

in which occurred the event it is designed to commemorate; and whereas, as the exhibition should be a national celebration, in which the people of the whole country should participate, it should have the sanction of the Congress of the United States: Therefore,

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That an exhibition of American and foreign arts, products, and manufactures shall be held, under the auspices of the government of the United States, in the city of Philadelphia, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

International exhibition of arts, &c. at Philadelphia in 1876.

SEC. 2. That a commission to consist of not more than one delegate from each State, and from each Territory of the United States, whose functions shall continue until the close of the exhibition, shall be constituted, whose duty it shall be to prepare and superintend the execution of a plan for holding the exhibition, and, after conference with the authorities of the city of Philadelphia, to fix upon a suitable site within the corporate limits of the said city, where the exhibition shall be held.

Commission to prepare, &c. a plan for the exhibition, &c.

SEC. 3. That said commissioners shall be appointed within one year from the passage of this act by the President of the United States, on the nomination of the governors of the States and Territories respectively.

Commissioners when and how to be appointed.

SEC. 4. That in the same manner there shall be appointed one commissioner from each State and Territory of the United States, who shall assume the place and perform the duties of such commissioner or commissioners as may be unable to attend the meetings of the commission.

Commissioners from States, &c.

SEC. 5. That the commission shall hold its meetings in the city of Philadelphia, and that a majority of its members shall have full power to make all needful rules for its government.

Meetings of commission, &c.

SEC. 6. That the commission shall report to Congress at the first session after its appointment a suitable date for opening and for closing the exhibition; a schedule of appropriate ceremonies for opening or dedicating the same; a plan or plans of the buildings; a complete plan for the reception and classification of articles intended for exhibition; the requisite custom-house regulations for the introduction into this country of the articles from foreign countries intended for exhibition; and such other matters as in their judgment may be important.

Commission to report plan to Congress.

SEC. 7. That no compensation for services shall be paid to the commissioners or other officers provided by this act from the treasury of the United States; and the United States shall not be liable for any expenses attending such exhibition, or by reason of the same.

No compensation to commissioners, &c. for services; no expense to the United States.

SEC. 8. That whenever the President shall be informed by the governor of the State of Pennsylvania that provision has been made for the erection of suitable buildings for the purpose, and for the exclusive control by the commission herein provided for of the proposed exhibition, the President shall, through the Department of State, make proclamation of the same, setting forth the time at which the exhibition will open and the place at which it will be held; and he shall communicate to the diplomatic representatives of all nations copies of the same, together with such regulations as may be adopted by the commissioners, for publication in their respective countries.

President to proclaim the time of exhibition, when, &c.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

CHAP. CVI. — *An Act authorizing Terms of the United States District Courts to be held at Helena, Arkansas, and for other Purposes.*

March 3, 1871.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in addition to the terms of the district court of the United States for the western district of Arkansas, required by existing laws to be held at Van Buren, in the State of Arkansas, there shall be held by the judge of said district two terms of said court in each year at the city of Helena, in said State, on the second Mondays of March and September.

Two additional terms of the district court for the western district of Arkansas at Helena.

Grand and  
petit jurors.

SEC. 2. That such number of jurors shall be summoned by the marshal at every term of such court to be at Helena as may have been ordered at a previous term or by the district judge in vacation. And a grand jury may be summoned to attend any such term of said court when ordered by the court or by the judge thereof in vacation. In case of a deficiency of jurors, talesmen may be summoned by order of the court.

Adjournments;

not affected by  
intervening  
terms, &c.

SEC. 3. That the district judge may adjourn any of the terms of the court provided for in this act, from time to time, to suit the convenience of litigants and to meet the necessities of the business of such terms; and the intervention of a term of such court at any other place shall not preclude the power to adjourn over to a future day.

Clerk, office,  
duties.

SEC. 4. That a clerk of said court shall be appointed in like manner as other clerks of the district courts of the United States are appointed, who shall keep his office in said city, and who shall be subject to all the duties enjoined by law on clerks of the district courts aforesaid: *Provided, however,* That no court shall be held at Helena in pursuance of this act until an instrument in writing, duly executed by the proper authorities of the county of Phillips, agreeing to furnish suitable rooms for the holding of said court, for the term of ten years, without any charge to the government of the United States, shall first be filed in the office of the clerk of said court at Little Rock.

No court to be  
held at Helena,  
until, &c.

Counties com-  
posing the west-  
ern district.

SEC. 5. That the counties of Phillips, Crittenden, Mississippi, Craighead, Greene, Randolph, Lawrence, Sharp, Poinsett, Cross, Saint Francis, Monroe, Woodruff, Jackson, Independence, Izzard, Marion, Fulton, and Boone, in said State, shall hereafter be deemed and be a part of the western district of Arkansas, and there shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a district judge for the western district aforesaid, who shall, from and after the time of his appointment, hold the terms of court at the times and places required by law. Said district judge shall be paid the same salary and in the same manner as the judge of the eastern district of said State. And the terms of the court, now required to be held at Van Buren, shall hereafter be held at Fort Smith in said district, and the present district judge of the said State shall be and remain the district judge of the United States for the eastern district thereof, as if originally appointed thereto.

District judge  
to be appointed.

Salary.

Terms now re-  
quired to be held  
at Van Buren to  
be at Fort Smith.

Judge of east-  
ern district to  
continue.

Repeal of part  
of act of  
1851, ch. 24.  
Vol. ix. p. 594.

SEC. 6. That so much of an act entitled "An act to divide the district of Arkansas into two judicial districts," approved March three, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, as gives the judge of the district of Arkansas jurisdiction over the western district of said State, and all laws inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

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CHAP. CVII. — *An Act to create a new Land District in the Territory of Washington.*

Walla-Walla  
land district in  
Washington Ter-  
ritory estab-  
lished.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all the public lands in the Territory of Washington lying east and north of the following boundaries shall constitute a new land district, to be called the Walla-Walla district, to wit: Beginning on the boundary line between the United States and the British possessions, on the summit of the Cascade mountains; thence southerly along the line established by the first section of the act of May ten [sixteen], eighteen hundred and sixty, entitled "An act to create an additional land district in Washington Territory," to the line dividing townships ten and eleven north; thence east to the line dividing ranges nineteen and twenty east; thence south along said line to the Columbia river.

Boundaries.  
1860, ch. 50, § 1.  
Vol. xii. p. 16.

Register and  
receiver;

SEC. 2. That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or during the recess thereof, and until the end of the next session after such appointment, a

register and receiver for said district, who shall be required to reside at the city of Walla-Walla until such time as the President, in his discretion, may remove the site of said land office from said city, be subject to the same laws, and entitled to the same compensation as is, or may hereafter be, provided by law in relation to the existing land offices and officers in said Territory.

residence and pay.  
Site of land office may be changed.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

CHAP. CVIII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to require the holding of additional District and Circuit Courts of the United States in the District of Indiana, and for other Purposes," approved June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy, and for other Purposes.*

March 3, 1871.  
1870, ch. 180.  
Ante p. 175.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section seven of the act aforesaid be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following additional proviso: *And provided further,* That a deputy clerk for each of said additional courts shall be appointed in the manner aforesaid as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, and that such deputy clerks for the additional courts to be held at New Albany shall reside and keep an office at said city, and that such deputy clerks for the additional courts to be held at Evansville shall reside and keep an office at said city, and that they shall respectively keep at said places full records of all actions and proceedings in said additional courts respectively, and shall have the same power to issue all process from said additional courts that is now enjoyed by the clerks of other district and circuit courts of the United States in like cases.

Deputy clerks for additional courts of the United States in Indiana;

at New Albany;  
Evansville.

Powers.

SEC. 2. That all actions over which said district and circuit courts have jurisdiction respectively under existing laws may be instituted in said additional district and circuit courts respectively in the first instance by filing the proper pleadings or other papers in the offices of the deputy clerks performing the duties of clerks of said courts respectively, and that all proper and lawful process shall issue therefrom in the same manner as from other district or circuit courts of the United States in like actions, cases, or proceedings.

Actions in such additional courts.

Process.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

CHAP. CIX. — *An Act to provide for the Collection of Debts due from southern Railroad Corporations, and for other Purposes.*

March 3, 1871.

WHEREAS certain suits are now pending in the United States courts within the State of Tennessee, against certain railroad corporations in that State, on account of property sold to said corporations by the government, which suits are contested by the defendant corporations; and whereas it is for the interest of the government to speedily adjust and collect the claims of the United States while avoiding litigation and loss by the insolvency of any such railroad: Therefore,

Preamble.

*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 is hereby, authorized and required, if he shall deem it advisable, by and with the advice of the counsel of record in such suits for the United States, and Attorney-General of the United States, to compromise, adjust, and settle the same upon such terms as to amount and time of payment as may be just and equitable, and best calculated to protect the interests of the government.

Secretary of War may compromise suits against railroad corporations in Tennessee.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

CHAP. CX. — *An Act to authorize the Construction of a Bridge over the Mississippi River at Louisiana, Missouri, and also a Bridge over the Missouri River at Glasgow, in said State.*

March 3, 1871.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Louisiana and Mis-