

answer any question tending to criminate himself or herself, or shall in any criminal proceeding render any husband competent or compellable to give evidence for or against his wife, or any wife competent or compellable to give evidence for or against her husband, or in any proceeding instituted in consequence of adultery; nor shall any husband be compellable to disclose any communication made to him by his wife during the marriage, nor shall any wife be compellable to disclose any communication made to her by her husband during the marriage.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

CHAP. CCXXIII.— *An Act authorizing the Erection of Buildings for the Branch-Mint at San Francisco.*

July 2, 1864.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, in the purchase of a site, if necessary, and the erection of a suitable building or buildings for the use of the branch-mint at San Francisco, in the State of California.

Appropriation for branch-mint in San Francisco.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

CHAP. CCXXIV.— *An Act prescribing the Terms on which Exemptions shall be furnished by the General Land-Office.*

July 2, 1864.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, from and after the first day of July next, all exemptions of patents, or papers on file, or of record in the general land-office, which may be required by parties interested, shall be furnished by the commissioner of said office upon the payment by such parties at the rate of fifteen cents per hundred words, and two dollars for copies of township plates or diagrams, with an additional sum of one dollar for the commissioner's certificate of verification with the general land-office seal; and one of the employees of said office shall be designated by the said commissioner as the receiving clerk, and the amounts so received shall, under the direction of the said commissioner, be paid into the treasury of the United States; effect to be given to this act according to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior not inconsistent with the laws of the United States: *Provided,* That the fees stipulated in the foregoing provisions shall not apply to such authenticated copies as may be required by the officers of any branch of the government, nor to such unverified copies as the commissioner in his discretion may deem proper to furnish.

Fees for exemptions of patents, &c., in the general land-office.

Proviso.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

CHAP. CCXXV.— *An Act in addition to the several Acts concerning Commercial Inter-course between loyal and insurrectionary States, and to provide for the Collection of captured and abandoned Property, and the Prevention of Frauds in States declared in Insurrection.*

July 2, 1864.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That sales of captured and abandoned property under the act approved March twelve, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, may be made at such places, in states declared in insurrection, as may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, as well as at other places now authorized by said act.

Sales of abandoned, &c., property may be made where. 1863, ch. 120. Vol. xii. p. 820.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, in addition to the captured and abandoned property to be received, collected, and disposed of, as provided in said act, the said agents shall take charge of and lease, for pe-

Abandoned lands, houses,