

each year shall hereafter commence on the third Tuesday of April in each year, and all provisions of law now applicable to the holding of said May term shall apply to the said April term.

APPROVED, March 3, 1851.

CHAP. XL. — *An Act to change the Terms of the Circuit Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Pennsylvania.* (a) March 3, 1851.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the terms of the Circuit Courts of the United States for the eastern and western districts of Pennsylvania shall hereafter commence as follows, to wit: The April and October terms of the eastern district shall commence on the first Mondays of April and October, and the May and November terms of the western district shall commence on the second Mondays of May and November.

APPROVED, March 3, 1851.

CHAP. XLI. — *An Act to ascertain and settle the private Land Claims in the State of California.* March 3, 1851.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the purpose of ascertaining and settling private land claims in the State of California, a commission shall be, and is hereby, constituted, which shall consist of three commissioners, to be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, which commission shall continue for three years from the date of this act, unless sooner discontinued by the President of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a secretary, skilled in the Spanish and English languages, shall be appointed by the said commissioners, whose duty it shall be to act as interpreter, and to keep a record of the proceedings of the board in a bound book, to be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior on the termination of the commission.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That such clerks, not to exceed five in number, as may be necessary, shall be appointed by the said commissioners.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be lawful for the President of the United States to appoint an agent learned in the law, and skilled in the Spanish and English languages, whose special duty it shall be to superintend the interests of the United States in the premises, to continue him in such agency as long as the public interest may, in the judgment of the President, require his continuance, and to allow him such compensation as the President shall deem reasonable. It shall be the duty of the said agent to attend the meetings of the board, to collect testimony in behalf of the United States, and to attend on all occasions when the claimant, in any case before the board, shall take depositions; and no deposition taken by or in behalf of any such claimant shall be read in evidence in any case, whether before the commissioners, or before the District or Supreme Court of the United States, unless notice of the time and place of taking the same shall have been given in writing to said agent, or to the district attorney of the proper district, so long before the time of taking the deposition as to enable him to be present at the time and place of taking the same,

Terms of Circuit Courts in Pennsylvania.

Commission constituted.

Secretary.

Duties.

Clerks.

Agent for United States.  
Duties.

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Compensation.  
Duties.

Notice of taking of depositions to be given to such agent.

(a) See vol. i. pp. 75, 463, 517; vol. ii. pp. 1, 157; vol. iii. p. 462; vol. v. pp. 177, 628.