

and to the speaker of the House of Representatives. Fifteen hundred dollars to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Congress shall convene, or shall absent himself before the close of the session, a deduction shall be made from the sum which would otherwise be allowed to him, in proportion to the time of his absence, saving to the cases of sickness the same provisions as are established by existing laws. And the aforesaid allowance shall be certified and paid in the same manner as the daily compensation to members of congress has heretofore been.

APPROVED, March 19, 1816.

STATUTE I.

March 22, 1816. CHAP. XXXI.—*An Act to alter the times of holding the circuit and districts courts of the United States for the district of Vermont. (a)*

Time altered for holding the Courts in the District of Vermont. Circuit Courts in Vermont, vol. i. pp. 74, 217, 475, 517.

Proceedings in said court not to be affected by this change.

Process made returnable in same way as it would have been without the change.

Terms to commence next day if they should happen on a Sunday.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the circuit court of the United States within and for the district of Vermont, instead of the first day of May, shall hereafter be holden on the twenty-first day of May, and the district court of the United States, within and for the said district, instead of the seventh day of May, shall hereafter be holden on the twenty-seventh day of May, at the place now fixed by law for holding the said courts.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all indictments, informations, suits, or actions and proceedings of every kind, whether of a civil or criminal nature, now pending in the said courts, respectively, shall have day in court and be proceeded in, heard, tried, and determined on the days herein appointed for holding the said courts respectively, in the same manner as they might, and ought to have been done, had the said courts been holden respectively on the first and seventh days of May, as heretofore directed by law.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all writs, suits, actions, recognisances, or other proceedings which are or shall be instituted, sued, commenced, had or taken to the said circuit court to have been holden as heretofore on the first day of May next, or to the said district court to have been holden as heretofore on the seventh day of May next, shall be returnable to, entered in, heard, tried, and have day in court in each of the said courts respectively, to be holden at the times herein before directed, in the same manner as might and ought to have been done had the said courts been holden respectively on the first and seventh days of May, as heretofore directed by law.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That if at any time hereafter, the day or days prescribed by this act for holding either of the said courts shall be a Sunday, such court shall commence and be holden on the following day.

APPROVED, March 22, 1816.

STATUTE I.

March 22, 1816. CHAP. XXXII.—*An Act relative to evidence in cases of naturalization. (b)*

Act relating to naturalization, March 26, 1790, ch. 3.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the certificate of report and registry, required as evidence of the time of arrival in the

(a) *Act relating to the Circuit and District Courts of Vermont.*—An act to give effect to the laws of the United States within the state of Vermont. March 2, 1791, ch. 12, sec. 2, 3, 4.

An act to alter the times and places of holding the Circuit Courts for the Eastern District, and in North Carolina, and for other purposes. March 2, 1793, ch. 23, sec. 1.

An act altering the sessions of the Circuit Courts in the districts of Vermont and Rhode Island, and for other purposes. May 27, 1796, ch. 34, sec. 3, 1797, ch. 27, sec. 1.

An act concerning the Circuit Courts of the United States. March 3, 1797, ch. 27, sect. 1.

An act to amend the judicial system of the United States. April 29, 1802, ch. 31, sec. 4.

An act to alter the times of holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the state of Vermont. March 22, 1816, ch. 31.

An act to alter the times of holding the District Court of the United States for the district of Vermont. March 3, 1823, ch. 44.

(b) See notes of the acts relating to naturalization, vol. i, 103.