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**CHAP. 12.**—An Act To give the consent of Congress to a compact entered into between the States of South Dakota and Nebraska respecting the boundary between said States.

Preamble.

Whereas commissioners duly appointed on the part of the State of South Dakota and commissioners duly appointed on the part of the State of Nebraska, for the purpose of settling the boundary line between said States, have ascertained said boundary line and reported the same, as by law required; and

Whereas the legislature of the State of South Dakota and the legislature of the State of Nebraska have, by acts duly passed, approved and adopted, subject to the consent of Congress, the boundary line ascertained and reported by said commission; and

Whereas the governor of the State of South Dakota and the governor of the State of Nebraska, duly authorized by acts of the legislatures of said States, have entered into and signed, in behalf of their respective States, the following compact:

Compact between the States of South Dakota and Nebraska establishing boundary line.

"Wherefore, This compact, made and entered into by and between Honorable Andrew E. Lee, governor of the State of South Dakota, in behalf of said State of South Dakota, and Honorable Silas A. Holcomb, governor of Nebraska, in behalf of said State of Nebraska,

"Witnesseth, That, subject to the consent of Congress, the center of the main channel of the Missouri River is hereby established as, and declared to be, the boundary line between the State of Nebraska and the State of South Dakota between the following points, that is to say, between a point in the center of the channel of the Missouri River directly north of the west line of Dixon County, Nebraska, and a point in the center of said channel directly south of the east line of Clay County, South Dakota.

"In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and have caused the great seals of our respective States to be affixed hereto.

"Done at the city of Lincoln, the capital of the State of Nebraska, this 3d day of June, 1897.

Signatures.

"SILAS A. HOLCOMB,

"Governor of the State of Nebraska.

"Attest:

"W. F. PORTER,

"Secretary of State.

"Done at the city of Pierre, the capital of the State of South Dakota, this 7th day of June, 1897.

"ANDREW E. LEE,

"Governor of the State of South Dakota.

"Attest:

"WILLIAM H. RODDLE,

"Secretary of State,

"By PHILIP LAWRENCE,

"Assistant Secretary of State."

Therefore,

Consent of Congress.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of the Congress of the United States is hereby given to the said compact, and all its declarations are hereby confirmed.

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Discriminating duties, etc.

**CHAP. 13.**—An Act To authorize the President to suspend discriminating duties imposed on foreign vessels and commerce.

R. S., sec. 4228, p. 814, amended.

Suspension in part by the President, etc. R. S., secs. 4219, 2502, pp. 813, 459.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section forty-two hundred and twenty-eight of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding to the same the following, to wit: "Provided, That the President is authorized to suspend in part the operation of sections forty-two hundred and nineteen and twenty-five hundred and two so that foreign vessels from a

country imposing partial discriminating tonnage duties upon American vessels, or partial discriminating import duties upon American merchandise, may enjoy in our ports the identical privileges which the same class of American vessels and merchandise may enjoy in said foreign country."

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**CHAP. 14.**—An Act To amend section eight of the Act entitled "An Act providing a civil government for Alaska," approved May seventeenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, to create the office of surveyor-general for Alaska, and for other purposes.

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Alaska.  
Civil government of.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section eight of an Act entitled "An Act providing a civil government for Alaska" be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the words "the Commissioner provided for by this Act to reside in Sitka shall be ex officio register of said land office, and the clerk provided for by this Act shall be ex officio receiver of public moneys, and the marshal provided for by this Act shall be ex officio surveyor-general of said district."

Sec. 8, vol. 23, p. 26,  
amended.

**SEC. 2.** That there shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a surveyor-general for the District of Alaska, embracing one surveying district.

Appointment of surveyor-general.

**SEC. 3.** That the surveyor-general of Alaska shall receive a salary at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum.

Salary.

**SEC. 4.** The President is authorized and empowered, in his discretion, to divide said Territory into two land districts and to designate the boundaries thereof, and he is also authorized and empowered to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a register of said additional land office and receiver of public moneys therefor, and in case of the creation of such additional land district the surveyor-general shall serve in both districts.

Division of Territory into two land districts.

Additional officers.

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