

of a bawdy or disorderly house, and any person convicted of such an offense shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

SEC. 2. That said police court shall also have concurrent jurisdiction with said supreme court of threats to do bodily harm, and any person convicted of such offense shall be required to give bond to keep the peace for a period not exceeding six months, and in default of bond may be sentenced to imprisonment not exceeding six months.

Punishment for.

Threats to do bodily harm.

Punishment for.

Approved, July 16, 1912.

CHAP. 236.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to pay a cash reward for suggestions submitted by employees of certain establishments of the Ordnance Department for improvement or economy in manufacturing processes or plant.

July 17, 1912.
[H. R. 17937.]

[Public, No. 227.]

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 offer periodically at such of the establishments of the Ordnance Department as he may select a cash reward for the suggestion, or series of suggestions, for an improvement or economy in manufacturing processes or plant, submitted within the period by one or more employees of the establishment which shall be deemed the most valuable of those submitted and adopted for use: *Provided,* That to obtain this reward the winning suggestion must be one that will clearly effect a material economy in production or increase efficiency or enhance the quality of the product in comparison with its cost and in the opinion of the Secretary shall be so worthy as to entitle the employee making the same to receive the reward: *Provided further,* That the sums awarded to employees in accordance with this Act shall be paid them in addition to their usual compensation and shall constitute part of the general or shop expense of the establishment: *Provided further,* That the total amount paid under the provisions of this Act shall not exceed one thousand dollars for any one month: *And provided further,* That no employee shall be paid a reward under this Act until he has properly executed an agreement to the effect that the use by the United States of the suggestion, or series of suggestions, made by him shall not form the basis of a further claim of any nature upon the United States by him, his heirs, or assigns, and that application for patent has not been made for the invention.

Army.
Ordnance Department employees offered rewards for suggestions of improvements, etc.

Provisos.
Conditions.

Payments from shop expense.

Limit.

Release, etc., required.

Approved, July 17, 1912.

CHAP. 237.—An Act To provide American registry for the steamer Damara.

July 17, 1912.
[S. 7015.]

[Public, No. 228.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Navigation is hereby authorized and directed to cause the steamer Damara, rebuilt at San Francisco, California, from the wreck of the British steamer Damara, wrecked in the harbor of San Francisco and abandoned by her owners as a total wreck, to be registered as a vessel of the United States, whenever it shall be shown to the Commissioner of Navigation that the cost of rebuilding said vessel in the United States amounted to three times the actual cost of said wreck and that the vessel is wholly owned by citizens of the United States

"Damara," steamer.
American registry granted to.

Conditions.

Approved, July 17, 1912.

July 17, 1912.
[S. 23.]

CHAP. 238.—An Act To authorize the extension of Underwood Street northwest.

[Public, No. 229.]
District of Columbia.
Underwood street
northwest.
Condemning land
for extending.
Vol. 34, p. 151.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, under and in accordance with the provisions of subchapter one of chapter fifteen of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia, within six months after the dedication, in accordance with law, of the land necessary to widen Underwood Street from its present western terminus west of Eighth Street, west, to Seventh Street, west, to its full width of ninety feet, as laid down on the permanent system of highways plan, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to institute in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia a proceeding in rem to condemn the land that may be necessary to extend said Underwood Street from its present western terminus west of Eighth Street, west, to the Piney Branch Road, with a width of ninety feet, as laid down on the permanent system of highways plan: *Provided*, That if the dedication referred to herein shall have been made prior to the passage of this Act, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized and directed to institute the condemnation provided for herein within six months after the passage of this Act: *Provided further*, That the entire amount found to be due and awarded by the jury in said proceeding as damages for, and in respect of, the land to be condemned for said extension, plus the costs and expenses of the proceeding hereunder, shall be assessed by the jury as benefits.

Proviso.
Time for proceed-
ings.

Damages assessed as
benefits.

Appropriation for
expenses.

Payment of awards.

SEC. 2. That there is hereby appropriated, out of the revenues of the District of Columbia, an amount sufficient to pay the necessary costs and expenses of the condemnation proceeding taken pursuant hereto, and for the payment of amounts awarded as damages, to be repaid to the District of Columbia from the assessments for benefits, and covered into the Treasury to the credit of the revenues of the District of Columbia.

Approved, July 17, 1912.

July 19, 1912.
[S. 4918.]

CHAP. 240.—An Act To provide for the payment of drainage assessments on Indian lands in Oklahoma.

[Public, No. 230.]
Oklahoma.
Drainage assess-
ments on certain
Indian allotments in,
approved.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to approve the assessments, together with maps showing right of way and definite location of proposed drainage ditches made under the laws of the State of Oklahoma upon the allotments of certain Absentee Shawnee and Citizen Pottawatomie allottees in Little River drainage district, in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma, and upon the allotments of certain Sac and Fox allottees in Deep Fork drainage districts, in Lincoln County, Oklahoma.

Payment.

Proviso.
Appropriation.

Repayment from
rentals, etc.

Approval of right of
way.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to pay the amount assessed against each of said allotments: *Provided*, That said assessment shall not exceed fifteen dollars per acre on any allotment or portion thereof; and there is hereby appropriated for said purpose, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of forty thousand dollars, to be immediately available, the said sum to be reimbursable from the rentals of said allotments, not to exceed fifty per centum of the amount of rents received annually, or from any funds belonging to the said allottees, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to approve deeds for right of way from such