

taining to said circuit court of the United States in and for the districts of Missouri, and, as such custodians and the successors of the clerk of said last-named court, they are hereby invested with the same powers and authority with respect thereto as the clerk thereof had during the existence of said last-named circuit court. Said circuit court of the United States in and for the eastern district of Missouri is hereby made the successor of said circuit court of the United States in and for the districts of Missouri as to all suits, causes, and unfinished business therein or in any wise pertaining thereto, except as hereinbefore provided.

Circuit court for eastern district made the successor, &c.

SEC. 5. That hereafter there shall be two regular stated terms each year of the district court of the United States in and for the eastern district of Missouri, commencing on the first Mondays, respectively, of May and November, in lieu of those now fixed by law, and no action, suit, proceeding, or process in said court shall abate or be rendered invalid by reason of this act, but all of the same not previously disposed of or otherwise provided for by special order of said court shall be deemed returnable to, pending, and triable at the next term of said district court established by this act which may be held after this act takes effect: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to repeal the powers heretofore granted for ordering special or adjourned terms of said court, or the powers and duties of the judge of said court in vacation and at chambers.

Terms of district court in eastern district.

Pending process.

Proviso.

APPROVED, February 25, 1873.

CHAP. CCI. — *An Act to enforce the Stipulations of the Convention with Venezuela, of April twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and the Payment of adjudicated Claims.*

Feb. 25, 1873. Vol. xvi. p. 713.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the adjudication of claims by the convention with Venezuela of April twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, pursuant to the terms of said convention, is hereby recognized as final and conclusive, and to be held as valid and subsisting against the republic of Venezuela.

Adjudication of claims by the convention with Venezuela held valid against that republic.

APPROVED, February 25, 1873.

CHAP. CCII. — *An Act to grant an American Register to the Propeller Oliver Cromwell.*

Feb. 25, 1873.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized to issue an American register to the propeller "Oliver Cromwell," an American built vessel, sold to Canadian parties in eighteen hundred and fifty-six, wrecked in the straits of Mackinac purchased and rebuilt by J. P. Clark, an American citizen, who is now her owner.

An American register to be issued to the propeller Oliver Cromwell.

APPROVED, February 25, 1873.

CHAP. CCVII. — *An Act to authorize the Northern Pacific Railroad Company to construct and maintain a Bridge across the Saint Louis River.*

Feb. 27, 1873.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Northern Pacific Railroad Company is hereby authorized to construct and maintain a draw-bridge across the Saint Louis river between Rice's point, in the State of Minnesota, and Connor's point, in the State of Wisconsin. That the said bridge shall be not less than ten feet above the level of the water of said river at the point where its construction is hereby authorized; that said bridge shall have a pivot-draw giving two clear openings of one hundred feet each, measured at right angles to the current at the average stage of water in the river, and located in a part of the bridge that can be safely and conveniently reached at that stage; and the next adjoining spans to the draw shall not be less than one hundred and fifty

Northern Pacific railroad may maintain a draw-bridge across the Saint Louis river between, &c.

Height of bridge.

Draw.

Spans.