

described other lands situated in said county as unsurveyed swamp-lands, and that in the year eighteen hundred and sixty said lands were ordered to be surveyed by the general government, which survey was approved by the surveyor general of Missouri on the second day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and that by act of Congress approved March the twelfth, eighteen hundred and sixty, said county was given two years in which to present its claim and make proof to its title to said lands, which could not be done, owing to the existence of civil war then afflicting the people of said county: and whereas said county, believing further time would be given to make said claim and proof, did sell to actual settlers the greater portion of said lands, which purchasers, relying on said title, have made, in many instances, permanent and valuable improvements: Therefore,

1860, ch. 5, § 2.  
Vol. xii. p. 3.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the lands above referred to be, and the same are hereby, granted to the county of Scott, in the State of Missouri, which lands, in the aggregate, amount to four thousand four hundred and ten and seventy-one hundredths acres, and described as follows: Parts of sections one, two, three, eleven, twelve, thirteen, twenty-four, and twenty-five, all in township number twenty-seven, range twelve: *Provided,* That nothing in this act shall prejudice the rights of any homestead or other entry made, by any person whatsoever, under the laws of the United States on said lands.

Certain swamp, &c. lands granted to Scott county, Missouri.

Existing rights not affected.

APPROVED, December 27, 1872.

CHAP. XVIII. — *An Act making Appropriations to supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for the Service of the Government for the fiscal Year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and for other Purposes.*

Jan. 8, 1873.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same are hereby, appropriated for the service of the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, for the purposes hereinafter expressed, namely:

Deficiency appropriation for the year ending June 30, 1873.

*Post-office Department.* — For the manufacture, engraving, and printing of postal cards for the service of the quarter ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three fifty thousand dollars.

Post-office Department

For registry-locks, to be used on through mail-routes for pouches containing registered letters, three thousand dollars.

*Coast Survey.* — For replacing old and worn-out vessels for service in the Coast Survey, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Coast Survey.

For continuing the survey of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and Lake Champlain, including compensation of civilians engaged in the work, and excluding pay and emoluments of officers of the army and navy and petty officers and men of the navy employed in the work, twenty thousand dollars.

*Census.* — For a deficiency in the appropriations for the expenses of the ninth census, twelve thousand dollars.

Census.

*Rebel Ram "Albemarle."* — To enable the Secretary of the Navy to pay the captors of the rebel ram "Albemarle," in accordance with the decree of the district court of the United States for the District of Columbia, two hundred and two thousand nine hundred and twelve dollars and ninety cents.

Captors of rebel ram "Albemarle."

*Patent Office.* — For photo-lithographing, or otherwise producing copies of drawings of current and back issues of patents from the Patent Office, and for reproducing back numbers of the Patent Office Gazette, twenty thousand dollars.

Patent Office. Photo-lithographing.

*District of Columbia.* — To enable the Secretary of the Interior to pay the expenditures made by the board of public works of the District of Columbia for paving roadway, and curbing and paving sidewalks; grad-

District of Columbia.

Payments to be made only on vouchers.

Board of public works not to incur any liability, &c., for streets, &c., beyond appropriations previously made by Congress:

ing, sewerage, and other improvements upon and adjoining the property of the United States in the District of Columbia, one million two hundred and forty-one thousand nine hundred and twenty dollars and ninety-two cents, or so much thereof as may be necessary: *Provided*, That all payments under this appropriation shall be made only upon vouchers approved by the officer in charge of the public buildings and grounds of the District, after full examination and measurement of the said improvements, and the approval of the prices claimed therefor: *And provided further*, That the said board of public works be, and they are hereby, prohibited from incurring or contracting further liabilities on behalf of the United States in the improvement of streets, avenues, and reservations beyond the amount of appropriations previously made by Congress, and from entering into any contract touching such improvements on behalf of the United States, except in pursuance of appropriations made by Congress.

APPROVED, January 8, 1873.

Jan. 8, 1873. CHAP. XIX. — *An Act to provide for the Removal of the sunken Wreck which now obstructs the Channel-way off Sandy Hook.*

Appropriation for removal of the sunken wreck from the channel-way off Sandy Hook.

Proviso.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of removing the sunken wreck which now obstructs the channel-way off Sandy Hook, New York: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained or any action to be had hereunder shall relieve from liability to repay such expenditure any one responsible for said obstruction.

APPROVED, January 8, 1873.

Jan. 8, 1873. CHAP. XX. — *An Act to provide for the Expenses of the Commission to enquire into Depredations on the Frontiers of the State of Texas.*

Appropriation for commission upon depredations on the frontiers of Texas. *Ante*, p. 395.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to meet the expenses of the commission appointed under joint resolution, approved May seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, "to enquire into depredations on the frontiers of the State of Texas," viz.:

For salaries and travelling expenses of three commissioners, twelve thousand three hundred and ninety dollars.

For salaries of secretary and translator, at eighteen hundred dollars each, three thousand six hundred dollars.

For travelling expenses of the secretary and the translator, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For contingent expenses of the commission, one thousand dollars; and the work of said commission shall be completed within the current fiscal year, and at the termination of said year the duties and powers of said commission shall cease.

APPROVED, January 8, 1873.

Jan. 9, 1873. CHAP. XXI. — *An Act to amend the one hundred and thirty-third Section of an Act approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An Act to revise, consolidate, and amend the Statutes relating to the Post-office Department."*

1872, ch. 335, § 133. *Ante*, p. 300.

Packages of seeds, &c., may be sent by mail

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section one hundred and thirty-three of the act entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, and amend the statutes relating to the Post-office Department," approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, be so amended as to authorize