

belonging to any regularly organized and incorporated yacht club, stating the exemptions and privileges enjoyed under it, may be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, and shall be a token of credit to any United States official, and to the authorities of any foreign power for privileges enjoyed under it.

Secretary of Treasury may issue commissions to yachts, to identify them and their owners.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That every yacht visiting a foreign country under the provisions of this act, shall, on its return to the United States, make due entry at the custom-house of the port at which, on such return, it shall arrive.

Yachts visiting foreign countries under this act, to make entry at the custom house at their port of arrival.

APPROVED, June 29, 1870.

CHAP. CLXXI. — *An Act to provide for changing the Boundaries of Land Districts.*

June 29, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to change and re-establish the boundaries of land districts whenever, in his opinion, the public interests will be subserved thereby, without authority to increase the number of land offices or land districts.

Boundaries of land districts may be changed and re-established by the President of the United States.

APPROVED, June 29, 1870.

CHAP. CLXXV. — *An Act to establish the western judicial District of Wisconsin.*

June 30, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That that portion of the State of Wisconsin comprising the counties of Rock, Jefferson, Dane, Greene, Grant, Columbia, Iowa, LaFayette, Sauk, Richland, Crawford, Vernon, LaCrosse, Monroe, Adams, Juneau, Buffalo, Chippewa, Dunn, Clark, Jackson, Eau Claire, Pepin, Marathon, Wood, Pierce, Polk, Portage, St. Croix, Trempealeau, Douglass, Barron, Burnett, Ashland, and Bayfield, shall hereafter constitute a new judicial district to be called the western district of Wisconsin, and the circuit and district courts of the United States for said western district of Wisconsin shall be held at the city of Madison and at the city of La Crosse, within said district.

Western judicial district of Wisconsin established.

Circuit and district courts to be held at Madison and La Crosse.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That a term of the circuit and district court of the United States for said western district shall be held at the city of Madison on the first Monday of June, and at the city of La Crosse on the first Monday of December, in each year.

Terms of circuit and district courts.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the district of Wisconsin shall hereafter consist of the counties of said State not named in this act, and shall be called the eastern district of Wisconsin; and circuit and district courts of the United States shall be held in said eastern district, as follows: At the city of Oshkosh on the first Monday of July, and at the city of Milwaukee on the first Monday of January and on the first Monday of October, in each year.

Eastern district.

Terms of courts.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said circuit or district court for either of said districts may, in its discretion, order special terms, and order a grand or petit jury, or both, to attend the same, by an order to be entered of record twenty days before the day at which said special term shall be ordered to convene; and said courts respectively at such special terms shall have all the powers that they have at a regular term appointed by law; *Provided, however*, That no special term of said circuit court for either district shall be appointed except by and with the concurrence and consent of the circuit judge.

Special terms.

Grand and petit jury.

Special terms of circuit court.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all suits and other proceedings, of whatsoever name or nature, now pending in the circuit or district court of the United States for the district of Wisconsin, shall be tried and disposed of in the circuit and district courts respectively, for said eastern district as the same would have been if this act had not been passed, and

Provision for pending cases and process.

Records and files of the courts.

for that purpose jurisdiction is reserved to the said courts in the said eastern district; and the clerks of the circuit and district courts of the present district of Wisconsin shall retain the records and files of the said circuit and district courts at the city of Milwaukee, and do and perform all the duties appertaining to their said offices, respectively, within the eastern district, except as is hereinafter provided; and all process returnable to or proceedings noticed for any term of the present circuit or district court shall be deemed to be returnable to the next term of said courts, respectively, in the said eastern district, as fixed by this act.

Cases may be transferred to western district upon application, &c.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That upon application of any party to any suit or proceeding now pending in the present circuit or district courts of the United States for the present district of Wisconsin, which should have been commenced in the proper court for the western district if this act had been in force at the time of the commencement thereof, the proper court shall order that the same be removed for further proceedings to the proper court for said western district; and thereupon the clerk shall transmit certified copies of all the papers and of all orders made therein to the clerk of the court to which said suit or proceeding shall be removed, and all further proceedings shall be had in said court to which the same shall be removed as if the said suit or proceeding had originally been commenced therein.

Papers, &c.

Existing liens of judgments and decrees not affected. Final process, &c.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the passage of this act shall not have the effect to destroy or impair the lien of any judgment or decree rendered by the circuit or district court of the United States for the present district of Wisconsin, prior to this act taking effect; and final process on any judgment or decree entered in the circuit or district court of the United States for the district of Wisconsin, or which shall *ben* [be] entered therein prior to this act taking effect, and all other process for the enforcement of any order of said courts, respectively, in any cause or proceeding now pending therein, except causes or proceedings removed as herein provided, shall be issued from and made returnable to the proper court for the eastern district of Wisconsin, and may be directed to and executed by the marshal of the United States for the said eastern district in any part of the State of Wisconsin.

District judge for western district. Salary. Marshal and district attorney.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be appointed a district judge for said western district of Wisconsin, who shall receive an annual salary of three thousand five hundred dollars; and there shall also be appointed a marshal and district attorney of the United States for said western district of Wisconsin, who shall respectively receive such fees and compensation, and exercise such powers and perform such duties as are fixed and enjoined by law.

Clerks of circuit and district courts in western district.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the circuit and district judges shall appoint two clerks, each of whom shall be clerks both of the circuit and district courts for said western district, one of whom shall reside and keep his office at the city of Madison, and the other shall reside and keep his office at the city of La Crosse, who shall receive the fees and compensation for services performed by them, respectively, now fixed by law.

Transcripts of records, &c. in clerk's office in eastern district concerning liens, &c. on real estate in western district when made, &c. and recorded in western district to have same effect as originals.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That either of the clerks of the circuit and district courts for said western district is hereby authorized under the direction of the district judge of said western district to make a transcript from any of the records, files, or papers of the district and circuit courts of the United States remaining in the office of the clerks in said eastern district, of all matters and proceedings which relate to or concern liens upon or titles to real estate situate in said western district; and for that purpose shall have access to said records in the office of the said clerks in said eastern district; and such transcripts, when so made by either of said clerks, shall be certified to be true and correct by the clerk making the same, and the same when so made and certified shall be evidence in all courts and places equally with said originals.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall not affect the taking of the census in the State of Wisconsin, in anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy; but the same shall be had, made, and taken as though this act had not been passed.

Taking of census of 1870 not affected by this act.

APPROVED, June 29, 1870.

CHAP. CLXXVI. — *An Act to authorize the Construction and Maintenance of a Bridge across the Niagara River.* June 30, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any bridge and its appurtenances which shall be constructed across the Niagara river, from the city of Buffalo, New York, to Canada, in pursuance of the provisions of an act of the legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An act to incorporate the International Bridge Company," passed April the seventeenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, or of any act or acts of said legislature now in force, amending the same, shall be lawful structures, and shall be so held and taken, and are hereby authorized to be constructed and maintained as provided by said act and such amendments thereto, anything in any law or laws of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding; and such bridge shall be, and is hereby, declared to be an established post-road for the mails of the United States; but this act shall not be construed to authorize the construction of any bridge which shall not permit the free navigation of said river to substantially the same extent as would be enjoyed under the provisions of said act and the amendments thereto, heretofore enacted and now in force: *Provided, nevertheless,* That the location of any bridge, the construction of which is hereby authorized, shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, but not to be located south of Squaw island: *And provided further,* That such bridge shall have at least two draws of not less than one hundred and sixty feet in width, in the clear between the piers, which shall be located at the points best calculated to accommodate the commerce of said river; and the piers of said bridge shall be parallel to the current of said river.

Any bridge built across Niagara river from, &c. under, &c. declared a lawful structure and established as a post-road.

Location of bridge to be subject to approval of Secretary of War.

Draws.
Piers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the bridge herein named shall be subject, in its construction, to the supervision of the Secretary of War of the United States, to whom the plans and specifications, relative to its construction, shall be submitted for approval. And all railway companies desiring to use the said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges in the passage of the same and in the use of the machinery and fixtures thereof and of all the approaches thereto, under and upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the district court of the United States for the northern district of New York, upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties, in case they shall not agree.

Construction of bridge subject to the supervision of the Secretary of War.

All railway companies entitled to equal rights in the use of the bridge, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the right to alter or amend this act so as to prevent or remove all material obstructions to the navigation of the said river, by the construction of the said bridge, is hereby expressly reserved.

Act may be altered, &c. so as, &c.

APPROVED, June 30, 1870.

CHAP. CLXXVII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a uniform System of Bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved March 2, 1867.* June 30, 1870.
1867, ch. 176,
§ 49.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the jurisdiction conferred upon the supreme courts of the Territories by the act to which this is in amendment may be exercised, upon petitions regularly filed in that court, by either of the justices thereof while holding the district court in the district in which the petitioner or the alleged bankrupt resides, and said several supreme courts shall have the same supervisory jurisdiction over all

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