Chap. XXXI.—An Act to authorize the chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of State to frank public and official documents sent from that office.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the right and privilege of franking all public and official documents, that may be sent from the office of the Secretary of State, be, and hereby is, granted to the chief clerk in that office.

Approved, February 15, 1843.

Chap. XXXII.—An Act to change the place of holding the circuit and district courts in the district of Maine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the term of the circuit court of the United States, for the district of Maine, heretofore held at Wiscasset, in and for said district, on the first day of October, shall hereafter be held at Portland, in said district, on the first day of October, and that all writs, pleas, and recognizances and indictments, and all other proceedings, both civil and criminal, pending in said court, shall be returnable to and have day and be heard, tried, and proceeded in at Portland, in the same manner as they might have been done at Wiscasset, had the place of holding said court not been changed: Provided, however, if the first day of October happen on Sunday, then the court shall be held on the second day of said month.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the term of the district court of the United States for the district of Maine, heretofore held at Wiscasset, on the fourth Tuesday of February, shall hereafter be held at Portland on the first Tuesday of February, and that the term of said court heretofore held at Portland on the first Tuesday of June, shall hereafter be held at Bangor in said district, on the fourth Tuesday of June.

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Chap. XXXIII.—An Act to authorize the Legislatures of the States of Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee, to sell the lands heretofore appropriated for the use of schools in those States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Legislatures of Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee, be, and they are hereby, authorized to provide by law for the sale and conveyance in fee simple, of all or any part of the lands heretofore reserved and appropriated by Congress for the use of schools within said States, and to invest the money arising from the sales thereof in some productive fund, the proceeds of which shall be forever applied, under the direction of said Legislatures, to the use and support of schools within the several townships and districts of country for which they were originally reserved and set apart, and for no other use or purpose whatever: Provided, Said land, or any part thereof, shall in no wise be sold without the consent of the inhabitants of such township or district, to be obtained in such manner as the Legislatures of said States shall by law direct; and in the apportionment of the proceeds of said fund, each township and district shall be entitled to such part thereof, and no more, as shall have accrued from the sum or sums of money arising from the sale of the school lands belonging to such township or district.

(a) District Court of Maine, vol. 3, 413.
Notes of the acts relating to the circuit court of the district of Maine, vol. 3, 773.