

CHAP. 9.—An act providing for the payment of judgments rendered under section eleven of chapter four hundred and fifty-nine of the laws of the first session of the forty-third Congress.

Feb. 15, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims as soon after the twenty-second day of January anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-six as may be practicable, report to the Secretary of State the several judgments, which before, or on that day shall have been rendered by the said court pursuant to section eleven of chapter four hundred and fifty-nine, of the laws of the forty-third Congress.

Ante, p. 1.
Post, pp. 6, 32, 96.
1874, ch. 459,
§ 11, 18 Stat., 247.

Judgments of Court of Alabama Claims to be reported to Secretary of State.
Further reports.

SEC. 2. That the said Court, after the twenty-second day of July eighteen hundred and seventy-six, in like manner, report to the Secretary of State, the several judgments it shall render, pursuant to said section eleven, from the said twenty-second day of January to, and including said twenty-second day of July.

SEC. 3. That when a report is made under this act, to the Secretary of State he transmit the same or a copy thereof to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall without unnecessary delay proceed, pursuant to said chapter 459, to pay the judgments specified therein, with interest on the principal, at the rate of four per centum per annum from the date of loss, as certified until the Secretary of the Treasury shall give notice for payment, as provided by section 14 of such act.

How judgments to be paid.
1874, ch. 459,
§ 14, 18 Stat., 248.

Approved, February 15, 1876.

CHAP. 10.—An act relating to the Centennial Celebration of American Independence.

Feb. 16, 1876.

Whereas, by the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for the celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of American independence by holding an international exhibition of arts, manufacture, and products of the soil and mine, in the city of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, provision was made for the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence by "an exhibition of American and foreign arts, products, and manufactures," to be "held under the auspices of the Government of the United States, in the city of Philadelphia, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six;" and

Preamble.
Post, pp. 34, 45,
211, 213, 214.
1871, ch. 105,
16 Stat., 470.

Whereas by the act of Congress entitled "An act relative to the Centennial International Exhibition to be held in the city of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six," approved June first, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, the Centennial Board of Finance was incorporated, with authority to raise the capital necessary to carry into effect the provisions of the said act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one; and

1872, ch. 259,
17 Stat., 203.

Whereas the President of the United States, in compliance with a joint resolution of Congress, approved June fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, did "extend, in the name of the United States, a respectful and cordial invitation to the governments of other nations to be represented and take part in the International Exposition to be held at Philadelphia, under the auspices of the Government of the United States," and as the governments so invited, to the number of thirty-eight, have so accepted such invitation, and many of them are making extensive preparations to embrace the courtesy so extended to them, thereby rendering proper arrangements for the coming ceremonies on the part of the Government of the United States a matter of honor and good faith; and

1874, ch. 215,
18 Stat., 53.

Proc. 1873,
18 Stat., 844.

Whereas the preparations designed by the United States Centennial Commission, and in part executed by the Centennial Board of Finance, are in accordance with the spirit of the acts of Congress relating thereto,

and are on a scale creditable to the Government and people of the United States: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars, to complete the Centennial buildings and other preparations, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any moneys in the United States Treasury not otherwise appropriated, which shall be paid on the drafts of the president and treasurer of the Centennial Board of Finance, one third immediately after the passage of this act, and the remainder in four equal monthly payments: *Provided,* That in the distribution of any moneys that may remain in the treasury of the Centennial Board of Finance, after the payment of its debts, as provided for by the tenth section of the act of Congress approved June first, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, incorporating said Centennial Board of Finance, the appropriation hereinbefore made shall be paid in full into the Treasury of the United States, before any dividend or percentage of the profits shall be paid to the holders of said stock: *Provided also,* That the Government of the United States shall not, under any circumstances, be liable for any debt or obligation of the United States Centennial Commission or the Centennial Board of Finance, or any payment in addition to the foregoing sum.

SEC. 2. That the money by this act appropriated shall be paid to the treasurer of the Centennial Board of Finance only after he and the President of the board shall have executed a bond in the sum of five hundred thousand dollars to the United States, with sufficient security, to be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the safe-keeping and faithful disbursement of the sum hereby appropriated.

Approved, February 16; 1876.

Feb. 18, 1876. **CHAP. 11.**—An act fixing the time of holding the circuit court of the United States in the districts of California, Oregon, and Nevada.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a term of the circuit court of the United States for the districts of California, Oregon and Nevada shall be held as follows, namely: For the district of California, on the first Monday of February, second Monday of July, and fourth Monday of November in each year; for the district of Oregon, on the second Monday of April and the first Monday of October in each year; and for the district of Nevada, on the third Monday of March and the first Monday of November in each year. And the said terms respectively shall be in the place and stead of those now provided by law.

SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect on the first day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-six; and all provisions of law inconsistent therewith are hereby repealed: *Provided,* That when a term shall have commenced in any of said districts before this act takes effect, it shall be lawful to continue such term until the time for the commencement of the first term in said district to be held under the provisions of this act.

Approved, February 18, 1876.

Feb. 18, 1876. **CHAP. 12.**—An act to change the location of the consulates at Aix-la-Chapelle and at Omoa and Truxillo.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consulate now established at Aix-la-Chapelle, in class five, in schedule B of consulates, be removed to Cologne, within the same consular district; and the consulate now established at Omoa and Truxillo, in class seven, in schedule

Consulates at Aix-la-Chapelle and Omoa and Truxillo removed.

Centennialbuildings.

Appropriation.

When and how paid.

Proviso.

1872, ch. 259,
§ 10, 17 Stat., 203.

To be re-imbursed.

Proviso.

United States not liable for debts.

Treasurer and president of board to give bond.