

tion of the same setting forth the time at which the exhibition will open, and the place at which it will be held, and such board of management shall communicate to the diplomatic representatives of all nations copies of the same and a copy of this act, together with such regulations as may be adopted by said board of management, for publication in their respective countries.

Invitations to governments of other nations.

SEC. 9. That the President be requested to send, in the name of the United States, invitations to the governments of other nations to be represented and take part in said World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, to be held in some city of the United States, to be hereafter selected as aforesaid.

Medals, etc. Stat., 17, 432.

SEC. 10. That medals with appropriate devices, emblems, and inscriptions, commemorative of said World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, and of the awards to be made to exhibitors thereat, be prepared at some mint of the United States, for the said board of management, subject to the provisions of the fifty-second section of the coinage act of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, upon the payment of a sum not less than the cost thereof; and all the provisions, whether penal or otherwise, of said coinage act against the counterfeiting or imitating of coins of the United States, shall apply to the medals struck and issued under this act.

Penalties of coinage to apply, etc.

Articles imported for exposition to be duty free.

SEC. 11. That all articles which shall be imported for the sole purpose of exhibition at the said World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, to be held in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, shall be admitted without the payment of duty, or of customs fees or charges, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe: *Provided*, That all such articles as shall be sold in the United States or withdrawn for consumption therein at any time after such importation, shall be subject to the duties, if any are imposed on like articles by the revenue laws in force at the date of importation: *And provided further*, That in case any articles imported under the provisions of this act shall be withdrawn for consumption, or shall be sold without payment of duty as required by law, all penalties prescribed by the revenue laws shall be applied and enforced against such articles, and against the persons who may be guilty of such withdrawal or sale.

Provisos.

Approved, February 10, 1883.

Feb. 12, 1883.

CHAP. 43.—An act to amend section thirty-seven hundred and eighty of the Revised Statutes.

R. S. 3780. Amended.

Public Printer to make contracts for lithographing and engraving, when.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section thirty-seven hundred and eighty of the Revised Statutes be amended so as to read:

"When the probable cost of the maps or plates accompanying one work or document exceeds one thousand two hundred dollars, the lithographing or engraving thereof shall be awarded to the lowest and best bidder, after advertisement, by the Congressional Printer, under the direction of the Joint Committee on Public Printing. But the committee may authorize him to make immediate contracts for lithographing, or engraving whenever, in their opinion, the exigencies of the public service do not justify advertisements for proposals".

Approved, February 12, 1883.

Feb. 14, 1883.

CHAP. 44.—An act supplementary to an act approved December seventeenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An act to authorize the construction of bridges across the Ohio River, and to prescribe the dimensions of the same.

Bridges across the Ohio River.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the act of Congress approved December seventeenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, en-