names of the bidders. All persons not holding commissions in the regular army of the United States who shall be intrusted with the disbursement of the funds appropriated for the works named in this act, shall be required to give bond and ample security for the faithful application of the same; and no such disbursing officer in the army of the United States shall receive any commission or compensation for making such disbursements. And the moneys hereinbefore appropriated shall remain and be at the disposal of the Secretary of War, and subject to his control for the purposes named in this act, until the several works and improvements herein provided for are completed, any law or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding.

Disbursing officers except, &c., to give bonds.

United States officers not to receive commissions.

Appropriations to be at the disposal of Secretary of War.

Examinations or surveys, or both to be made at various points, and purposes of the examination.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of War is hereby directed to cause examinations or surveys, or both as aforesaid, to be made at the following points, namely: At Superior City, Eagle Harbor, Marquette, and Lac la Belle, on Lake Superior, and at Ausable river, in the State of Michigan; of the Ohio river between Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and Buffinton island, West Virginia; of Sandusky river, Ohio; at Chester harbor, Pennsylvania; at Bridgeport, Connecticut; at Hell Gate, New York; at the port of Ogdensburg, New York; at San Francisco, California; at the "Grand Chain," in the Ohio river; at the harbor of Baltimore, between Fort McHenry and the mouth of the Patapsco river, in the State of Maryland; of the Mississippi river, between Fort Snelling and the Falls of Saint Anthony and the upper or Rock River rapids of the Mississippi river, with a view to ascertain the most feasible means, by economizing the water of the stream, of insuring the passage, at all navigable seasons, of boats drawing four feet of water; of the Minnesota river, from its mouth to the Yellow Medicine river, in order to ascertain the practicability and expense, by slack-water navigation or otherwise, of securing the continued navigability of said stream during the usual season of navigation; and for examining and reporting upon the subject of constructing railroad bridges across the Mississippi river, between St. Paul, in Minnesota, and St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, upon such plans of construction as will offer the least impediment to the navigation of the river; of Rock river; the Kennebec river above Gardiner, Maine; the Penobscot river above Hampden, Maine; at the Zambro river, Minnesota; at the Cannon river, Minnesota; at the harbor and the mouth of the Eighteen-mile creek, at Olcott, New York; at St. Croix river, above the ledge; from the mouth of Illinois river to La Salle; together with such necessary estimates of cost, as hereinbefore provided, as will enable the Secretary of War to determine what improvements and public works shall be necessary at the respective points aforesaid. And the Secretary of War shall cause a survey to be made at the harbor of Burlington, Vermont, and the harbor of Dunkirk, New York; at the harbor of Oak Orchard Creek, New York; and at Muskegon, White river, Manistee, South Haven, and New Buffalo, in the State of Michigan; the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, in the State of Wisconsin; and the Rock river, in the States of Illinois and Wisconsin, with its connections with Lake Winnebago; and the upper Columbia river, Oregon.

Estimates of cost.

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June 27, 1866.

CHAP. CXL.—*An Act to provide for the Revision and Consolidation of the Statute Laws of the United States.*

Commissioners to revise and consolidate the general, &c., statutes of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint three persons, learned in the law, as commissioners, to revise, simplify, arrange, and consolidate all statutes of the United States, general and permanent in their nature, which shall be in

force at the time such commissioners may make the final report of their doings.

Duties of the commissioners.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, in performing this duty, the commissioners shall bring together all statutes and parts of statutes which, from similarity of subject, ought to be brought together, omitting redundant or obsolete enactments, and making such alterations as may be necessary to reconcile the contradictions, supply the omissions, and amend the imperfections of the original text; and they shall arrange the same under titles, chapters, and sections, or other suitable divisions and subdivisions, with head-notes briefly expressive of the matter contained in such divisions; also with side-notes, so drawn as to point to the contents of the text, and with references to the original text from which each section is compiled, and to the decisions of the federal courts, explaining or expounding the same, and also to such decisions of the State courts as they may deem expedient; and they shall provide by a temporary index, or other expedient means, for an easy reference to every portion of their report.

Copy of their completed work to be submitted to Congress in print.

Suggestions.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That when the commissioners have completed the revision and consolidation of the statutes, as aforesaid, they shall cause a copy of the same, in print, to be submitted to Congress, that the statutes so revised and consolidated may be re-enacted, if Congress shall so determine; and at the same time they shall also suggest to Congress such contradictions, omissions, and imperfections as may appear in the original text, with the mode in which they have reconciled, supplied, and amended the same; and they may also designate such statutes or parts of statutes as, in their judgment, ought to be repealed, with their reasons for such repeal.

Work may be printed in parts.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners shall be authorized to cause their work to be printed in parts, so fast as it may be ready for the press, and to distribute copies of the same to members of Congress, and to such other persons, in limited numbers, as they may see fit, for the purpose of obtaining their suggestions; and they shall, from time to time, report to Congress their progress and doings.

Revision when to be completed.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the statutes so revised and consolidated shall be reported to Congress as soon as practicable, and the whole work closed without unnecessary delay.

Compensation of commissioners.

Clerical service and incidental expenses.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners shall each receive as compensation for his services at the rate of five thousand dollars a year for three years, with the reasonable expenses of clerical service and other incidental matters, not to exceed two thousand dollars annually for such expenses.

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CHAP. CXLI.—*An Act making further Provisions for the Establishment of an Armory and Arsenal of Construction, Deposit, and Repair on Rock Island, in the State of Illinois.*

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Position of railroad across Rock Island and the bridge across the river to be established.

Permanent location and right of way.

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 is hereby, authorized and directed to change, fix, and establish the position of the railroad across Rock Island and the bridge across the Mississippi river at and on the island of Rock Island, so as best to accord with the purposes of the government in its occupancy of said island for military purposes; and in order to effect this he is authorized to grant to the railroad company a permanent location and right of way on and across Rock Island, to be fixed and designated by him, with such quantity of land, to be occupied and held by the company for railroad purposes, as may be necessary therefor; and that the said grant and change be made on such terms and conditions, previously arranged, between the Secretary

Terms and conditions.