

46 U. S. C. § 242.

Registry of pursers and surgeons as staff officers.

Staff department.

Medical division.

Purser's division.

Citizenship requirement.

other purposes", approved August 1, 1939 (Public, Numbered 251, Seventy-sixth Congress; 53 Stat. 1145), is amended to read as follows:

"That there shall be registered staff officers in the United States merchant marine in the following grades: (1) Chief purser, (2) purser, (3) senior assistant purser, (4) junior assistant purser, (5) surgeon. The Secretary of Commerce (in this Act called the Secretary) shall register, and issue certificates of registry to, qualified individuals applying for registry in such grades, as hereinafter provided, and every such individual when so registered and serving in the staff department on a vessel of the United States shall rank as a staff officer on such vessel. Officers registered under the provisions of this Act and pursers' clerks and such persons as may be assigned to the senior registered surgeon shall constitute a separate and independent department on vessels of the United States to be known as the staff department. Such staff department shall be composed of a medical division and a purser's division. The medical division shall be under the charge of the senior registered surgeon on such vessel, who shall be responsible solely to the master. The purser's division shall be under the charge of the senior registered purser on such vessel, who shall be responsible solely to the master. On oceangoing vessels licensed to carry more than one hundred passengers, such officer in charge of the purser's division of the staff department shall be a registered chief purser; and whenever more than three persons are employed in the purser's division of the staff department on such vessels, there shall be a minimum of one registered senior assistant purser and one registered junior assistant purser in such purser's division of that staff department. No person shall be eligible for registry as a staff officer under the provisions of this Act who is not a citizen of the United States."

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## [CHAPTER 417]

## AN ACT

Relating to the manning of vessels.

September 24, 1941  
[H. R. 4446]  
[Public Law 255]

Manning of vessels.  
49 Stat. 1930.  
46 U. S. C. § 672 (a).  
*Ante*, p. 579.

Emergency employment of certain able seamen.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That notwithstanding the provisions of section 13 (a) of the Act of March 4, 1915, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. V., title 46, sec. 672 (a)), during the emergency declared by the President on May 27, 1941, to exist, but not after June 30, 1943, the Secretary of Commerce, with respect to any vessel or any group of vessels or any industry and upon a finding, after investigation, that qualified able seamen are not available in sufficient numbers to man such vessels as required by said section, may, in his discretion, allow seamen, examined and rated able seamen under said section after having served on deck twelve months at sea or on the Great Lakes, to compose not more than one-half of the number of able seamen required by such section to be shipped or employed upon any vessel, for such period or periods as he deems necessary and as he may by regulation or order prescribe.

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[CHAPTER 418]

## AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Secretary of War to proceed with the construction of certain public works in connection with the War Department in the District of Columbia", approved June 15, 1938.

September 24, 1941  
[H. R. 5146]  
[Public Law 256]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Secretary of War to proceed with the construction of certain public works in connection with the War Department in the District of Columbia", approved June 15, 1938, is hereby amended to read as follows: "That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to construct in the District of Columbia a building with the utilities, accessories, and appurtenances thereto to replace the present Army Medical Library and Museum Building now located in the District of Columbia, and to acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise a suitable site: *Provided*, That the location and design of such building shall be subject to the approval of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission: *Provided further*, That the total cost of the construction and acquisition of a suitable site hereby authorized shall not exceed the sum of \$4,750,000."

Army Medical Library and Museum, D. C.

52 Stat. 684.  
Construction of building, etc.

Acquisition of site.  
*Provisos.*

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[CHAPTER 419]

## AN ACT

To authorize the sale of certain Indian lands to the city of Cut Bank, Montana.

September 24, 1941  
[S. 1725]  
[Public Law 257]

*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, under such regulations as he may prescribe, is authorized to sell to the city of Cut Bank, Montana, all right, title, and interest of the United States and of certain individual Indians of the Blackfeet Tribe of Indians, upon obtaining the consent of such individual Indians to such sale, in and to the following-described lands within the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Montana:

Cut Bank, Mont.  
Sale of certain Indian lands.

Southwest quarter southwest quarter section 14; southwest quarter and south half southeast quarter and northeast quarter southeast quarter section 15; southwest quarter northwest quarter, northeast quarter northwest quarter, northeast quarter, northwest quarter southeast quarter section 22; and the west half northwest quarter section 23, all in township 33 north, range 6 west, M. M., Montana.

Description.

SEC. 2. Such portion of the proceeds derived from such sale as represents the value of the right, title, or interest of any such individual Indian in any such lands shall be paid to the Superintendent of the Blackfeet Indian Agency for deposit to the credit of such individual Indian.

Deposit of proceeds.

SEC. 3. Any patent or other instrument conveying to such city of Cut Bank any of the above-described land shall expressly exclude from such conveyance any oil, gas, or other mineral deposits therein: *Provided*, That the development of any mineral deposits so reserved, which would in any manner interfere with the use of such lands for airport purposes, shall not be permitted or indulged in so long as the lands herein described are needed for airport purposes.

Reservation of minerals.

*Proviso.*

Approved, September 24, 1941.