CHAP. 288.—An Act To change the name of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service to the Public Health Service, to increase the pay of officers of said service, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service of the United States shall hereafter be known and designated as the Public Health Service, and all laws pertaining to the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service of the United States shall hereafter apply to the Public Health Service, and all regulations now in force, made in accordance with law for the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service of the United States shall apply to and remain in force as regulations of and for the Public Health Service until changed or rescinded. The Public Health Service may study and investigate the diseases of man and conditions influencing the propagation and spread thereof, including sanitation and sewage and the pollution either directly or indirectly of the navigable streams and lakes of the United States, and it may from time to time issue information in the form of publications for the use of the public.

Sec. 2. That beginning with the first day of October next after the passage of this Act the salaries of the commissioned medical officers of the Public Health Service shall be at the following rates per annum: Surgeon General, six thousand dollars; Assistant Surgeon General, four thousand dollars; senior surgeon, of which there shall be ten in number, on active duty, three thousand five hundred dollars; surgeon, three thousand dollars; passed assistant surgeon, two thousand four hundred dollars; assistant surgeon, two thousand dollars; and the said officers, excepting the Surgeon General, shall receive an additional compensation of ten per centum of the annual salary as above set forth for each five years’ service, but not to exceed in all forty per centum: Provided, That the total salary, including the longevity increase, shall not exceed the following rates: Assistant Surgeon General, five thousand dollars; senior surgeon, four thousand five hundred dollars; surgeon, four thousand dollars: Provided further, That there may be employed in the Public Health Service such help as may be provided for from time to time by Congress.

Approved, August 14, 1912.

CHAP. 289.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to sell to the county of Hill, in the State of Montana, the jail building and fixtures now upon the abandoned Fort Assiniboine Military Reservation, in the State of Montana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to sell the jail building and the fixtures of said building, now situate on the abandoned Fort Assiniboine Military Reservation, in the State of Montana, to the county of Hill, in the State of Montana, at a price to be agreed upon by the Secretary of the Interior and the board of county commissioners of said county, and said county, by its duly authorized officials, shall have the right to enter upon the said abandoned Fort Assiniboine Military Reservation at any time after such sale has been consummated and remove said buildings and such fixtures.

Approved, August 14, 1912.
CHAP. 290.—An Act To convey to the Big Rock Stone and Construction Company a portion of the military reservation of Fort Logan H. Roots, in the State of Arkansas.

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 hereby is, authorized and directed, upon the payment by the Big Rock Stone and Construction Company, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Arkansas, of such sum as he may determine to be the reasonable value of the premises, to convey to the said company the following-described portion of the military reservation of Fort Logan H. Roots, near the city of Little Rock, State of Arkansas, to wit:

Beginning at the intersection of section line between sections twenty and twenty-nine, township two north, range twelve west, with the left bank of the Arkansas River; thence east along section line to the northeast corner of section twenty-nine; thence south, along east line of section twenty-nine, one thousand and fifty feet; thence south thirty-one degrees five minutes east, one thousand and twenty-five feet; thence south thirty-three degrees thirty-four minutes east, one thousand and thirty-six feet; thence south fifty-four degrees thirty minutes west, two hundred and thirty-six feet; thence south fifty-four degrees thirty minutes west, two hundred and fifty feet to southeast corner of the Big Rock Stone and Construction Company's property; thence following the east and north boundaries of said company's property to intersection with left bank of river; thence north along left bank of river to place of beginning; containing eighteen and seventy-five one-hundredths acres.

Also the following-described tract of said reservation, to wit:

Beginning at the said southeast corner of the Big Rock Stone and Construction Company's property; thence south thirty-three degrees thirty-four minutes east, three hundred and fifty feet; thence south fifty-four degrees thirty minutes west to left bank of river; thence north along the river bank to the southwest corner of said company's property; thence north fifty-four degrees thirty minutes east along said company's property to the point of beginning; containing two acres.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of War is hereby further empowered to require, as one of the conditions of the sale herein authorized, that the grantee shall execute a bond to the United States, in such amount and with such sureties as the said Secretary shall prescribe, conditioned that the said grantee shall hold the United States harmless as against any damage that may be done to the part of the premises retained by the United States by any use to which the said grantee may devote that part hereby authorized to be conveyed; and that whenever, in the judgment of the said Secretary, the use to which the said part is being devoted shall interfere with the proper use by the United States of the said remaining part for any of the purposes to which the same is now being devoted, the said Secretary may direct a suspension of such interfering use for such time or with such restrictions as to him shall seem proper.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved, August 14, 1912.

CHAP. 291.—An Act To authorize the Moline-Bettendorf Bridge Company to construct a bridge across the Mississippi River between Moline, Illinois, and Bettendorf, Iowa.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Moline-Bettendorf Bridge Company, an Illinois corporation, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Mississippi River.