

master's Department and an inspection by such department, all under the direction and authority of the Secretary of War.'

"And the words:

"*Provided*, That not more than one million dollars of the sums appropriated by this Act shall be paid out for the services of civilian employees in the Quartermaster's Department, including those heretofore paid out of the funds appropriated for regular supplies, incidental expenses, barracks and quarters, army transportation, clothing, camp and garrison equipage; that no employee paid therefrom shall receive a salary more than one hundred and fifty dollars per month unless the same be specially fixed by law.'

—civilian employees; limit.

"Third. So much of the Act approved March fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine,' under the heading 'Ordnance Department,' as provides that not more than sixty-five thousand dollars of the money appropriated for the Ordnance Department in all its branches shall be applied to the payment of civilian clerks in said department."

Ordnance Department.
Civilian clerks; limit.

SEC. 2. That during the time the operation of the foregoing provisions of law shall remain so suspended pursuant to this Act, materials required by the War Department may, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, be purchased abroad and shall be admitted free of duty.

Admission free of duty of war materials.

SEC. 3. That during the same time the Bureau of Ordnance of the War Department is authorized to purchase, without advertisement, such ordnance and ordnance stores as are needed for immediate use; and when such ordnance and ordnance stores are to be manufactured, then to make contracts without advertisement for such stores, to be delivered as rapidly as manufactured.

Purchases without advertisement.

Approved, February 24, 1900.

CHAP. 25.—An Act For the relief of claimants having suits against the United States pending in the circuit and district courts of the United States affected by the Act of June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, amending the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

February 26, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no suit shall abate or be affected by the Act of June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An Act to amend sections one and two of the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven," which was pending in any circuit court of appeals, circuit or district court of the United States at the time of the passage of said Act; and all such suits which have been dismissed by reason of said Act shall be restored to their places in such courts and proceeded with as if the same had not been enacted; and time within which an appeal or writ of error may be taken or prosecuted in any case affected by this Act is hereby extended six months from the passage hereof.

Suits pending in United States courts by Government officers to recover fees for services unaffected by transfer of jurisdiction to Court of Claims, etc.
Vol. 30, p. 495.
Vol. 24, p. 505.

Approved, February 26, 1900.

CHAP. 26.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Grand Rapids Water Power and Boom Company, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, to construct a dam and bridge across the Mississippi River," approved February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

February 27, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled; That section three of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Grand Rapids Water Power and Boom Company, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, to construct a dam and bridge across the Mississippi River," approved, February twenty-

Time extended to Grand Rapids Water Power and Boom Company to dam, etc., Mississippi River at Grand Rapids, Minn.