

execution thereon for the amount of such recognizance against the recognizers, or any of them.

Remission of penalties.

But said police court shall have power, on application made by the recognizers, or any of them, at any time before the final execution of such writ, to remit such amount of any such recognizance as he shall deem to be just, but not below the amount of any fine imposed and all the costs of the proceedings.

Additional judge to be appointed.

SEC. 6. That the President is hereby authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an additional judge of the police court of the District of Columbia, learned in the law, who shall receive a salary of three thousand dollars per annum, to be paid in the same manner as now provided by law for payment of the judge of said court. The judge so appointed shall have and exercise all the powers possessed by the judge of said court as is or may be provided by law in common with said existing judge, and the business of said court may be carried on by each of said judges sitting separately and simultaneously.

Powers.

Sessions.

The judges of the police court shall hold separate sessions, and they are empowered to make rules for the apportionment of the business therein, and the acts of each of said judges respecting the business of said court shall be deemed and taken to be the acts of the said court.

Additional officers.

SEC. 7. That the judges of said court shall have power to appoint an additional bailiff for said service in said court who shall receive three dollars for each day's attendance upon the court, to be paid upon the certificate of the judges and as the other bailiffs of said court are now paid. The clerk of said court is hereby authorized, with the consent of the judges, to appoint an additional deputy clerk for service in said court, at a salary of one thousand five hundred dollars per annum, to be paid as the other deputy clerk of said court is now paid.

Present proceedings, etc., not affected.

SEC. 8. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to affect proceedings in respect of any crime or offense heretofore committed; and the prosecution of all such crimes and offenses heretofore committed shall be proceeded with in the same manner and with the same effect to all intents and purposes as if this act had not been passed.

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**CHAP. 537.**—An act for the erection of a new customhouse in the city of New York, and for other purposes.

New York customhouse. Site.

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Plans, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be erected in the city of New York a new customhouse, on the site which has been selected and designated therefor by the Secretary of the Treasury, under the terms of an act entitled "An act for the erection of an appraiser's warehouse in the city of New York, and for other purposes," approved September fourteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and any act or acts amendatory thereof, at a cost not to exceed the amount which shall be derived under section two of this act, in addition to any sum or sums which may be available under the provisions of said act; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause plans and estimates to be made by the Super-  
vising Architect of the Treasury for the erection of said new customhouse building.

Sale of old customhouse.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to sell at public auction, or at private sale after due advertisement, to the highest bidder, but for not less than four million of dollars, the present customhouse property in the city of New York, bounded by Wall, William and Hanover streets and Exchange Place. The proceeds of such sale, after the payment of

Proceeds appropriated for new building.

the usual incidental expenses and commissions, shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States and is hereby appropriated and made available for the purpose of constructing the new customhouse building as herein and hereby provided; and in case of such sale the Secretary of the Treasury shall lease said premises from the purchaser or purchasers thereof, at a rental which shall not exceed four per centum per annum on the purchase price, for use as a customhouse until the new customhouse shall be ready for occupancy, upon such terms as he may deem advantageous, and such sale shall be subject to such right of lease; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to sell said customhouse property and receive the purchase price in several payments from time to time, as he may deem most advantageous: *Provided, however,* That the use, occupation, and possession of said property shall not be surrendered until the new customhouse is ready for occupation, and the final payment is fully made.

Lease of old until completion of new building.

*Proviso.*

Not to be surrendered until new building ready, etc.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint five citizens of the State of New York who shall be designated as United States building commissioners, and who shall be charged with the erection and construction of the new customhouse building, as herein provided for. And such commissioners, or a majority of them, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall have full power to advertise for proposals for contracts for the erection of said customhouse, or the several parts thereof; and the offers in response to such proposals, if they shall not exceed in the aggregate the amount available under this act for the completion of said customhouse, and if they shall be otherwise satisfactory to said commissioners and to the Secretary of the Treasury, shall be accepted, in whole or in part; but in case such offers shall exceed said limits of cost, or be otherwise unsatisfactory, then said commissioners or a majority of them shall have full power and authority to purchase all materials, contract for and employ all necessary labor, including skilled and professional services, with or without advertisement; and said Secretary shall fix a fair and reasonable compensation for the services of such commissioners, to be paid out of any appropriation or appropriations for the construction of said new customhouse.

Commission to be appointed.

Proposals for building.

May purchase material and build, if bids unsatisfactory.

Compensation.

SEC. 4. That no appropriation is made by this bill in addition to the sum or sums already appropriated, or available for this purpose under the provisions of an act entitled "An act for the erection of an appraisers' warehouse in the city of New York, and for other purposes," approved September fourteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and any act, or acts amendatory thereof, together with the sum or sums to be derived from the sale of the present customhouse property in the city of New York, as herein provided.

Limit of amount available.

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SEC. 5. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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CHAP. 538.—An act to provide for the adjudication and payment of claims arising from Indian depredations.

March 3, 1891.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in addition to the jurisdiction which now is, or may hereafter be, conferred upon the Court of Claims, said Court shall have and possess jurisdiction and authority to inquire into and finally adjudicate, in the manner provided in this act, all claims of the following classes, namely:

Indian depredation claims. Court of Claims to adjudicate.

First. All claims for property of citizens of the United States taken or destroyed by Indians belonging to any band, tribe, or nation, in

Property taken by friendly Indians.