

Jan. 31, 1877.

**CHAP. 41.**—An act to amend sections five hundred and thirty-three, five hundred and fifty-six, five hundred and seventy-one, and five hundred and seventy-two of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to courts in Arkansas and other States,

Amendment of Revised Statutes.

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

Arkansas, judicial district of.  
R. S. 533, p. 88.

“SEC. 533. That the State of Arkansas is divided into two districts, which shall be called the eastern and western districts of Arkansas. The western district includes the counties of Benton, Washington, Crawford, Sebastian, Scott, Polk, Sevier, Little River, Howard, Montgomery, Yell, Logan, Franklin, Johnson, Madison, Newton, Carroll, Boone and Marion, and the country lying west of Missouri and Arkansas, known as the Indian Territory. The eastern district includes the residue of said State.” That section five hundred and fifty-six be amended so as to read as follows:

Clerks.  
R. S. 556, p. 93.

“SEC 556. In the eastern district of Arkansas, there shall be appointed two clerks of the district court thereof, one of whom shall reside and keep his office at Little Rock, and the other shall reside and keep his office at Helena.” That section five hundred and seventy-two be so amended as to provide for the holding of the regular terms of court in the eastern and western districts of Arkansas, as follows: In the eastern district of Arkansas, at Little Rock, on the first Monday in April and October, and at Helena on the second Monday in March and October. In the western district of Arkansas, at Fort Smith on the first Monday in February, May, August, and November.

Terms.  
R. S. 572, p. 97.

That section five hundred and seventy-one be amended so as to read as follows: “SEC 571. The district courts for the western district of Arkansas, the eastern district of Arkansas at Helena, the northern district of Mississippi, the western district of South Carolina, and the district of West Virginia, shall have in addition to the ordinary jurisdiction of district courts, jurisdiction of all causes, except appeals and writs of error, which are cognizable in a circuit court, and shall proceed therein in the same manner as a circuit court.”

Certain district courts to have circuit-court jurisdiction.

R. S. 571, p. 97.

Approved, January 31, 1877.

Feb. 5, 1877.

**CHAP. 50.**—An act for the relief of the destitute poor of the District of Columbia.

Appropriation.  
Destitute poor of District of Columbia.

How drawn and expended.

Lists of destitute families.

Applications for relief.

Limit on use of money.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of twenty thousand dollars, for the relief of the destitute poor in the District of Columbia, be and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated; the same to be drawn by warrants of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia on the Treasurer of the United States, in such weekly installments as shall be necessary to relieve the distress of those in absolute want.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of ascertaining the amount thus necessary to be drawn for each weekly installment, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall require the relief commissioners of the District to furnish them the list of such families, and the number of persons in each, who are eligible and require relief from this fund. The said list shall constitute the voucher of the commissioners for the amount to be drawn by their warrant on the Treasurer of the United States.

SEC. 3. That all persons or relief associations claiming assistance from the fund shall make their application to the relief commissioners of the District, who shall keep an alphabetical list of all such applications, and shall determine upon the eligibility of the applicants, and shall submit the same to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia as vouchers for their warrant upon the Treasurer of the United States, in accordance with sections one and two of this act.

SEC. 4. That no part of this appropriation shall be used for any other purpose, nor paid out in any other manner, than for the purpose in the manner prescribed by the provisions of this act.

SEC. 5. That the parties hereinbefore named, to whom the distribution of the said fund is intrusted, shall make a report to Congress on the first Monday in December next of their action in relation to the expenditure of the fund hereby appropriated.

Report.

Approved, February 5, 1877.

CHAP. 57.—An act authorizing the Commissioners of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company to buy in certain real and other property, and to sell the same at public or private sale, and for other purposes.

Feb. 13, 1877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, their survivors or survivor, and their or his successors, shall have the right and authority to buy in, for the benefit of said Company, any real or other property which may be offered for sale at public auction to pay debts or liabilities due said Company, if, in their or his judgment, said property will otherwise be sacrificed, and to dispose of the same at public or private sale, as in their or his judgement may be deemed most advantageous to the creditors of said company, furnishing to the purchaser or purchasers of any property thus sold by them or him good and sufficient deeds of conveyance for their respective purchases. *Provided* That no sale of real estate shall be made by said commissioners except at public auction of which due notice shall be given, unless such sale and the terms thereof shall have been first approved by one of the justices of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

Commissioners of Freedman's Savings and Trust Company may buy, etc., property.

Proviso.

Sales at public auction, except.

SEC. 2. That the action of the said commissioners, in buying in each and every of the pieces of real and other property heretofore purchased by them to prevent their sacrifice, and in selling and conveying sundry parcels thereof, is hereby approved and ratified; and said commissioners, their survivors or survivor, and their or his successors are hereby fully authorized and empowered to sell and convey any of said property not heretofore sold to any purchaser or purchasers upon the most favorable terms for the creditors of said company.

Previous purchases, etc. approved.

Approved, February 13, 1877.

CHAP. 58.—An act to provide for a deficiency in the appropriation for the public printing and binding for the current fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Feb. 16 1877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to supply deficiencies for Congressional printing and binding, including the Congressional Record, and the necessary materials therefor, for the current fiscal year: *Provided*, That of the above amount five thousand dollars may be used for printing and binding for the Supreme Court: *Provided further*, That from and after the close of the present session of Congress the Public Printer shall pay no greater price for composition than fifty cents per thousand ems and forty cents per hour for time work to printers and book-binders.

Appropriation.

Congressional printing.

Supreme Court.

Proviso.

Pay of printers and book-binders.

Approved, February 16, 1877.

CHAP. 59.—An act authorizing the survey of certain townships in Michigan, and making an appropriation therefor.

Feb. 16, 1877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby directed to cause to be surveyed towns numbered eighteen and nineteen north, of range one west, in the State

Appropriation. Surveying land in Michigan.