ed the seventeenth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, or in this act, shall be so construed as to extend to any suit or action brought by the corporate authorities of either of the cities of the said District to recover a penalty imposed by any ordinance or by law of such corporation for an infraction of its by-laws and ordinances.

Approved, February 4, 1845.

**CHAP. IV.** — An Act confirming and assenting to an act of the Legislature of Virginia, entitled "An act further to amend the act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of the Legislature of Virginia, entitled "An act further to amend the act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company," which was passed on the twentieth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, be, and the same is hereby, ratified, confirmed, and assented to: Provided, That this assent and confirmation shall not be so construed as to bind the United States beyond their interest in the stock in said company, nor as either affirming or denying the validity of the rights or liens of the State of Maryland referred to in the third section of the said act of Virginia: Provided, also, That nothing herein contained shall be held or construed to impair the rights of any individual or corporation derived from the original act of incorporation of the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

Approved, February 7, 1845.

**CHAP. V.** — An Act to repeal "An act for the better organization of the district court of the United States within the State of Louisiana," and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act for the better organization of the district court of the United States within the State of Louisiana," approved on the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

**SEC. 2.** And be it further enacted, That all criminal actions or civil suits pending, &c. to be transferred to Dist. Court at New Orleans, 1845, ch. 19.

One term to be held annually for the business of the western district.

Approved, February 13, 1845.

**CHAP. XIII.** — An Act for the purchase of certain copies of the History of Oregon, California, and the other Territories on the Northwest coast of America.

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

(a) Notes of the acts relating to the District Court of Louisiana, vol. 3, 774.