

fifty four of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the District of Columbia

Approved, January 31, 1883.

CHAP. 42.—An act to encourage the holding of a World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

Feb. 10, 1883.

Whereas it is desirable to encourage for celebration the one hundredth anniversary of the production, manufacture, and commerce of cotton, by holding, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, in some city of the Union, to be selected by the executive committee of the National Cotton Planters' Association of America, an institution for the public welfare, incorporated under the laws of Mississippi, a World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, to be held under the joint auspices of the United States, the said National Cotton Planters' Association of America, and of the city in which it may be located, and in which cotton in all its conditions of culture and manufacture will be the chief exhibit, but which is designed also to include all arts, manufactures, and products of the soil and mine; and

World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition in 1884.
Preamble.

Whereas such an exhibition should be national and international in its character, in which the people of this country and other parts of the world who are interested in the subject 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 a World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition be held in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, under the joint auspices of the United States Government, the National Cotton Planters' Association of America, and the city where it may be located.

SEC. 2. That the President of the United States may upon the recommendation of the executive committee of the National Cotton Planters' Association of America, appoint six United States commissioners, and upon the recommendation of the majority of subscribers to the enterprise in the city where it may be located, may appoint seven United States commissioners, who, together, shall constitute a board of management of said World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition.

Appointment of commissioners, who shall be a board of managers.

SEC. 3. That the President of the United States may on the recommendation of the governors of the various States and Territories of the Union, appoint one commissioner and one alternate commissioner for each State and Territory, whose functions shall be defined by the said board of management.

Appointment of commissioners for States, etc.

SEC. 4. That all of said commissioners shall be appointed within one year from the passage of this act.

SEC. 5. That the said board of management shall hold its meetings in such city as may be selected for the location of the said exposition by the National Cotton Planters' Association of America as aforesaid, and that a majority of said board of management shall have full power to make all needful rules and regulations for its government.

Powers of board of management.

SEC. 6. That said board of management shall report to the President of the United States a suitable date for opening and closing the exposition; a schedule of appropriate ceremonies for opening or dedicating the same; and such other matters as, in their judgment, may be deemed important.

Date for opening, etc., the exposition; ceremonies.

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 of the expenses attending such exhibition, or by reason of the same.

United States to be exempt from expense.

SEC. 8. That whenever the President shall be informed by the said board of management that provision has been made for suitable buildings, or the erection of the same, for the purposes of said exposition, the President shall, through the Department of State, make proclama-

President, United States, to give notice of opening of exhibition by public proclamation.

tion of the same setting forth the time at which the exhibition will open, and the place at which it will be held, and such board of management shall communicate to the diplomatic representatives of all nations copies of the same and a copy of this act, together with such regulations as may be adopted by said board of management, for publication in their respective countries.

Invitations to governments of other nations.

SEC. 9. That the President be requested to send, in the name of the United States, invitations to the governments of other nations to be represented and take part in said World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, to be held in some city of the United States, to be hereafter selected as aforesaid.

Medals, etc. Stat., 17, 432.

SEC. 10. That medals with appropriate devices, emblems, and inscriptions, commemorative of said World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, and of the awards to be made to exhibitors thereat, be prepared at some mint of the United States, for the said board of management, subject to the provisions of the fifty-second section of the coinage act of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, upon the payment of a sum not less than the cost thereof; and all the provisions, whether penal or otherwise, of said coinage act against the counterfeiting or imitating of coins of the United States, shall apply to the medals struck and issued under this act.

Penalties of coinage to apply, etc.

Articles imported for exposition to be duty free.

SEC. 11. That all articles which shall be imported for the sole purpose of exhibition at the said World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, to be held in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, shall be admitted without the payment of duty, or of customs fees or charges, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe: *Provided*, That all such articles as shall be sold in the United States or withdrawn for consumption therein at any time after such importation, shall be subject to the duties, if any are imposed on like articles by the revenue laws in force at the date of importation: *And provided further*, That in case any articles imported under the provisions of this act shall be withdrawn for consumption, or shall be sold without payment of duty as required by law, all penalties prescribed by the revenue laws shall be applied and enforced against such articles, and against the persons who may be guilty of such withdrawal or sale.

Provisos.

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Feb. 12, 1883.

CHAP. 43.—An act to amend section thirty-seven hundred and eighty of the Revised Statutes.

R. S. 3780. Amended.

Public Printer to make contracts for lithographing and engraving, when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section thirty-seven hundred and eighty of the Revised Statutes be amended so as to read:

"When the probable cost of the maps or plates accompanying one work or document exceeds one thousand two hundred dollars, the lithographing or engraving thereof shall be awarded to the lowest and best bidder, after advertisement, by the Congressional Printer, under the direction of the Joint Committee on Public Printing. But the committee may authorize him to make immediate contracts for lithographing, or engraving whenever, in their opinion, the exigencies of the public service do not justify advertisements for proposals".

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Feb. 14, 1883.

CHAP. 44.—An act supplementary to an act approved December seventeenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An act to authorize the construction of bridges across the Ohio River, and to prescribe the dimensions of the same.

Bridges across the Ohio River.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of Congress approved December seventeenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, en-