persons so to be appointed by the President of the United States, shall not exceed in amount the compensation allowed by the government of Louisiana to the person or persons appointed, on its part, for the same object.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the person or persons, so to be appointed by the President of the United States, with such as have been or shall be appointed for the same purpose, on the part of the state of Louisiana, after they, in conjunction, shall have run, and distinctly marked said line, shall make two fair drafts, or maps thereof, both of which shall be certified by them, and one of which shall be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State for the United States, and the other delivered to the governor of Louisiana.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That, for the purpose of carrying this act into execution, the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, May 19, 1828.

CHAP. LIX.—An Act concerning the orphans' court of Alexandria county, in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That in addition to the regular monthly sessions of the orphans' court of Alexandria county, in the district aforesaid, as now authorized by law, that the judge of the aforesaid court be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, to hold extra sessions thereof, whenever the public interest may require it.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That in lieu of the per diem allowance of six dollars, as now established by law, that he be allowed a fixed salary of five hundred dollars per annum, payable in the same manner as heretofore the per diem allowance has been, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That this law shall be in force from and after the passing of the same.

APPROVED, May 19, 1828.

CHAP. LIX.—An Act to reduce the duty on Greek and Latin books, printed previous to the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the act, entitled “An act to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports,” passed twenty-second of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, shall not be construed to impose upon books printed in Greek and Latin, which the importer shall make it satisfactorily appear to the collector of the port at which the same shall be entered, were printed previous to the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, a higher duty than four cents per volume.

APPROVED, May 19, 1828.

CHAP. LXVII.—An Act to continue the mint at the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes. (a)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the act, entitled “An act

(a) See notes of acts relating to the mint, and to coins of the United States, vol. i. 246.
For purpose of securing a due conformity, the brass troy weight procured in 1827 shall be the standard troy pound.

1792, ch. 16.

A series of weights corresponding to the aforesaid troy pound weight, to be procured.

When silver bullion is found to contain a proportion of gold.

Provido.

Director of the mint may employ the requisite number of clerks.

Director of the mint to receive and cause to be assayed bullion not intended for coinage, &c.


SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That, for the purpose of securing a due conformity in weight of the coins of the United States, to the provisions of the ninth section of the act, passed the second of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, entitled "An act establishing a mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," the brass troy pound weight procured by the minister of the United States at London, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, for the use of the mint, and now in the custody of the director thereof, shall be the standard troy pound of the mint of the United States, conformably to which the coinage thereof shall be regulated.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the director of the mint to procure, and safely to keep a series of standard weights, corresponding to the aforesaid troy pound, consisting of an one pound weight, and the requisite subdivisions and multiples thereof, from the hundredth part of a grain to twenty-five pounds; and that the troy weights ordinarily employed in the transactions of the mint, shall be regulated according to the above standards, at least once in every year, under his inspection; and their accuracy tested annually in the presence of the assay commissioners, on the day of the annual assay.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That, when silver bullion, brought to the mint for coinage, is found to require the operation of the test, the expense of the materials employed in the process, together with a reasonable allowance for the wastage necessarily arising therefrom, to be determined by the melter and refiner of the mint, with the approbation of the director, shall be retained from such deposit, and accounted for by the treasurer of the mint to the treasury of the United States.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That, when silver bullion, brought to the mint for coinage, shall be found to contain a proportion of gold, the separation thereof shall be effected at the expense of the party interested therein: Provided, nevertheless, That, when the proportion of gold is such that it cannot be separated advantageously, it shall be lawful, with the consent of the owner, or, in his absence, at the discretion of the director, to coin the same as an ordinary deposit of silver.

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That the director of the mint may employ the requisite number of clerks, at a compensation not exceeding in the whole the sum of seventeen hundred dollars, and such number of workmen and assistants as the business of the mint shall, from time to time, require.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the director of the mint to receive, and cause to be assayed bullion not intended for coinage, and to cause certificates to be given of the fineness thereof by such officer as he shall designate for that purpose, at such rates of charge, to be paid by the owner of said bullion, and under such regulations, as the said director may, from time to time, establish.

APPROVED, May 19, 1828.

STATUTE I.

May 19, 1828.

CHAP. LXVIII.—An Act further to regulate processes in the courts of the United States. (a)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the forms of mesne pro-

(a) In addition to the notes of the decisions of the courts of the United States on the subject of process and proceeding in vol. i. 93, the following cases are referred to:

The legislature of a state cannot suspend process in the courts of the United States, as to its citizens.