

Jan. 9, 1883.

**CHAP. 17.**—An act to permit grain brought by Canadian farmers to be ground at mills in the United States adjacent to Canadian territory, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Treasury Department.

Canadian grain ground at mills in United States; free from duty, when.

*Provisos.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That grain brought into the United States in wagons or other ordinary road vehicles, by farmers residing in the Dominion of Canada, to be ground by mills owned by citizens of the United States, shall not be deemed to be imported or liable to import duties; *Provided,* That such grain shall be brought into the United States under such regulations as the Treasury Department may prescribe to prevent fraud and evasion, and shall be returned as in like manner provided by such regulations: *And provided further,* That entry shall be made of and duties paid upon all such grain as shall be taken or received by mill-owners as tolls for such grinding, under like regulations provided by the Treasury Department.

Approved, January ninth, 1883.

Jan. 13, 1883.

**CHAP. 23.**—An act to provide for extra work in the Government Printing Office in cases of emergency.

Extra work in Government Printing Office, how paid.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for extra work, ordered in emergencies, and performed on Sundays or legal holidays, or between the hours of midnight and eight ante meridian, excepting that done by regular organized night forces, the Public Printer is hereby authorized to pay such extra prices as the customs of the trade and the justice of the case may require.

Approved, January 13, 1883.

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**CHAP. 24.**—An act relating to exportation of tobacco, snuff, and cigars, in bond, free of tax, to adjacent foreign territory..

Tobacco, snuff, and cigars, exportation of, etc.  
R. S. 3385, 663, amended.  
21 Stat., 167.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section thirty-three hundred and eighty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by the act of June ninth, eighteen hundred and eighty, be further amended by adding, after the words "shall be canceled," where they first occur therein, the following words: "But when the goods are exported to an adjacent foreign territory, by vessel or otherwise, said bonds shall be canceled upon such proofs of exportation as may be prescribed by the commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury."

Approved, January 13, 1883.

Jan. 15, 1883.

**CHAP. 25.**—An act to attach the county of Hardeman, in the State of Tennessee, to the eastern division of the western district of Tennessee.

Hardeman County made part of eastern division of western district of Tenn.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the passage of this act the territory embraced in the county of Hardeman, in the State of Tennessee, as now constituted, shall be attached to and compose a part of the eastern division of the western district of Tennessee; and all process issued against defendants residing in said county of Hardeman shall be returned to Jackson, and all civil causes of action which have accrued in said county, of which the courts of the United States have jurisdiction, shall be cognizable in the court at Jackson, but all offenses committed in said county against the laws of the United

States before the passage of this act shall be cognizable in the court of the western division of the western district of Tennessee held at Memphis, and actions or proceedings now pending at Memphis against defendants residing in said county of Hardeman may, on the application of either party, be transferred to the court at Jackson; and in case of such transfer, all papers and files therein, with copies of all journal entries, shall be transferred to the office of the clerk of the court at Jackson, and the same shall proceed in all respects as though originally commenced in said court.

Approved, January 15, 1883.

**CHAP. 26.**—An act to increase the fees of witnesses in the United States courts in certain cases. Jan. 15, 1883.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all persons residing west of the Mississippi River, excepting those who are by law entitled to a higher compensation, who have been or may hereafter be in attendance at Washington, District of Columbia, under subpoena or under the direction of the Department of Justice as witnesses in any of the courts of said district, in any of the cases known as star-routes prosecutions, shall be entitled to receive a total per diem of two dollars and fifty cents per day, and mileage for actual travel only to and from their place of residence, by the usual routes of travel, at the rate of seven cents per mile.

Increase of fees of witnesses in U. S. courts in certain cases.

Approved, January 15, 1883.

**CHAP. 27.**—An act to regulate and improve the civil service of the United States. Jan. 16, 1883.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, three persons, not more than two of whom shall be adherents of the same party, as Civil Service Commissioners, and said three commissioners shall constitute the United States Civil Service Commission. Said commissioners shall hold no other official place under the United States.

Civil service.

Commission.

The President may remove any commissioner; and any vacancy in the position of commissioner shall be so filled by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, as to conform to said conditions for the first selection of commissioners.

Removals. Vacancies, how filled.

The commissioners shall each receive a salary of three thousand five hundred dollars a year. And each of said commissioners shall be paid his necessary traveling expenses incurred in the discharge of his duty as a commissioner.

Compensation.

**SEC. 2.** That it shall be the duty of said commissioners:

Duties.

**FIRST.** To aid the President, as he may request, in preparing suitable rules for carrying this act into effect, and when said rules shall have been promulgated it shall be the duty of all officers of the United States in the departments and offices to which any such rules may relate to aid, in all proper ways, in carrying said rules, and any modifications thereof, into effect.

Rules.

**SECOND.** And, among other things, said rules shall provide and declare, as nearly as the conditions of good administration will warrant, as follows:

First, for open, competitive examinations for testing the fitness of applicants for the public service now classified or to be classified hereunder. Such examinations shall be practical in their character, and so far as may be shall relate to those matters which will fairly test the

Competitive examinations.