

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the third session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the third day of December, 1878, and was adjourned without day on Tuesday, the fourth day of March, 1879.

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES, President. WILLIAM A. WHEELER, Vice-President and President of the Senate. THOMAS W. FERRY was elected President of the Senate *pro tempore* on the fourth of March, 1879. SAMUEL J. RANDALL, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. 2.—An act establishing the rank of the senior inspector-general.

Dec. 12, 1878.

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 the rank of the senior inspector-general of the United States army shall be brigadier-general; but no pay or allowances shall be made to said officer other than from the date of appointment under this act: And provided, That nothing herein enacted shall authorize any increase in the number or the rank of the other officers of the Inspector-General's Department as fixed by the first section of the act of June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

Inspector-General.
Rank of.

Approved, December 12, 1878.

CHAP. 3.—An act for the relief of William Gibson

Dec. 12, 1878.

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 to restore William Gibson, now a commander, from the retired to the active list of the Navy: Provided, however, In case of such restoration, the said Gibson shall be entitled to no higher rank on said active list than that held by him as a lieutenant-commander at the time of his transfer to the retired list: And provided further, That no claim for arrearages of pay shall accrue to said Gibson by reason of restoration under the provisions of this act

W. Gibson.
Restored to active list of Navy.

Approved, December 12, 1878.

CHAP. 4.—An act to aid in the protection of the public buildings and property against loss and damage by fire

Dec. 13, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a commission composed of the Commissioner of Patents, the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department, and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution is hereby constituted and authorized to examine such automatic signal telegraph systems as may be submitted to them by the owners and agents thereof,

Protection of public buildings from fire.