

the adjoining district, shall have the same force, effect, and validity as if done and transacted by and before a judge appointed for such district.

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CHAP. LX. — *An Act to confiscate Property used for Insurrectionary Purposes.*

August 6, 1861.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if, during the present or any future insurrection against the Government of the United States, after the President of the United States shall have declared, by proclamation, that the laws of the United States are opposed, and the execution thereof obstructed, by combinations too powerful to be suppressed by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings, or by the power vested in the marshals by law, any person or persons, his, her, or their agent, attorney, or employé, shall purchase or acquire, sell or give, any property of whatsoever kind or description, with intent to use or employ the same, or suffer the same to be used or employed, in aiding, abetting, or promoting such insurrection or resistance to the laws, or any person or persons engaged therein; or if any person or persons, being the owner or owners of any such property, shall knowingly use or employ, or consent to the use or employment of the same as aforesaid, all such property is hereby declared to be lawful subject of prize and capture wherever found; and it shall be the duty of the President of the United States to cause the same to be seized, confiscated, and condemned.

When property used in aiding insurrection may be confiscated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That such prizes and capture shall be condemned in the district or circuit court of the United States having jurisdiction of the amount, or in admiralty in any district in which the same may be seized, or into which they may be taken and proceedings first instituted.

In what courts to be condemned.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Attorney-General, or any district attorney of the United States in which said property may at the time be, may institute the proceedings of condemnation, and in such case they shall be wholly for the benefit of the United States; or any person may file an information with such attorney, in which case the proceedings shall be for the use of such informer and the United States in equal parts.

Who to institute proceedings for condemnation, and for whose use.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever hereafter, during the present insurrection against the Government of the United States, any person claimed to be held to labor or service under the law of any State, shall be required or permitted by the person to whom such labor or service is claimed to be due, or by the lawful agent of such person, to take up arms against the United States, or shall be required or permitted by the person to whom such labor or service is claimed to be due, or his lawful agent, to work or to be employed in or upon any fort, navy yard, dock, armory, ship, entrenchment, or in any military or naval service whatsoever, against the Government and lawful authority of the United States, then, and in every such case, the person to whom such labor or service is claimed to be due shall forfeit his claim to such labor, any law of the State or of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding. And whenever thereafter the person claiming such labor or service shall seek to enforce his claim, it shall be a full and sufficient answer to such claim that the person whose service or labor is claimed had been employed in hostile service against the Government of the United States, contrary to the provisions of this act.

When claims to persons held to service and labor to be forfeited.

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CHAP. LXI. — *An Act relative to Appeals to the Supreme Court of the United States.*

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases of appeal,

In appeals to federal Supreme Court by both parties, a transcript of the record filed by either party may be used in both appeals.

which have been or may hereafter be duly taken by both parties from the judgment or decree of any district or circuit court to the Supreme Court of the United States, a transcript of the record filed in the Supreme Court of the United States by either party on his appeal may be used on both appeals; and whenever in such cases one record shall have been, or may hereafter be, filed by either party in the said Supreme Court, both appeals shall be heard thereon by the court in the same manner as if records had been filed by the appellants in both cases.

Federal district attorneys in California may certify, &c., records in land cases.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the district attorney of the United States of any district in California may transcribe and certify to the Supreme Court of the United States the records of the district court of his proper district in all land cases wherein the United States is a party, upon which appeals have been or may be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States; and records so certified by such district attorney under his hand, and filed in the Supreme Court of the United States, shall be taken as true and valid transcripts, to the same intent and purpose as if certified by the clerk of the proper district court; and the said district attorneys for the districts of California shall be authorized to employ such clerks, not exceeding three in number, as may be necessary to transcribe such records, at a compensation, for each of such clerks, not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars per month, which shall be paid out of the appropriation for special and other extraordinary expenses of California land claims; and it shall be the duty of the clerk of any district court in California, on request of the district attorney of that district, to deliver to him the records in the cases before-mentioned on which appeals have been or may be taken, for the purpose of having them transcribed; and upon refusal or failure to do so, such clerk shall forfeit and pay to the United States the sum of five thousand dollars for each offence, to be recovered in an action of debt in any court of competent jurisdiction; and such clerk shall, moreover, be incapable of holding his said office of clerk, or any office under the United States.

Effect of such transcript of record.

Such attorneys may employ clerks.

Duty of clerks of courts in such cases.

Penalty.

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1862, ch. 181.
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CHAP. LXII.—*An Act to create a Metropolitan Police District of the District of Columbia, and to establish a Police therefor.*

Metropolitan Police District of the District of Columbia established.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Corporations of Washington and Georgetown, and the county of Washington, outside of the limits of said corporations, are hereby constituted, for the purposes of this act, into one district, to be called "The Metropolitan Police District of the District of Columbia."

Board of Police, who constitute and how appointed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That immediately upon the passage of this act, and thereafter from time to time, as required by this act, there shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, five Commissioners of Police, who shall be the chief officers of the said "Metropolitan Police District," and who shall severally possess and perform therein the powers and duties authorized and enjoined by this act. The said commissioners, together with the mayors of the cities of Washington and Georgetown, ex officio, shall form the board of police for the said district, and a majority of them shall constitute a quorum of such board for the transaction of business.

Quorum.

Appointment.

Term of office.

How qualified.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That three of said commissioners shall be appointed from the city of Washington, one from Georgetown and one from the county of Washington at large, for the term of three years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed by the President. The said commissioners shall meet at such time and place as may be designated by the President of the United States; and after being duly qualified, by taking and subscribing an oath