

mentioned, to appear, at a day named in such notice, in said court, to answer the said bill and set forth and maintain any right, title, interest, or claim that any person or corporation may have in the premises; and the court may order such further notice as it shall think fit to any party in interest.

Effect of decree.

SEC. 3. That the said cause shall then proceed with all practicable expedition to a final determination by said court of all rights drawn in question therein; and the said court shall have full power and jurisdiction by its decree to determine every question of right, title, interest, or claim arising in the premises, and to vacate, annul, set aside, or confirm any claim of any character arising or set forth in the premises; and its decree shall be final and conclusive upon all persons and corporations parties to the suit, or who shall fail, after public notice as hereinafore in this act provided, to appear in said court and litigate his, her, or its claim, and they shall be deemed forever barred from setting up or maintaining any right, title, interest, or claim in the premises.

Interests adverse to the United States to be valued and reported to Congress.

SEC. 4. That if, on the final hearing of said cause, the said supreme court of the District of Columbia shall be of opinion that there exists any right, title, or interest in the land or water in this act mentioned in any person or corporation adverse to the complete and paramount right of the United States, the said court shall forthwith and in a summary way proceed to ascertain the value of any such right, title, interest, or claim, exclusive of the value of any improvement to the property covered by such right, title, or interest made by or under the authority of the United States, and report thereof shall be made to Congress.

Appeal to Supreme Court of the United States.

SEC. 5. That from the final decree of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, and every part thereof, in the premises, an appeal shall be allowed to the United States, and to any other party in the cause complaining of such decree, to the Supreme Court of the United States, which last-mentioned court shall have full power and jurisdiction to hear, try, and determine the said matter, and every part thereof, and to make final decree in the premises; and the said cause shall, on motion of the Attorney-General of the United States, be advanced to the earliest practicable hearing: *Provided*, That no payment under any such judgment shall be made unless hereafter authorized by Congress.

Cause to be advanced.

Provido,
Payments.

No money to be spent on property in dispute until final decision.

SEC. 6. That until the final decision of the matters hereinbefore in this act mentioned shall have been had, no moneys appropriated for the improvement of the Potomac River within the District of Columbia, the establishment of harbor-lines in the District of Columbia, and the raising of the flats therein shall be expended otherwise than upon property in respect of which there is no claim adverse to the title of the United States or for the improvement of navigation in the said river.

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CHAP. 931.—An act amendatory of and supplementary to "An act to alter the judicial districts of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes," approved May twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, and providing an additional place for holding the several courts thereof.

Western judicial district of Pennsylvania.

Terms of circuit and district courts to be held at Scranton.

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Marshal to provide place for holding court, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That besides the terms of the circuit and district courts of the western judicial district of Pennsylvania now directed by law to be held in said western district, there shall be held two terms of each of said courts in every year at Scranton, in the county of Lackawanna, which shall commence the first Mondays of the months of March and September in each and every year, beginning in September next.

SEC. 2. That the marshal of said western judicial district shall for the time being, and with the approval of the Attorney-General, provide a suitable place at the city of Scranton for holding the several courts and for keeping the records thereof.

Approved, August 5, 1886.