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and amendments thereto, the State of Colorado shall pay into the Treasury of the United States the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre for the lands so patented, and the money so paid shall be subject to the provisions of section three of the Act of June fifteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An Act to accept and ratify the agreements submitted by