

It shall also be the duty of the heads of the several Executive Departments and of the proper officers of other Government establishments, not within the jurisdiction of any Executive Department, to make appropriate rules and regulations to secure a proper administrative examination of all accounts sent to them, as required by section twelve of this Act, before their transmission to the Auditors, and for the execution of other requirements of this Act in so far as the same relate to the several Departments or establishments.

Rules, etc., by Departments, etc.

SEC. 23. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize the re-examination and payment of any claim or account which has heretofore been disallowed or settled.

Settled claims not reopened.

SEC. 24. The provisions of sections three to twenty-three inclusive of this Act shall be in force on and after the first day of October, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

New accounting system in force October 1, 1894.

SEC. 25. All laws or parts of laws inconsistent with this Act are repealed.

Repeal.

SEC. 26. The Joint Commission of Congress, appointed under the Act approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, is authorized to pay to the two persons designated by, and on the joint approval of, the Chairmen of said Commission, for clerical services not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars per annum from March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-three until the conclusion of the Fifty-third Congress, notwithstanding section seventeen hundred and sixty-five of the Revised Statutes, or section three of the Act of June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, chapter three hundred and twenty-eight or of any other provisions of this Act.

Clerical services Joint Commission of Congress. Vol. 27, p. 681.

Additional pay.

R. S., sec. 1765, p. 314. Vol. 18, p. 104.

SEC. 27. The present President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives are empowered to fill vacancies that may occur by resignation or otherwise on the Joint Commission to Inquire into and Examine the Status of the Laws Organizing the Executive Departments, authorized by the Act making appropriations for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

Vacancies, Joint Commission of Congress. Vol. 27, p. 681.

Approved, July 31, 1894.

**CHAP. 175.**—An Act Granting certain property to the city of Newport, Kentucky.

July 31, 1894.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the lots and parts of lots and the appurtenances and appendages thereunto belonging, comprising the old military post or barracks property situated at the confluence of the Ohio and Licking rivers, in the city of Newport, in the county of Campbell and State of Kentucky, be, and is hereby, granted and conveyed to the said city of Newport, to have and to hold for a public park forever.

Newport, Ky. Lands granted for public park.

SEC. 2. That whenever said city shall cease to use the said property for the purposes of a public park, or shall use the same or any part thereof for any other than for a public park, all the right, title, and interest hereby granted and conveyed to said city shall at once, and without any act whatever upon the part of the United States, revert to and become the property of the United States.

Reversion on non-user.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

Effect.

Approved, July 31, 1894.