

# PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the fifth day of December, 1881, and was adjourned without day on Tuesday, the eighth day of August, 1882.*

CHESTER A. ARTHUR, President; DAVID DAVIS, President of the Senate. THOMAS F. BAYARD was elected President of the Senate *pro tempore* on the tenth day of October, 1881, at a special session of the Senate, and so acted until the thirteenth day of October, on which day DAVID DAVIS was elected President of the Senate *pro tempore*, and so acted until the end of the regular session. J. WARREN KEIFER, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**CHAP. 1.**—An act granting the franking privilege to Lucretia R. Garfield.

Dec. 20, 1881.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all mail matter carried by post to Lucretia R. Garfield, widow of the late James A. Garfield, or sent by her, under her written autograph signature, be conveyed free of postage during her natural life.

Franking privilege granted to Lucretia R. Garfield.

Approved, December 20, 1881.

**CHAP. 2.**—An act to amend section nine hundred and ninety-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States for the District of Columbia, and an act entitled "An act to amend section nine hundred and ninety-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States for the District of Columbia", approved January thirty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

Dec. 20, 1881.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever any day set apart as a legal holiday within the District of Columbia shall fall on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, then and in such event the day next succeeding shall be a holiday within the District of Columbia, and shall for all purposes of presenting for payment or acceptance, for the maturity and protest and giving notice of the dishonor of bills of exchange, bank-checks, and promissory notes or other negotiable or commercial paper, be treated and considered as is the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, and all notes, drafts, checks, or other commercial or negotiable paper falling due or maturing on such holiday shall be deemed as having matured on the Saturday previous.

Legal holidays, District of Columbia, falling on Sunday.

R. S. D. C., 993, amended.  
20 Stat., 277.

Approved, December 20, 1881.

**CHAP. 3.**—An act to legalize the election of the Territorial legislature of New Mexico held November second, eighteen hundred and eighty, and for other purposes.

Dec. 21, 1881.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the election for members of the Territorial legislature of New Mexico held on the second day of November, eighteen hundred and eighty, is hereby declared valid, and that the legislature so elected is fully authorized to transact such business as belongs to the legislatures of any of the Territories, although not elected according to the provisions of the act of Congress approved June nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy eight; and that all their acts shall be held to be as legal as if the provisions of said act of

Election of legislature of New Mexico legalized.  
20 Stat., 175.