

CHAP. 87.—An Act To amend an Act entitled “An Act to promote the safety of employees and travelers,” and so forth, approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-three.

April 1, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section six of an Act entitled “An Act to promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads by compelling common carriers engaged in interstate commerce to equip their cars with automatic couplers and continuous brakes, and their locomotives with driving-wheel brakes, and for other purposes,” approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, be amended so as to read as follows:

Railroads.
Required to use
train brakes, couplers,
etc.
Vol. 27, p. 532.

“**SEC. 6.** That any such common carrier using any locomotive engine, running any train, or hauling or permitting to be hauled or used on its line any car in violation of any of the provisions of this Act, shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars for each and every such violation, to be recovered in a suit or suits to be brought by the United States district attorney in the district court of the United States having jurisdiction in the locality where such violation shall have been committed; and it shall be the duty of such district attorney to bring such suits upon duly verified information being lodged with him of such violation having occurred; and it shall also be the duty of the Interstate Commerce Commission to lodge with the proper district attorneys information of any such violations as may come to its knowledge: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act contained shall apply to trains composed of four-wheel cars or to trains composed of eight-wheel standard logging cars where the height of such car from top of rail to center of coupling does not exceed twenty-five inches, or to locomotives used in hauling such trains when such cars or locomotives are exclusively used for the transportation of logs.”

Penalty for viola-
tions.

Suits.

Proviso.
Not applicable to
four-wheel or logging
cars.

Approved, April 1, 1896.

CHAP. 88.—An Act To provide an American register for the steamer *Matteawan*.

April 4, 1896.

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 foreign-built steamer *Asturian Prince*, owned by Charles W. Hogan, a citizen of the United States, to be registered as a vessel of the United States under the name of *Matteawan*.

“*Matteawan*.”
American register
granted steamer “*Asturian Prince*” and
name changed.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to cause the inspection of said vessel, steam boilers, steam pipes, and their appurtenances, and cause to be granted the usual certificate issued to steam vessels of the merchant marine without reference to the fact that said steam boilers, steam pipes, and appurtenances were not constructed pursuant to the laws of the United States, and were not constructed of iron stamped pursuant to said laws; and the tests in the inspection of said boilers, steam pipes, and appurtenances shall be the same in all respects as to strength and safety as are required in the inspection of boilers constructed in the United States for marine purposes.

Inspection, etc.

Approved, April 4, 1896.

CHAP. 90.—An Act Constituting Stamford, Connecticut, a subport of entry.

April 6, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Stamford, Connecticut, be, and is hereby, constituted a subport of entry for the customs collection district of Fairfield, Connecticut.

Fairfield collection
district, Conn.
Stamford made a
subport of entry.
R. S., sec. 2532, p.
498, amended.

Approved, April 6, 1896.

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CHAP. 91.—An Act For the establishment of a light-house and fog-signal station at or near the entrance to Maurice River, New Jersey.

Maurice River, N. J.
Range lights etc..
authorized.

Proviso.
Cost.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That range lights and keeper's quarters be established at or near the entrance to Maurice River, Delaware Bay, New Jersey: *Provided,* That the same shall not cost more than four thousand five hundred dollars.

Approved, April 6, 1896.

April 6, 1896.

CHAP. 92.—An Act Authorizing the sale of title of the United States to certain tracts of land in the District of Columbia to Margaret Shugrue, Caroline Lochboehler, and John R. Scott.

Preamble.

Whereas Margaret Shugrue, Caroline Lochboehler, and John R. Scott, of the District of Columbia, and the grantors to them, have been in the peaceable and uninterrupted possession of the tracts of land in said District hereinafter described by metes and bounds for a period of about twenty years, under claims of title and bona fide belief that the same were indefeasible and in them, and under that belief have made valuable improvements thereon; and

Whereas under recent surveys ordered by the engineer officer in charge of the Washington Aqueduct it has been discovered that title to said tracts is in the United States: Now, therefore,

District of Columbia.
Sale of United States title in certain lands to Margaret Shugrue, Caroline Lochboehler, and John R. Scott.

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 required to sell, grant, and convey unto Margaret Shugrue, of the District of Columbia, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and unto all that tract of land in the District of Columbia hereinafter described; to Caroline Lochboehler, of the District of Columbia, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and unto all that certain other tract of land in said District of Columbia, also hereinafter described; and to John R. Scott, of the District of Columbia, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and unto all that certain other tract of land in said District of Columbia, also hereinafter described, at prices to be determined by the Secretary of War upon consideration of all the circumstances of the cases, which prices shall be exclusive of the values of the improvements on said tracts of land: *Provided,* That the Secretary of War shall be of the opinion that the said sales will in no wise be detrimental to the Washington Aqueduct, and that the encroachments thereon were not fraudulent, and that the said Margaret Shugrue is the bona fide proprietor of the land adjacent to the tract hereinafter described that is to be sold to her; that Caroline Lochboehler is the bona fide proprietor of the land adjacent to the tract hereinafter described that is to be sold to her; and that John R. Scott is the bona fide proprietor of the land adjacent to the tract hereinafter described that is to be sold to him.

Price.

Proviso.
Decision of Secretary of War as to ownership, etc.

Description of land to be sold to Margaret Shugrue: Beginning at a stone marked "W. A. 126," on the line of the northerly boundary of the United States land, near culvert twenty-four of the Washington Aqueduct, and running thence on said boundary north sixteen degrees and thirty eight minutes east one hundred and twenty-eight and two-tenths feet to boundary stone 28—K. 11; thence south fifty-two degrees and thirty minutes west one hundred and three and nine-tenths feet; thence south thirty-seven degrees and thirty minutes east seventy-five feet to the place of beginning, containing thirty-eight hundred and ninety-six square feet, or about eighty-nine one-thousandths of an acre.

Location.
Margaret Shugrue.

Caroline Lochboehler.

Description of land to be sold to Caroline Lochboehler: Beginning at a stone marked "W. A. K. 3," on the southerly side of the United States land, near culvert twenty-six of the Washington Aqueduct, and running south forty degrees and twenty-five minutes east twenty and two-tenths feet; thence south fifty-seven degrees and fifteen minutes west