

“Any person who shall make or subscribe to any oath or affirmation authorized in this title and knowing the same to be false shall be deemed guilty of perjury.

Penalty for false oath.

“Every licensed master, mate, pilot, or engineer who shall change, by addition, interpolation, or erasure of any kind, any certificate or license issued by any inspector or inspectors referred to in this title shall, for every such offense, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment at hard labor for a term not exceeding three years.”

—for altering certificate of inspector.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall take effect immediately.

Effect.

Approved, March 23, 1900.

CHAP. 91.—An Act Appropriating, for the benefit and government of Porto Rico, revenues collected on importations therefrom since its evacuation by Spain, and revenues hereafter collected on such importations under existing law.

March 24, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two million and ninety-five thousand four hundred and fifty-five dollars and eighty-eight cents, being the amount of customs revenue received on importations by the United States from Porto Rico since the evacuation of Porto Rico by the Spanish forces on the eighteenth of October, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, to the first of January, nineteen hundred, together with any further customs revenue collected on importations from Porto Rico since the first of January, nineteen hundred, or that shall hereafter be collected under existing law, shall be placed at the disposal of the President, to be used for the government now existing and which may hereafter be established in Porto Rico, and for the aid and relief of the people thereof, and for public education, public works, and other governmental and public purposes therein until otherwise provided by law; and the revenues herein referred to, already collected and to be collected under existing law, are hereby appropriated for the purposes herein specified, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Porto Rico. Customs revenue available for existing government, etc.

Approved, March 24, 1900.

CHAP. 92.—An Act To provide for necessary repairs to the steamer Thetis, for service as a revenue cutter.

March 24, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated and made immediately available, for the purposes of repairing and equipping the steamer Thetis for service as a vessel of the Revenue-Cutter Service.

Steamer “Thetis.” Equipment for Revenue-Cutter Service authorized.

Approved, March 24, 1900.

CHAP. 108.—An Act To extend the time for the completion of the incline railway on West Mountain, Hot Springs Reservation.

March 26, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for the completion of an incline railway upon the West Mountain of the Hot Springs Reservation, as provided by Act of Congress approved December twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, is hereby extended

Time extended for completing railway on West Mountain, Hot Springs Reservation. Vol. 23, p. 22.

for the term of three years from and after the passage of this Act, and that said Act is hereby continued in full force and effect.

Approved, March 26, 1900.

March 28, 1900.

CHAP. 110.—An Act Granting to the State of Kansas the abandoned Fort Hays Military Reservation, in said State, for the purpose of establishing an experiment station of the Kansas Agricultural College, and a western branch of the Kansas State Normal School thereon, and for a public park.

Fort Hays Military Reservation granted State of Kansas.

—conditions.

Provisos.
—acceptance, etc.

—reversion.

Valid land claims not affected.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the abandoned Fort Hays Military Reservation and all the improvements thereon, situated in the State of Kansas, be, and the same are hereby, granted to said State upon the conditions that said State shall establish and maintain perpetually thereon, first, an experiment station of the Kansas Agricultural College; second, a western branch of the Kansas State Normal School, and that in connection therewith the said reservation shall be used and maintained as a public park: *Provided,* That said State shall, within five years from and after the passage of this Act, accept this grant, and shall by proper legislative action establish on said reservation an experiment station of the Kansas Agricultural College and a western branch of the Kansas State Normal School; and whenever the lands shall cease to be used by said State for the purposes herein mentioned the same shall revert to the United States: *Provided further,* That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to any tract or tracts within the limits of said reservation to which a valid claim has attached, by settlement or otherwise, under any of the public land laws of the United States.

Approved, March 28, 1900.

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CHAP. 111.—An Act Enlarging the powers of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company.

Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad.
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Repeal of limitation as to constructing branches.

—except.

Construction through Indian reservations, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the limitations imposed by the proviso to section four of the Act approved August twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act to authorize the purchasers of the property and franchises of the Choctaw Coal and Railroad Company to organize a corporation, and to confer upon the same all the powers, privileges, and franchises vested in that company," or by any Act amendatory of said Act upon the power of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company, the corporation organized thereunder, to construct branches authorized by said section four of said Act of August twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, are hereby repealed, except in so far as these limitations require the filing of maps of the said branches with the Secretary of the Interior and his approval of the same.

SEC. 2. That the powers heretofore conferred upon the said Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company by the said Act of August twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and the Acts amendatory thereof, shall be so construed as to authorize the construction and operation of the railroad and branches thereby or hereby authorized through and over any Indian reservations, subject to the payment of the compensation provided for in said Acts as to land in the Indian Territory, and through and over any Indian allotments, subject to the compensation provided by the laws of Oklahoma.