

vised Statutes of the United States", approved March second eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, to revise and perfect the index to the new edition of volume one of the Revised Statutes therein mentioned, under the direction of the Secretary of State; and the necessary expenses thereof including such reasonable additional compensation to said commissioner for said service as shall be allowed by the Secretary of State, shall be paid out of the Treasury; and a sum of money sufficient therefor is hereby appropriated.

Approved, April 19, 1878.

1877, ch. 92,
19 Stat., 266.

Compensation.

Appropriation.

CHAP. 62.—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge abutment and approach within the Fort Riley military reservation.

April 20, 1878.

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 he is hereby, authorized to permit the county commissioners of Davis County, Kansas, in erecting a bridge across the Republican River, to construct one abutment of the same upon land included within the military reservation of Fort Riley, and also to permit the eastern approach to the same to be laid out across said reservation: *Provided,* That such bridge and the highway leading thereto shall always be open to government transportation free of charge, and that such point shall be selected for the construction of said abutment and approach as shall be mutually agreed upon by said county commissioners and the Secretary of War.

Bridge over Republican River; location of abutment and approach.

Use of by government.

Approved, April 20, 1878.

CHAP. 64.—An act to authorize the restoration of George A. Armes to the rank of captain

April 23, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of law regulating appointments in the Army by promotion in the line are hereby suspended for the purposes of this act, and only so far as they affect George A. Armes; and the President can, if he so desire, in the exercise of his own discretion and judgment, nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint said George A. Armes, late captain in the Tenth United States Cavalry Regiment, to the same grade and rank of captain held by him on June seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy, in any vacancy occurring in the grade of captain in said regiment: *Provided however,* That no pay, compensation, or allowance whatever shall ever be given to said Armes for the time between June seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy, and the date of appointment hereunder: *And provided further,* That the acceptance of any benefit under this act by said George A. Armes shall be taken and construed to be by his election a bar to any claim for pay or allowances from the date of his discharge to his acceptance of a commission, if one be granted him under the provisions of this act.

George A. Armes may be restored to rank and grade in Army.

Approved, April 23, 1878.

CHAP. 66.—An act to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases into the United States.

April 29, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no vessel or vehicle coming from any foreign port or country where any contagious or infectious disease may exist, and no vessel or vehicle conveying any person or persons, merchandise or animals, affected with any infectious or contagious disease, shall enter any port of the United States or pass the boundary line between the United States and any foreign country, con-

Contagious and infectious diseases.

Vessels from infected ports entering United States.

trary to the quarantine laws of any one of said United States, into or through the jurisdiction of which said vessel or vehicle may pass, or to which it is destined, or except in the manner and subject to the regulations to be prescribed as hereinafter provided.

Consuls to report vessels leaving infected ports.

SEC. 2. That whenever any infectious or contagious disease shall appear in any foreign port or country, and whenever any vessel shall leave any infected foreign port, or, having on board goods or passengers coming from any place or district infected with cholera or yellow fever, shall leave any foreign port, bound for any port in the United States, the consular officer, or other representative of the United States at or nearest such foreign port shall immediately give information thereof to the Supervising Surgeon-General of the Marine Hospital Service, and shall report to him the name, the date of departure, and the port of destination of such vessel; and shall also make the same report to the health officer of the port of destination in the United States, and the consular officers of the United States shall make weekly reports to him of the sanitary condition of the ports at which they are respectively stationed; and the said Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service shall, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, be charged with the execution of the provisions of this act, and shall frame all needful rules and regulations for that purpose, which rules and regulations, shall be subject to the approval of the President, but such rules and regulations shall not conflict with or impair any sanitary or quarantine laws or regulations of any State or municipal authorities now existing or which may hereafter be enacted.

Health reports by consuls.

Surgeon-General of Marine-Hospital Service to execute act.

Marine Hospital and customs officers to enforce quarantine laws.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the medical officers of the Marine-Hospital Service and of customs-officers to aid in the enforcement of the national quarantine rules and regulations established under the preceding section; but no additional compensation shall be allowed said officers by reason of such services as they may be required to perform under this act, except actual and necessary traveling expenses.

Notice to officers at port of destination.

SEC. 4. That the Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service shall, upon receipt of information of the departure of any vessel, goods, or passengers from infected places to any port in the United States, immediately notify the proper State or municipal and United States officer or officers at the threatened port of destination of the vessel, and shall prepare and transmit to the medical officers of the Marine Hospital Service, to collectors of customs, and to the State and municipal health authorities in the United States, weekly abstracts of the consular sanitary reports and other pertinent information received by him.

When officers of State quarantine system may act as officers of national system.

SEC. 5. That wherever, at any port of the United States, any State or municipal quarantine system may now, or may hereafter exist, the officers or agents of such system shall, upon the application of the respective State or municipal authorities, be authorized and empowered to act as officers or agents of the national quarantine system, and shall be clothed with all the powers of United States officers for quarantine purposes, but shall receive no pay or emoluments from the United States. At all other ports where, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Treasury, it shall be deemed necessary to establish quarantine, the medical officers or other agents of the Marine-Hospital Service shall perform such duties in the enforcement of the quarantine rules and regulations as may be assigned them by the Surgeon-General of that service under this act: *Provided*, That there shall be no interference in any manner with any quarantine laws or regulations as they now exist or may hereafter be adopted under State laws.

When officers of Marine-Hospital Service to act.

Repeals.

SEC. 6. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, April 29, 1878.