for western district of Louisiana.

Actions, suits, &c., (originally cognizable in a circuit court,) now pending in, &c., certain district courts.

Said circuit courts to be governed by same laws, &c., as apply to the other circuit courts; and clerks to perform same duties, &c. Allotment of their chief justice, &c. Acts, &c., repealed.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1836.

[Obsolete.]

The account of the Treasurer to be credited with the amount of unavailable funds.

Secretary of Treasury authorized to settle claims of U. S. of the above description.

Proviso.

1839, ch. 26.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

[Obsolete.]

in the same manner as from decrees and judgments rendered in the districts within which a circuit court is provided by this act.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That all actions, suits, prosecutions, causes, pleas, process, and other proceedings, relative to any cause, civil or criminal, (which might have been brought, and could have been, originally, cognizable in a circuit court,) now pending in, or returnable to, the several district courts of Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, Arkansas, Michigan, the eastern district of Louisiana, the districts of Alabama, the northern district of New York, the western district of Pennsylvania, and western district of Virginia, acting as circuit courts on the first day of April next, shall be, and are hereby declared to be, respectively transferred, returnable, and continued to, the several circuit courts constituted by this act, to be holden within the said districts respectively; and shall be heard, tried and determined therein, in the same manner as if originally brought, entered, prosecuted, or had, in such circuit courts. And the said circuit courts shall be governed by the same laws and regulations as apply to the other circuit courts of the United States; and the clerks of the said courts, respectively, shall perform the same duties, and shall be entitled to receive the same fees and emoluments, which are by law established for the clerks of the other circuit courts of the United States. The allotment of their chief justice and the associate justices of the said Supreme Court to the several circuits shall be made as heretofore.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That all acts and provisions inconsistent with this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

CHAP. XXXV.—An Act to authorize the proper officers of the Treasury Department to credit the account of the Treasurer of the United States with the amount of unavailable funds standing to his debit on the books of the Treasury, to transfer the amount of the debit of banks and individuals indebted for the same, and to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to compromise and settle said claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby authorized to credit the account of the Treasurer of the United States with the amount of the unavailable funds, whether charged to John Campbell, or his predecessors, and to transfer the amount to the debit of the banks and individuals, respectively, that may be indebted for the same.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to compromise and finally settle the claims of the United States, of the above description, against said banks and individuals who have proved insolvent, or failed to make punctual payments, on such terms and conditions as he may deem most conducive to the interests of the United States: Provided, That this act shall not authorize any compromise of the debt due from the Alleghany Bank of Pennsylvania.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

CHAP. XXXVI.—An Act to amend an act entitled "An act for laying off the towns of Fort Madison and Burlington, in the county of Des Moines, and the towns of Belleview, Du Buque, and Peru, in the county of Du Buque, and Mineral Point, in the county of Iowa, Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes," approved July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all acts and duties required to be done and performed by the Surveyor for the Territory of Wisconsin, under the act to which this is an amendment, shall be done
by a board of commissioners of three in number, any two of whom shall be a quorum to do business; said commissioners to be appointed by the President of the United States, and shall, previous to their entering upon the discharge of their duties, take an oath or affirmation to perform the same faithfully and impartially: Provided, That the action of the commissioners appointed under the present act shall not interfere with any of the acts performed by the Surveyor General, prior to the time of the passage hereof, in pursuance of instructions under the act to which this is amendatory.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the said commissioners shall have power to hear evidence and determine all claims to lots arising under the act to which this is an amendment; and for this purpose, the said commissioners are authorized to administer all oaths that may be necessary, and reduce to writing all the evidence in support of claims to pre-emption presented for their consideration; and when all the testimony shall have been heard and considered, the said commissioners shall file with the proper register and receiver for the district within which the towns are situated respectively, the testimony in each case, together with a certificate in favor of each person having the right of pre-emption under the provisions of the act of which this is amendatory; and upon making payment to the proper receiver of public moneys for the lot or lots to which such person is entitled, the receiver shall grant a receipt therefor, and the register issue certificates of purchase, to be transmitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, as in other cases of the sale of public lands.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the proper register and receiver of public moneys, after the board of commissioners have heard and determined all the cases of pre-emption under the act to which this is an amendment, shall expose the residue of the lots to public sale to the highest bidder, after advertising the same in three public newspapers at least three months prior to the day of sale, in the same manner as is provided for the sale of public lands in other cases; and after paying the commissioners the compensation hereafter allowed them, and all other expenses incident to the said survey and sale, the receiver of the lot or lots aforesaid, to be expended by them in the erection of public buildings, the construction of suitable wharves, and the improvement of the streets in the said towns of Fort Madison, Burlington, Belleview, Du Buque, Peru and Mineral Point.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the commissioners appointed to carry this act into effect, shall be paid by the receiver of public moneys, of the proper land district, six dollars each, per day, for their services, for every day they are necessarily employed.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

CHAP. XXXVII.—An Act to continue in force for a limited time the act entitled “An act to carry into effect a convention between the United States and Spain.”

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the act, entitled “An act to carry into effect a convention between the United States and Spain,” approved on the seventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, be, and the same are hereby, extended until the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight; and the commissioner appointed under the said act, shall, on or before the said day, terminate his duties.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.