

examine and cross-examine witnesses. All its proceedings shall be transacted in public, except when in consultation for the purpose of deciding upon the evidence and arguments laid before it. The chairman of the commission is hereby authorized to administer oaths to witnesses in all investigations conducted by the commission, and such witnesses shall be subpoenaed in the same manner as witnesses are subpoenaed to appear before United States courts and commissioners, and they shall each receive the same fees as witnesses attending before United States commissioners: *Provided*, That said temporary board of commissioners shall have power to limit the number of witnesses in each case where fees shall be paid by the United States.

Proviso.
Number of witnesses.

Expenses.

SEC. 11. All fees, expenses, and compensation of this commission shall be paid as hereinbefore provided in section five of this act.

Approved, October 1, 1888.

October 1, 1888. **CHAP. 1064.**—An act a supplement to an act entitled "An act to execute certain treaty stipulations relating to Chinese," approved the sixth day of May eighteen hundred and eighty-two.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall be unlawful for any chinese laborer who shall at any time heretofore have been, or who may now or hereafter be, a resident within the United States, and who shall have departed, or shall depart, therefrom, and shall not have returned before the passage of this act, to return to, or remain in, the United States.

Exclusion of Chinese laborers.
Vol. 22, p. 59.
Ante, p. 476.

SEC. 2. That no certificates of identity provided for in the fourth and fifth sections of the act to which this is a supplement shall hereafter be issued; and every certificate heretofore issued in pursuance thereof, is hereby declared void and of no effect, and the chinese laborer claiming admission by virtue thereof shall not be permitted to enter the United States.

No certificates for return to be issued.

SEC. 3. That all the duties prescribed, liabilities penalties and forfeitures imposed, and the powers conferred by the second, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth, sections of the act to which this is a supplement are hereby extended and made applicable to the provisions of this act.

Penalties.

SEC. 4. That all such part or parts of the act to which this is a supplement as are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal provisions.

Approved, October 1, 1888.

October 1, 1888. **CHAP. 1065.**—An act to authorize the Postmaster-General to advertise for and purchase improved registered mail locks and keys therefor

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be and he is hereby authorized to advertise for and receive proposals for such registering mail locks and keys for such locks, for the use of the Post-Office Department as he may deem suitable for the safety and security of registered mail matter; and he is further authorized to make contracts for such locks and keys for the supply of the Post-Office Department, if he deem the same suitable, and for such a number of years, not to exceed four years, as he may deem best for the interest of the mail service; with power, however, to the Postmaster-General to renew such contract or contracts, should he make any contracts under the provisions of this act for said articles of mail equipment, for another and an additional period of four years should he deem it proper and advisable so to do; and the sum of forty-five thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary

Mail locks and keys.
Postmaster-General to advertise for new registered mail locks and keys.

Contracts.

Appropriation.

be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purchase of such locks and keys therefor if such contract or contracts be made: *Provided, however,* That no part of said appropriation shall be expended unless new registering locks and keys therefor are adopted by the Postmaster-General for the use of the mail service under the authority given by this act.

Proviso.

Only for new locks, etc.

Approved, October 1, 1888.

CHAP. 1069.—An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and for other purposes.

October 2, 1888.

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 for the objects hereinafter expressed for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, namely:

Sundry civil expenses appropriations.

UNDER THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Treasury Department.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Public buildings.

For court-house and post-office at Augusta, Georgia: For completion of building under present limit, one hundred thousand dollars.

Augusta, Ga.

For custom-house at Bangor, Maine: For not exceeding one-half the cost of constructing stone abutments and piers for the protection of the United States custom-house and post-office building, and approaches, situated in the Kenduskeag Stream, at Bangor, in the State of Maine, the sum of ten thousand dollars, the expense of such works to be borne in equal proportions by the United States and by said city of Bangor: *Provided,* That the plan of construction of said works shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury: *And provided further,* That the entire amount to be thus contributed by the United States shall not exceed the sum hereby appropriated.

Bangor, Me.
Protection of.

Provisos.
Plans.

Maximum.

For court-house and post-office at Bay City, Michigan: For purchase of site and commencement of building, one hundred thousand dollars.

Bay City, Mich.

For court-house and post-office at Birmingham, Alabama: For purchase of site and commencement of building, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Birmingham, Ala.

For post-office at Bridgeport, Connecticut: For purchase of site and commencement of building, seventy-five thousand dollars.

Bridgeport, Conn.

For post-office and custom-house at Camden, New Jersey: For completion of building under present limit, sixty thousand dollars, and in addition thereto any portion of the sum appropriated for the purchase of ground on which to erect said building not expended for that purpose may be used for the construction of the building.

Camden, N. J.

For marine hospital at Chicago, Illinois: For approaches and breakwater complete, fifteen thousand dollars.

Chicago, Ill.
Marine hospital.

For repairs of post-office and custom-house building, Chicago, Illinois, twenty-eight thousand dollars.

Post-office, repairs.

For custom-house at Cleveland, Ohio: For completion of repairs, twenty thousand dollars.

Cleveland.

For court-house and post-office at Denver, Colorado: For continuation of building under present limit, one hundred and forty thousand dollars: *Provided,* That said building may be located not less than sixteen feet from any other building.

Denver.

Open space.

For court-house and post-office at Detroit, Michigan: For continuing erection of building under present limit, three hundred thousand dollars:

Detroit, Mich.