

law; at Fort Dodge on the third Tuesdays in January and June, and at Des Moines, Fort Sioux City on the second Tuesdays in February and July.

SEC. 8.—That the circuit judge of the eighth judicial circuit may, by order, direct the judges of the said northern and southern districts of Iowa to sit together in holding the circuit court in either of said districts; and when so sitting the judge oldest in commission shall preside, and in case of disagreement between them his opinion shall prevail for the time being: *Provided, however,* That a certificate of division may be signed by them with like effect as in cases provided by law for certificates of division between a circuit and district judge.

Des Moines, Fort Sioux City, and Circuit court in either district.

*Proviso.*

SEC. 9.—That all civil suits not of a local nature must be brought in the division of the northern or southern district where the defendant or defendants reside; but if there are two or more defendants, residing in different divisions, the action may be brought in either of the divisions in which a defendant resides. When the defendant is a non-resident of either district, action may be brought in any division of either district wherein the defendant may be found. Causes removed from any of the courts of the State of Iowa to the circuit court of the United States shall be removed to the circuit court in the division in which said State court is held.

Civil suits not of local nature brought where defendant resides.

Action brought in any division in case of non-resident.

SEC. 10.—That all causes now pending in the courts held in the respective divisions of the State of Iowa shall be continued in the corresponding divisions of the northern or southern districts with the same force and effect as though originally commenced therein. That all prosecutions for crimes or offenses hereafter committed in either of said districts shall be cognizable within such district; and all prosecutions for crimes or offenses heretofore committed in the district of Iowa shall be commenced and proceeded with as if this act had not been passed.

Provision for pending process.

Crimes hereafter committed, etc.

Crimes heretofore committed.

SEC. 11.—That cases taken by appeal or writ of error from any of the sessions of the district court in the northern district shall go to the circuit court held at Dubuque, and in the southern district cases taken by appeal or writ of error from any of the sessions of the district court in the southern district shall go to the circuit court held at Des Moines.

Appeal or writ of error, etc.

Approved, July 20, 1882.

CHAP. 313.—An act authorizing the sale of the land and premises formerly occupied as a site for the post-office in the city of New York.

July 21, 1882.

*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 he is hereby, authorized and directed to sell at public auction in the city of New York to the highest bidder, after thirty days' notice in four of the principal newspapers published in the city of New York, the land and premises formerly occupied as the site of the post-office in the city of New York, lying upon Nassau street, between Cedar and Liberty streets, and known as the Old Post-Office site; the time and place of said sale in said city to be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury at a date not later than ninety days after the passage of this act, and at a price not less than six hundred thousand dollars, with power to reject any and all bids, and to readvertise and offer the said property in like manner as often as may be necessary to secure the value thereof, and if he deems it best for the public interests he may subdivide said land into parcels and sell in such parcels.

Sale of United States property, Old Post-Office site New York City, authorized.

Limitation of price.

Approved, July 21, 1882.

CHAP. 348.—An act to encourage and promote telegraphic communication between America and Europe.

July 25, 1882.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Robert Garrett, William F. Burus, and William F. Frick., of Maryland, their associates, succes-

Telegraphic communication be-

tween America and Europe.

Robert Garrett, William F. Burns, and William F. Frick, etc., authorized to construct, etc., line of telegraph between America and Europe.

*Provisos.*  
Conditions.

sors, and assigns, shall have the right to construct, lay, land, and maintain a line or lines of telegraph or submarine cables on the Atlantic coast of the United States of America, to connect the American and European coasts by telegraphic lines, wires, or submarine cables: *Provided*, That said company shall begin to lay said cable or cables within two years from the passage of this act; *And provided further*, That no amalgamation, combination to establish rates, union or sale of cable interests established under this act shall be made to any existing European or other cable companies.

SEC. 2. That any telegraphic line or cable laid be subject to the following conditions, stipulations, and reservations, to-wit:

First. The Government of the United States shall be entitled to exercise and enjoy the same or similar privileges with regard to the control and use of such line or lines, or cable or cables, as there may, by law, agreement, or otherwise be exercised and enjoyed by any foreign government whatever.

Secondly, Citizens of the United States shall enjoy the same privileges as to the payment of rates for the transmission of messages as are enjoyed by the citizens of the most favored nations.

Thirdly. The transmission of dispatches shall be made in the following order: First, dispatches of state, under such regulations as may be agreed upon by the governments interested, the rates not to exceed those charged to individuals; secondly, dispatches on telegraphic service; and, thirdly, private dispatches.

Fourthly. The lines of any such cables shall be kept open to the public for the daily transmission of market and commercial reports and intelligence, and all messages, dispatches, and communications shall be forwarded in the order in which they are received, except as hereinbefore provided.

Stipulations.

Fifthly. Before extending and establishing any such line or lines, or cable or cables, in or over any waters, reefs, islands, shores, and lands within the jurisdiction of the United States, a written acceptance of the terms and conditions imposed by this act shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State by the parties above named, or a majority of them, their associates, successors, or assigns, or by the company or corporation which may be organized to construct and operate cables under this act.

Reservations.

SEC. 3. That nothing in this act shall be construed to limit the United States in granting to other persons or companies similar privileges herein contained.

SEC. 4. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act at any time is hereby reserved to Congress.

Approved, July 25, 1882.

July 25, 1882.

CHAP. 349.—An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and for other purposes.

Pensions.  
Appropriations.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and for other purposes, namely:

Army pensions.

For Army pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives, and survivors and widows of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, ninety-seven million six hundred and forty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the amount expended for each of the above items shall be accounted for separately.

*Proviso.*

Navy pensions.

For Navy pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives, one million eight hundred thousand dollars: