CHAP. VII.—An Act to provide a place for the holding of the Courts of the United States in the Southern District of New York, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the Secretary of the Interior to provide by lease from year to year, or for a term of years, at his discretion, rooms in the city of New York for holding the courts of the United States for the southern district of New York, and for the accommodation of the judges of the said courts, and of the district attorney and marshal of the United States for the southern district of New York, and for the clerks of the circuit and district courts of said district.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That all orders, venires, writs, process, and recognizances in the circuit or district court of the United States for the southern district of New York, may be dated, tested and made returnable at the United States' court-room in the city of New York, and whether made returnable at the United States' court-room, or at the City Hall of the city of New York, shall be in fact returnable at, and shall be returned to the court-room in the city of New York, where, at the time of such return, the court shall be actually held; and that the said circuit and district courts for the southern district of New York shall be held and trials in actions therein had, at the court-rooms that may from time to time be provided for that purpose.

APPROVED, February 2, 1854.

CHAP. VIII.—An Act granting the Franking Privilege to the Superintendent of the Coast Survey, and the Assistant in charge of the office of said Coast Survey.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Superintendent of the Coast Survey, and the assistant in charge of the office of the coast survey, shall be authorized to receive and transmit, free of postage, by the mails, all letters and documents in relation to their public duties.

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CHAP. IX.—An Act to constitute Quincy, in the State of Illinois, a Port of Delivery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Quincy, in the State of Illinois, shall be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery, and shall be subject to the same regulations and restrictions as other ports of delivery in the United States; and there shall be appointed a surveyor of customs to reside at said port, who shall, in addition to his own duties, perform the duties and receive the salary and emoluments of surveyor prescribed by the act of Congress, approved on the second of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, providing for the payment of duties on imported goods at certain ports therein mentioned, entitled "An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places," and the said city of Quincy and the said port of delivery be, and is hereby, annexed to and made a part of the collection district of New Orleans, and all the facilities and privileges afforded by said act of Congress, of the second of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, be and hereby are extended to the said port of Quincy.

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