Beginning at a stake on the bank of the Cape Fear River, the same being the southeast corner of the tract of which this is a part, and running thence with the southern line of the said tract, south eighty-eight degrees no minutes two thousand two hundred and ninety-seven feet to a stake in the old canal; thence with the said old canal north twenty-five degrees forty-one minutes east one thousand six hundred and fourteen feet to a stake in said canal, also in the northern line of the tract of which this is a part; thence with the northern line of said tract south seventy-eight degrees fifty-five minutes east one thousand six hundred and forty-three feet to a stake on the bank of the Cape Fear River, the northeast corner of the tract of which this is a part; thence with the Cape Fear River, a calculated course, south thirty minutes east one thousand one hundred and twenty-two feet to the beginning, containing fifty-seven and eight-tenths acres more or less, being the eastern part of a tract of land described in a deed from Alexander E. Cook and wife, Frances W. Cook, to the United States of America, dated December 31, 1938, recorded in Book 409, page 300, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Cumberland County, North Carolina.

SEC. 2. The property herein described shall not be used for any purpose which is detrimental to the Veterans' Administration for a period of twenty years.

Approved August 27, 1954.

Public Law 678 — CHAPTER 1016

August 27, 1954
[H. R. 8155]

AN ACT

To continue until the close of June 30, 1955, the suspension of duties and import taxes on metal scrap, and for other purposes.

Metal scrap.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of section 2 of the Act of September 30, 1950 (Public Law 869, Eighty-first Congress), is hereby amended by striking out "June 30, 1954" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 30, 1955": *Provided*, That this Act shall not apply to lead scrap or zinc scrap (other than zinc scrap purchased under a written contract entered into before July 1, 1954).

67 Stat. 487.
19 USC 1001, par. 301 note.

SEC. 2. The amendment made by the first section of this Act shall not be construed to affect in any way the application of Public Law 38, Eighty-second Congress, to copper scrap.

65 Stat. 44.
26 USC 3425 note.

Approved August 27, 1954.

Public Law 679 — CHAPTER 1017

August 27, 1954
[H. R. 8634]

AN ACT

To amend section 22 of the Organic Act of Guam.

Guam.
District Court procedure.
48 USC 1424.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (b) of section 22 of the Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 389), is amended by striking out the period at the end of such subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "; except that no provisions of any such rules which authorize or require trial by jury or the prosecution of offenses by indictment by a grand jury instead of by information shall be applicable to the District Court of Guam unless and until made so applicable by laws enacted by the Legislature of Guam, and except

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further that the terms 'attorney for the government' and 'United States attorney', as used in the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall, when applicable to cases arising under the laws of Guam, mean the Attorney General of Guam or such other person or persons as may be authorized by the laws of Guam to act therein."

Definitions.

SEC. 2. The amendment made by section 1 shall be deemed to be in effect as of August 1, 1950.

Effective date.

SEC. 3. No conviction of a defendant in a criminal proceeding in the District Court of Guam heretofore had shall be reversed or set aside on the ground that the defendant was not indicted by a grand jury or tried by a petit jury.

Nonreversal of prior conviction.

SEC. 4. If any particular provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Separability.

Approved August 27, 1954.

Public Law 680 CHAPTER 1018

AN ACT

August 27, 1954 [H. R. 9584]

To protect the rights of vessels of the United States on the high seas and in territorial waters of foreign countries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purposes of this Act the term "vessel of the United States" shall mean any private vessel documented or certificated under the laws of the United States.

Seizure of U. S. vessels on high seas, etc.

SEC. 2. In any case where—

(a) a vessel of the United States is seized by a foreign country on the basis of rights or claims in territorial waters or the high seas which are not recognized by the United States; and

(b) there is no dispute of material facts with respect to the location or activity of such vessel at the time of such seizure,

the Secretary of State shall as soon as practicable take such action as he deems appropriate to attend to the welfare of such vessel and its crew while it is held by such country and to secure the release of such vessel and crew.

Action by Secretary of State.

SEC. 3. In any case where a vessel of the United States is seized by a foreign country under the conditions of section 2 and a fine must be paid in order to secure the prompt release of the vessel and crew, the owners of the vessel shall be reimbursed by the Secretary of the Treasury in the amount certified to him by the Secretary of State as being the amount of the fine actually paid.

SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall not apply with respect to a seizure made by a country at war with the United States or a seizure made in accordance with the provisions of any fishery convention or treaty to which the United States is a party.

Nonapplicability.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of State shall take such action as he may deem appropriate to make and collect on claims against a foreign country for amounts expended by the United States under the provisions of this Act because of the seizure of a United States vessel by such country.

SEC. 6. There are authorized to be appropriated such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Appropriation.

Approved August 27, 1954.