

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.

Approved, May 21, 1898.

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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.

Approved, May 21, 1898.

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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.

Approved, May 21, 1898.

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.

Approved, May 26, 1898.

CHAP. 364.—An Act To provide an American register for the steamship Zealandia.

May 27, 1898.

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 Zealandia, owned by the Oceanic Steamship Company of San Francisco, California, to be registered as a vessel of the United States.

Steamship Zealandia granted American register.

Approved, May 27, 1898.

CHAP. 366.—An Act Extending the time for the construction of a wagon and motor bridge across the Missouri River at Saint Charles, Missouri, as provided by an Act approved June third, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

May 28, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for commencing the construction of a wagon and motor bridge across the Missouri River at Saint Charles, Missouri, as fixed by an Act approved June third, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, be extended to one year from June third, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and that the time for completing said bridge as fixed by the Act aforesaid be extended to June third, nineteen hundred.

Bridge across the Missouri River at St. Charles, Mo. Time for construction of extended. Vol. 29, p. 197.

Approved, May 28, 1898.

CHAP. 367.—An Act To amend sections ten and thirteen of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for temporarily increasing the military establishment of the United States in time of war, and for other purposes," approved April twenty second, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

May 28, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section ten of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for temporarily increasing the military establishment of the United States in time of war, and for other purposes," approved April twenty-second, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding at the end thereof the following, to wit: *And provided*, That officers of the Regular Army shall be eligible for such staff appointments, and shall not be held to vacate their offices in the Regular Army by accepting the same, but shall be entitled to receive only the pay and allowances of their staff rank: *Provided further*, That officers of the Regular Army receiving commissions in regiments of engineers, or any other commissions in the Volunteer Army, shall not be held to vacate their offices in the Regular Army by accepting the same, but shall be entitled to receive only the pay and allowances of such volunteer rank while serving as such.

Army in time of war. Ante, p. 362, amended.

Regular Army officers, staff appointments of. —not to terminate Regular Army commission. —pay. —commissions of, in Volunteer Army.

SEC. 2. That section thirteen of said Act is amended so as to read as follows:

Ante, p. 363, amended.

That the governor of any State or Territory may, with the consent of the President, appoint officers of the Regular Army in the grades of field officers in organizations of the Volunteer Army, and the President may appoint officers of the Regular Army in the grade of field officers in organizations of the Volunteer Army raised in the District of Columbia and the Indian Territory, and in the regiments possessing special qualifications, provided for in section six of an Act of Congress approved April twenty-second, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and in section two of the Act of Congress approved May eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight; and officers thus appointed shall be entitled to retain their rank in the Regular Army: *Provided*, That not more than one officer of the Regular Army shall hold a commission in any one regiment of the Volunteer Army at the same time: *And provided further*, That officers so appointed shall be entitled to receive only the pay and allowances of their rank in the volunteer organization.

—how appointed in Volunteer Army.

Ante, pp. 362, 404.

—retention of Regular Army rank.

Provisos. Limit for each volunteer regiment. Pay.

Approved, May 28, 1898.