

**CHAP. 161.**—An Act To provide for the fulfillment of the stipulations of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain signed at Washington on the eighth day of February, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

May 7, 1896.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of State, with the approval of the President of the United States, in fulfilling the stipulations of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain signed at Washington on the eighth day of February, eighteen hundred and ninety-six. And the commission constituted by said treaty, when sitting at San Francisco, shall have power to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses by application to the circuit court of the United States for the ninth circuit, which said court is empowered and directed to make all orders and issue all processes necessary and appropriate to that end.

Fur-seal fisheries.  
Appropriation for  
commission to assess  
damages.

Post., p. 814.

Approved, May 7, 1896.

**CHAP. 162.**—An Act Empowering and directing the Secretary of the Navy to furnish not more than four pieces of condemned cannon to the village of New Rochelle, New York.

May 8, 1896.

*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 is hereby authorized to furnish to the village of New Rochelle, New York, for use in completing the soldiers' monuments in that place, not more than four pieces of condemned cannon, if, in his judgment, it may be consistent with the public service: *Provided,* That the United States shall not be subjected to any expense on account of such donation.

Condemned cannon.  
Donated to New  
Rochelle, N. Y.

*Proviso.*  
Expense.

Approved, May 8, 1896.

**CHAP. 163.**—An Act Authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Navy to donate condemned cannon to Custer Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Leavenworth, Kansas, and Mathies Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Burlington, Iowa.

May 9, 1896.

*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 and directed to donate two condemned cannon to Custer Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Leavenworth, Kansas; and that two condemned cannon be donated to Mathies Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Burlington, Iowa: *Provided,* That the condemned cannon herein mentioned are available for the purposes stated and can, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Navy, be spared without detriment to the public interests: *And provided further,* That the Government shall not incur any expense in handling or transporting said cannon.

Condemned cannon.  
Donated to G. A. R.  
posts Leavenworth,  
Kans., and Burling-  
ton, Iowa.

*Proviso.*  
Condition.

Expense.

Approved, May 9, 1896.

**CHAP. 164.**—An Act To amend section twenty-eight hundred and eighty of the Revised Statutes of the United States, fixing time for vessels to unlade.

May 9, 1896.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section twenty-eight hundred and eighty of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended so as to read as follows:

Shipping.  
Unlading of vessels.

“**SEC. 2880.** Whenever any merchandise shall be imported into any port of the United States from any foreign port, in any vessel, at the expiration of ten working days if the vessel is less than five hundred tons register, and within fifteen working days if it is of five hundred

Time for unlading  
of vessels extended.  
R. S., sec. 2880, p.  
558, amended.

tons register and less than one thousand, and within twenty working days if it is of one thousand tons register and less than fifteen hundred, and within twenty-five working days if it is of fifteen hundred tons register and upward, not including legal holidays and days when the condition of the weather prevents the unloading of the vessel with safety to its cargo, after the time within which the report of the master of any vessel is required to be made to the collector of the district, if there is found any merchandise other than has been reported for some other district or some foreign port, the collector shall take possession thereof; but with the consent of the owner or consignee of any merchandise, or with the consent of the owner or master of the vessel in which the same may be imported, the merchandise may be taken possession of by the collector after one day's notice to the collector of the district. All merchandise so taken shall be delivered pursuant to the order of the collector of the district, for which a certificate or receipt shall be granted."

Approved, May 9, 1896.

May 11, 1896.

**CHAP. 167.**—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange in behalf of the United States the tract of land at Choctaw Point, Mobile County, Alabama, now belonging to the United States and held for light-house purposes, with the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Railroad Company for any other tract or parcel of land in said county equally well or better adapted to use for light-house purposes.

Choctaw Point  
Light, Ala.  
Exchange of site au-  
thorized.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to exchange in behalf of the United States the tract of land at Choctaw Point, Mobile County, Alabama, belonging to the United States and held for light-house purposes, with the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Railroad Company for any other tract or parcel of land in said county which it may offer in exchange therefor and which shall be approved of by the Light-House Board as equally well or better adapted to use for light-house purposes and of equal value. And, upon making such exchange, the Secretary of the Treasury shall execute and deliver to said company a quitclaim deed for said Choctaw Point tract, and shall take from it a proper conveyance vesting in the United States title to the tract or parcel of land to be taken in exchange, together with delivery of possession of such tract, such title to be passed upon by the Attorney-General of the United States in the usual manner. And said tract or parcel of land so taken in exchange shall be held and used for light-house purposes: *Provided*, That the exchange herein provided for shall be without expense to the United States.

Deed.

*Proviso.*  
Expense.

Approved, May 11, 1896.

May 11, 1896.

**CHAP. 168.**—An Act To provide for the disposal of public reservations in vacated town sites or additions to town sites in the Territory of Oklahoma.

Oklahoma.  
Homestead entry  
authorized on vacated  
town sites.  
Vol. 26, p. 91.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in all cases where a town site, or an addition to a town site, entered under the provisions of section twenty-two of an Act entitled "An Act to provide a temporary government for the Territory of Oklahoma, to enlarge the jurisdiction of the United States court in the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," approved May second, eighteen hundred and ninety, shall be vacated in accordance with the laws of the Territory of Oklahoma, and patents for the public reservations in such vacated town site, or addition thereto, have not been issued, it shall be lawful for the Commissioner of the General Land Office, upon an official showing that such town site, or addition thereto, has been vacated, and upon payment of