

May 21, 1898.

**CHAP. 348.**—An Act To establish an assay office at Seattle, Washington.Seattle, Wash.  
Assay office estab-  
lished at.

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—officers, etc.

*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 is hereby authorized and required to establish an assay office of the United States at Seattle, in the State of Washington; said assay office to be conducted under the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act revising and amending the laws relating to the mints and assay offices and the coinage of the United States," approved February twelfth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three; that the officers of the assay office shall be an assayer in charge, at a salary of two thousand five hundred dollars per annum, who shall also perform the duties of melter; chief clerk, at a salary of one thousand five hundred dollars per annum. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to rent a suitable building for the use of such assay office; and there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty thousand dollars for salary of assayer in charge, chief clerk, and wages of workmen, rent, and contingent expenses.

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**CHAP. 349.**—An Act To provide an American register for the steamer Catania.Steamer Catania  
granted American  
register.

*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 is hereby authorized and directed to cause the foreign-built steamer Catania, owned by M. Stanley Tweedie, a citizen of the United States, to be registered as a vessel of the United States.

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**CHAP. 350.**—An Act To provide an American register for the steamship Centennial.Steamer Centennial  
granted American  
register.

*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 is hereby authorized and directed to cause the foreign-built steamship Centennial, owned by Peter Larsen, a citizen of the United States, to be registered as a vessel of the United States.

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May 26, 1898.

**CHAP. 363.**—An Act Providing for the payment and maintenance of volunteers during the interval between their enrollment and muster into the United States service, and for other purposes.Volunteer Army.  
Pay of volunteers  
between enrollment  
and muster.  
Ante, pp. 361, 404, 405.  
Post, p. 721.Proviso.  
Troops for Philip-  
pine Islands.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the pay and allowance of such of the volunteers as are received into the service of the United States under the Act of Congress approved April twenty-second, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and the Acts supplemental thereto, shall be deemed to commence from the day on which they joined for duty and are enrolled at the battalion, regimental, or State rendezvous: *Provided,* That troops about to embark for service in the Philippine Islands may, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, be paid one month's wages in advance prior to embarkation.

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