

CHAP. 179.—An Act Authorizing the President of the United States to nominate Lieutenant-Commander R. M. G. Brown, now on the retired list, to be a commander on the retired list.

March 11, 1902.
[Public, No. 36.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized to nominate to the Senate Lieutenant-Commander R. M. G. Brown, now on the retired list, to be a commander on the retired list.

Lieut. Commander R. M. G. Brown. May be appointed commander on navy retired list.

Approved, March 11, 1902.

CHAP. 180.—An Act Providing for the commutation for town-site purposes of homestead entries in certain portions of Oklahoma.

March 11, 1902.
[Public, No. 37.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That that portion of section twenty-two of the Act approved May second, eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled "An Act to provide a temporary government for the Territory of Oklahoma, to enlarge the jurisdiction of the United States court in the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," providing for the commutation for town-site purposes of homestead entries in certain instances, be, and the same is hereby, made applicable to the lands in the Territory of Oklahoma ceded to the United States by the Wichita and affiliated bands of Indians and the Comanche, Kiowa, and Apache tribes of Indians, under agreements, respectively, ratified by the Acts of Congress of March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and June sixth, nineteen hundred.

Oklahoma Territory. Lands ceded by Wichita, etc., Indians open to commutation town-site entries. Vol. 26, p. 91.

Vol. 26, p. 894.
Vol. 31, p. 676.

Approved, March 11, 1902.

CHAP. 181.—An Act To amend section three of chapter four hundred and eighty, of the laws of the United States, approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

March 11, 1902.
[Public, No. 38.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three of chapter four hundred and eighty, of the laws of the United States, approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended so that it shall read as follows:

District of Columbia. Washington Gas-light Company. Vol. 18, p. 278.

"**SEC. 3.** That a laboratory shall be provided and fitted up by the Washington Gaslight Company, subject to the approval of the inspector, in the central part of the city of Washington, at a distance as near as may be of two thousand feet from any gas works, and furnished with suitable apparatus for the transaction of the business of the inspector and assistant inspector, for which it is intended; and the laboratory shall be kept open on all business days between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon: *Provided,* That the cost of fitting up said laboratory shall be paid for by each gas company in the District of Columbia in proportion to their sale of gas for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three."

Office hours of laboratory changed.

Proviso. Expenses.

Approved, March 11, 1902.

CHAP. 182.—An Act To amend section twenty-two hundred and ninety-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

March 11, 1902.
[Public, No. 39.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twenty-two hundred and ninety-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Public lands. R. S., sec. 2294, p. 421, amended.

"**SEC. 2294.** That hereafter all affidavits, proofs, and oaths of any kind whatsoever required to be made by applicants and entrymen under

Judicial officers before whom affidavits, etc., may be made.

the homestead, preemption, timber-culture, desert-land, and timber and stone Acts, may, in addition to those now authorized to take such affidavits, proofs, and oaths, be made before any United States commissioner or commissioner of the court exercising federal jurisdiction in the territory or before the judge or clerk of any court of record in the land district in which the lands are situated: *Provided*, That in case the affidavits, proofs, and oaths hereinbefore mentioned be taken out of the county in which the land is located the applicant must show by affidavit, satisfactory to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, that it was taken before the nearest or most accessible officer qualified to take said affidavits, proofs, and oaths in the land districts in which the lands applied for are located; but such showing by affidavit need not be made in making final proof if the proof be taken in the town or city where the newspaper is published in which the final proof notice is printed. The proof, affidavit, and oath, when so made and duly subscribed, shall have the same force and effect as if made before the register and receiver, when transmitted to them with the fees and commissions allowed and required by law. That if any witness making such proof, or any applicant making such affidavit or oath, shall knowingly, willfully, or corruptly swear falsely to any material matter contained in said proofs, affidavits, or oaths he shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall be liable to the same pains and penalties as if he had sworn falsely before the register. That the fees for entries and for final proofs, when made before any other officer than the register and receiver, shall be as follows:

"For each affidavit, twenty-five cents.

"For each deposition of claimant or witness, when not prepared by the officer, twenty-five cents.

"For each deposition of claimant or witness, prepared by the officer, one dollar.

"Any officer demanding or receiving a greater sum for such service shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished for each offense by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars."

Approved, March 11, 1902.

Provido,
Affidavits taken out
of county.

Penalty for false
swearing.

Fees for entries, etc.

Penalty for excess-
ive fees.

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[Public, No. 40.]

Texas judicial dis-
tricts established.
R. S., sec. 548, p. 92,
amended.

Northern district.

Counties constitut-
ing.

CHAP. 183.—An Act To divide the State of Texas into four judicial districts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the State of Texas is divided into four judicial districts, which shall be called the northern, the eastern, the southern, and the western judicial districts of the State of Texas.

The northern judicial district includes the following counties and the waters thereof:

Navarro, Johnson, Ellis, Kaufman, Dallas, Rockwall, Hunt, Comanche, Hood, Erath, Tarrant, Parker, Palo Pinto, Wise, Clay, Jack, Young, Wichita, Wilbarger, Archer, Baylor, Cottle, Hardeman, Motley, Briscoe, Hall, Childress, Collingsworth, Donley, Armstrong, Deaf Smith, Randall, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, Hutchinson, Hansford, Sherman, Moore, Hartley, Dallam, Eastland, Stephens, Throckmorton, Shackelford, Callahan, Taylor, Jones, Haskell, Knox, Nolan, Fisher, Stone- wall, Kent, Dickens, King, Crosby, Garza, Lubbock, Gaines, Andrews, Mitchell, Scurry, Borden, Howard, Martin, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, Tom Green, Crockett, Schleicher, Sutton, Irion, Mills, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Dawson, Floyd, Foard, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Parmer, Swisher, Terry, Upton, Yoakum, Concho, and Menard.