

Crossings. of War: *Provided, however,* That the said company shall construct and maintain, at its own cost, all such wagon-crossings, cattle-guards, and fences over and along the line of its road through the said Government property, at all of the four lock and dam sites mentioned in this act, as may be required by the Secretary of War: *Provided further,* That the said company shall take up and remove its track or tracks from the said property, or any part thereof, at either or all of the four sites mentioned, whenever thereto directed by the Secretary of War; and such removal shall not be made the foundation for any claim for damages against the United States: *And provided further,* That the right to repeal, alter, or amend this act is reserved to Congress.

Removal of tracks when required.

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Feb. 28, 1887. **CHAP. 278.**—An act to define the boundaries of the collection districts of Miami and Sandusky, in the State of Ohio.

Miami and Sandusky collection districts, Ohio. R. S., sec. 2603, p. 514, amended. Boundaries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twenty-six hundred and three of the Revised Statutes is hereby so amended that the district of Miami, in the State of Ohio, shall comprise all the waters and shores of Lake Erie within the jurisdiction of the United States from the western bank of the Portage River to the western bank of the Miami River, in which Toledo shall be the port of entry; and so that the district of Sandusky shall comprise all the waters and shores of Lake Erie within the jurisdiction of the United States from the eastern bank of the Vermillion River to and including the western bank of the Portage River, and all the islands at the head of Lake Erie, lying east of a line drawn north from the west bank of the Portage River at its mouth, in which Sandusky shall be the port of entry. Vessels shall be allowed to ply between the port of Toledo, in the Miami district, and any of the said islands, in the same manner and subject to the same conditions only as if said islands were in the district of Miami.

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Feb. 28, 1887. **CHAP. 279.**—An act to provide for holding terms of United States courts at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Mississippi, southern judicial district. Western division created. Term at Vicksburg. Jurisdiction.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the counties of Washington, Sharkey, Issaquena, and Warren shall constitute a part of the southern judicial district of Mississippi, and shall be known as the western division of said district; and circuit and district courts for the transaction of business pertaining to the persons and property in said western division shall be held at the city of Vicksburg on the first Mondays of January and July in each year, and shall be held for four weeks, or so long as business may require.

Crimes.

SEC. 2. That the said courts to be held at Vicksburg as provided in section one of this act shall be possessed of and shall exercise all the powers and jurisdiction now possessed or exercised, or which may hereafter be granted to or exercised, by the circuit and district courts in said district now held at Jackson; and all laws regulating and defining how suits against persons or property located or found in judicial districts shall be brought shall be applicable to and govern the bringing of suits in said division; and all laws touching the removal of causes from State courts to United States courts shall apply to said court hereby established; but all crimes and offenses heretofore committed within said southern district shall be prosecuted, tried and determined in the same manner and with the same effect as if this act had not been passed.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the clerks of the courts now held at Jackson, on demand of either party to any suit now pending in either of said courts, and properly belonging to the court at Vicksburg, to make out and certify a copy of the record and proceedings in such suit, and to transmit the same to the deputy clerk of the proper court at Vicksburg, who shall enter said cause on his docket, and the same shall be proceeded with as if it had been originally brought in said court. The fees for such transcript shall be paid by the party applying for the same.

Transfer of records.

SEC. 4. That the marshal and clerks of said southern district of Mississippi shall appoint deputies, who shall reside at Vicksburg and act as marshal and clerk of said courts in place of their principals.

Deputy marshals, etc.

SEC. 5. That the United States shall not be at any expense in providing for a building or room for the holding of the terms of said court.

Court rooms.

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CHAP. 280.—An act to authorize the construction of a graveled road to the Richmond National Cemetery, near Richmond, Virginia

Feb. 28, 1887.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of constructing of a graveled road from the terminus of Broad street at Chimborazo Park, near Richmond, Virginia, to the Richmond National Cemetery; said money to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose.

Richmond, Va. Appropriation for road to national cemetery.

SEC. 2. That before any money shall be expended as aforesaid the title to the right of way shall be granted to the United States free of cost.

Right of way.

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CHAP. 281.—An act to enable foreign executors and administrators to sue in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Feb. 28, 1887.

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 it shall be lawful for any person or persons to whom letters testamentary or of administration have been or hereafter may be granted by the proper authority, in any of the United States or the Territories thereof, to maintain any suit or action and to prosecute and recover any claim in the District of Columbia, in the same manner as if the letters testamentary or of administration had been granted to such person or persons by the proper authority in the said District; and the letters testamentary or of administration, or a copy thereof, certified under the seal of the authority granting the same, shall be sufficient evidence to prove the granting thereof, and that the person or persons, as the case may be, hath or have administration: *Provided, nevertheless,* That the supreme court of the District of Columbia shall have the power, and such power is hereby given to the said court, upon petition of any one interested, to require from such person or persons the security now required by law in like case from a resident administrator or executor.

District of Columbia. Foreign executors and administrators enabled to sue.

Proviso. Security.

SEC. 2. That all exceptions in favor of parties beyond the District of Columbia which may by existing laws be replied or relied on in any action or proceeding brought in the said District are hereby repealed and abrogated: *Provided,* That this section shall not affect the right of parties in actions now pending.

Exceptions in favor of outside parties repealed.

Present actions not affected.

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