

to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, who is hereby required to adopt plans for the said offices, and the vaults and safes connected therewith, and to cause the same to be constructed and prepared for use with as little delay as shall be consistent with the public interests, and the convenient location and security of the buildings to be erected: *Provided, however*, That if the Secretary of the Treasury shall find upon inquiry and examination, that suitable rooms for the use of the receiver-general at Charleston can be obtained in the custom-house now owned by the United States at that place, and that secure vaults and safes can be constructed in that building for the safekeeping of the public money, then he shall cause such rooms to be prepared and fitted up, and such vaults and safes to be constructed in the custom-house at Charleston, and no independent office shall be there erected.

Proviso.

Appropriation for expenses.

SEC. 27. *And be it further enacted*, That, for the payment of the expenses authorized by this act, other than those herein before provided for, a sufficient sum of money be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Acts, &c. conflicting with this, repealed.

SEC. 28. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts or parts of acts which come in conflict with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

APPROVED, July 4, 1840.

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July 4, 1840.

Act of Jan. 18, 1839, ch. 3.
Act of June 18, 1838, ch. 118.

CHAP. XLII.—*An Act to amend an act approved the eighteenth of January eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to require the judge of the district of East and West Tennessee to hold a court at Jackson in said State,' approved June the eighteenth, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight," and for other purposes.* (a)

Two terms to be held annually.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the first Monday in April, eighteen hundred and forty, there shall be two terms of said court held annually by the district judge at Jackson, on the second Monday in December next, and the second Monday in June then following; and the rule days of said court for the return of process and filing of pleadings shall be held on the second Monday of September and March, in each and every year.

Rule days.

7th sec. act of 18th Jan. 1839, ch. 3, repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the seventh section of the act which this is intended to amend, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

An additional term of the circuit court to be held in Knoxville.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That an additional term of the circuit court of the United States shall be holden in Knoxville, in East Tennessee, on the third Monday in April in each and every year, which said term shall be held by the district judge; and should any difficult point of law arise, at said April term, in any cause or matter of controversy in said court, the said district judge may, at his discretion, adjourn the same over to the next term.

The judge may adjourn a cause to next term.

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July 4, 1840.

CHAP. XLIII.—*An Act in addition to the acts respecting the judicial system of the United States.* (b)

Adjournment of the court.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, whenever it shall so happen that neither of the judges of a circuit court of the United States shall attend at the commencement of a session of the said court, or at

(a) See vol. 2, 273.

(b) An act concerning the Supreme Court of the United States, June 17, 1844, chap. 96.

the time appointed on any adjournment thereof, to open and adjourn the said court in person, either of the said judges may, by a written order to the marshal, adjourn the court from time to time, as the case may require, to any time or times antecedent to the next stated term of the said court; and all suits, actions, writs, processes, recognizances, and other proceedings, pending in such court, or returnable to, or to be acted upon at such court, shall have day and be returnable to, and be heard, tried, and determined, at such adjournment or adjournments in the same manner and with the same effect as if the said court had been duly opened and held at the commencement of such session, or other day appointed therefor; and all persons bound or required to appear at the said court, either as jurymen, witnesses, parties, or otherwise, shall be bound and required to attend at such adjournment or adjournments accordingly.

Suits, actions, &c. not affected thereby.

Bound persons required to appear.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the presiding judge of any circuit court may, at his discretion, appoint special sessions thereof, to be held at the places where the stated sessions thereof are holden; at which special sessions it shall be competent for the said court to entertain jurisdiction of and to hear and decide all cases in equity, cases in error, or on appeal, issues of law, motions in arrest of judgment, motions for a new trial, and all other motions, and to award executions and other final process, and to do and transact all other business, and direct all other proceedings, in all causes pending in the circuit court, except trying any cause by a jury, in the same way and with the same force and effect as the same could or might be done at the stated sessions of such court.

Special sessions.

Jurisdiction of the court at special sessions.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That writs of error shall lie to the Supreme Court from all judgments of a circuit court, in cases brought there by writs of error from the district court, in like manner and under the same regulations, limitations, and restrictions, as are now provided by law for writs of error to judgments rendered upon suits originally brought in the circuit court.

Writs of error.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That judgments and decrees hereafter rendered in the circuit and district courts of the United States, within any State, shall cease to be liens on real estate or chattels real in the same manner and at like periods as judgments and decrees of the courts of such State now cease by law to be liens thereon; and the respective clerks of the United States courts in such State shall receive the like fees for making searches and certificates respecting such liens as are now allowed for like services to the clerks of the supreme court of such State; and the eighth, ninth, and tenth sections of the act entitled "An act to amend the act of the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act to amend the judicial system of the United States, and for other purposes,' passed March third, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine," are hereby repealed.

When and how judgments, &c. shall cease to be liens.

The 8th, 9th and 10th secs. act of 3d March 1839, ch. 81, repealed.

APPROVED, July 4, 1840.

STATUTE I.

July 4, 1840.

CHAP. XLIV.—*An Act to remove the land office from Chocchuma to Grenada, in the State of Mississippi.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the land office at Chocchuma, in the county of Tallahatchie, State of Mississippi, shall be removed to and located in the town of Grenada, in Yalabusha county, in said State; and it shall be the duty of the registers and the receivers of public money for said land office, within sixty days from and after the passage of this act, to remove the books, records, and whatever else belongs to said office, to the place of location, as herein provided for.

The registers and receivers to remove the books, &c. within sixty days.

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