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CHAP. CXXX.—*An Act in relation to the district court for the northern district of New York.* (b)

Clerk of the court may appoint a deputy; his powers.

Deputy to take an oath.

Clerk responsible for acts of his deputy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the clerk of the district court for the northern district of New York, to appoint a deputy, who, in his absence, may exercise all the official powers of the said clerk, at the village of Auburn, in the county of Cayuga, in the said district. And such deputy, before he enters on the discharge of his duties, shall take the usual oath for the faithful performance of his duties as such deputy. And nothing herein contained shall be held to excuse or release the said clerk from legal responsibility for acts performed by his said deputy, in behalf of said clerk in the office aforesaid.

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CHAP. CLXXVII.—*An Act explanatory of an act entitled "An act to constitute the ports of Stonington, Mystic river, and Pawcatuck river, a collection district."*

Act of Aug. 3, 1842, ch. 120.

Construction of the 1st section of the act.

The act to take effect from and after 3d August 1842.

1842, ch. 120.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the act entitled "An act to constitute the ports of Stonington, Mystic river, and Pawcatuck river, a collection district," shall be construed in the same manner it would have been had the words "from and after the thirtieth day of June next" been wholly omitted in said section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the aforesaid act, entitled "An act to constitute the ports of Stonington, Mystic river, and Pawcatuck river, a collection district," approved August third, eighteen hundred and forty-two, shall take effect in all its provisions, and be in force as hereby explained, from and after the said third day of August, eighteen hundred and forty-two.

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CHAP. CLXXVIII.—*An Act authorizing the settlement and payment of certain claims of the State of Alabama.*

Secretary of War to audit and adjust the claims of Alabama, how.

Sum found due to be paid.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and hereby is, directed to audit and adjust the claims of the State of Alabama, under such laws and regulations as have heretofore governed the Department in auditing and allowing the claims of the States on the United States, for moneys advanced and paid by said State for subsistence, supplies, and services of local troops called into service by and under the authorities of said State, but not mustered into the service of the United States, and for provisions and forage furnished the friendly Indians during the Creek and Seminole hostilities, in the years eighteen hundred and thirty-six and eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, in all cases in which the payment was for subsistence, supplies, service, provisions, and forage, which would have been paid for under existing laws and regulations, if such troops had been mustered into the service of the United States, and the provisions and forage had been furnished by an agent of the United States; and that the sum so found due to said State be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* That, in auditing and adjusting said claims, duly authenticated copies of papers which have been lost or destroyed, upon due proof of such loss or destruction, shall be received as evidence.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of War be,

(b) Notes to the acts relating to the times of holding the District Court in the northern district of New York, vol. 3, 414.

and he hereby is, required to report to the House of Representatives a schedule of such claims as may be presented for adjustment under this act, and not allowed, with the reasons for such disallowance, at the next session of Congress.

Report on claims presented, and not allowed, to be made to the House of Reps.

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CHAP. CLXXXIX.—*An Act to change the name of the port of entry on Lake Erie, known as Portland, to that of Sandusky.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, the port of Portland on Lake Erie, in the district of Sandusky, in the State of Ohio, shall be called the port of Sandusky.

After 1st October 1842, Portland to be called Sandusky.

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CHAP. CLXXX.—*An Act to amend the act entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act to amend the judicial system of the United States.'"*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the fourth circuit shall be composed of the districts of Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia;

The fifth circuit shall be composed of the districts of Alabama and Louisiana;

The sixth circuit shall be composed of the districts of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

The circuit courts in the district of Virginia shall be holden at Richmond on the first Monday in May and on the fourth Monday in November.

The circuit courts in the district of North Carolina shall be holden on the fourth Monday of May and second Monday in December.

This act shall not take effect until the first day of February next, before which time the justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, or a majority of them, shall allot the several districts among the Justices of the said Court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That when the time of holding any court, by this act has been changed, all processes, proceedings, and causes shall be returned and held to be continued to the said courts, at the times herein provided for their meeting, respectively.

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Act of March 3, 1837, ch. 34.
Act of March 3, 1839, ch. 81.
Act of June 17, 1844, ch. 96.

What districts shall compose the 4th, 5th, and 6th circuits.
Times of holding circuit courts in Virginia, and N. Carolina.

Act to take effect 1st February next.

Justices of the Supreme Court to allot the districts.
Process, &c. when returnable.

CHAP. CLXXXI.—*An Act requiring foreign regulations of commerce to be laid annually before Congress.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to lay before Congress, annually, at the commencement of its session, in a compendious form, all such changes and modifications in the commercial systems of other nations, whether by treaties, duties on imports and exports, or other regulations, as shall have come to the knowledge of the Department.

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Changes in the commercial systems of other nations to be communicated.

CHAP. CLXXXII.—*An Act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the "Dubuque claim" so called, in the Territory of Iowa. (a)*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the lands lying in the

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(a) Notes of acts relating to the territory of Iowa; act of June 12, 1838, chap. 96.