

Penalty for swearing to false surveys.

Bond to be sued.

Suit to be a lien on property.

veys have been faithfully and correctly executed, according to law and the instructions of the surveyor-general; and, on satisfactory evidence being presented to any court of competent jurisdiction that such surveys, or any part thereof, had not been thus executed, the deputy making such false oath or affirmation shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall suffer all the pains and penalties attached to that offence; and the district attorney of the United States for the time being, in whose district any such false, erroneous, or fraudulent surveys shall have been executed, shall, upon the application of the proper surveyor-general, immediately institute suit upon the bond of such deputy; and the institution of such suit shall act as a lien upon any property owned or held by such deputy, or his sureties, at the time such suit was instituted.

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CHAP. CVII.—*An Act making Copies of Papers certified by the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House of Representatives legal Evidence.*

Certified extracts from Journals of Senate and House of Representatives made evidence in U. S. courts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That extracts from the Journals of the Senate or of the House of Representatives, and of the Executive Journal of the Senate, when the injunction of secrecy is removed, duly certified by the secretary of the Senate or by the clerk of the House of Representatives, shall be admitted as evidence in the several courts of the United States, and shall have the same force and effect as the originals thereof would have if produced in court and proved.

Fees for copies.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That for all such copies, certified as aforesaid, the secretary of the Senate and clerk of the House of Representatives shall be entitled to the same fees as are now allowed by law, for similar services, to the Secretary of State.

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CHAP. CVIII.—*An Act to carry into Effect the Convention between the United States and the Republic of Peru, concluded at Lima, the seventeenth Day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-one.*

Attorney-General authorized to adjudicate upon claims.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Attorney-General of the United States shall be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to adjudicate the claims arising under the convention concluded between the United States and the Republic of Peru, at Lima, the seventeenth March, eighteen hundred and forty-one, and shall, within the space of twelve months from and after the passing of this act, receive, examine, and decide upon the amount and validity of all such claims as may be presented to him, and as are provided for by the said convention, according to the merits of the several cases, and the principles of justice, equity, and the law of nations, and the stipulations of the said convention. And the Attorney-General shall be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to appoint the clerk of the Attorney-General's office, or any other person, to act as clerk under him in the performance of the duties prescribed by this act; and the Attorney-General and the said clerk shall, before entering on such duties, severally take an oath for their faithful performance.

Clerk to be employed.

Oath.

To adopt rules.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Attorney-General shall be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to make all needful rules and regulations, not contravening the laws of the land,

the provisions of this act, or the provisions of the said convention, for carrying the said convention and this act into effect.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all records, documents, or other papers, which now are in, or hereafter may come into, the possession of the Department of State, in relation to the said claims, shall be delivered to the Attorney-General, who shall forthwith, after the passing of this act, proceed to execute the duties hereby confided to him, and shall give notice in one or more of the newspapers published in the city of Washington, and in such other newspapers published elsewhere as he may deem necessary, of his appointment to adjudicate the said claims, and requiring the claimants to present their claims and evidence; and shall thereafter proceed, with all convenient despatch, to arrange and docket the several claims, and to consider the evidence which shall have been or may be offered by the respective claimants, allowing such further time for the production of additional evidence as he shall consider reasonable and just; and shall thereafter adjudicate and determine the said claims, and award the ratable proportions of the several claimants in the sums which may have been received, and which may be hereafter received, by the United States from the Republic of Peru, under the stipulations of the convention aforesaid.

The necessary records to be delivered to Attorney-General.

Publication of appointment.

Claims to be docketed.

Award.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the compensation of the Attorney-General and his clerk, for their services in the adjudication of the said claims, and carrying the said convention and this act into effect, shall be as follows, and no more, to wit, two thousand dollars for the Attorney-General, and one thousand dollars for his clerk, payable out of the first funds received under the said convention.

Compensation.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the Attorney-General shall report to the Secretary of State a list of the several awards made by him, a certified copy of which shall be transmitted by the said Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall, from time to time, as they may be received, distribute, in ratable proportions, among the persons in whose favor the awards shall have been made, such sums of money or securities as may have been received into the treasury in virtue of the said convention and this act, according to the proportion which their respective awards shall bear to the whole amount received, first deducting such sums of money as may be due to the United States from said persons in whose favor said awards shall be made. And the said Secretary of the Treasury shall cause certificates to be issued, in such form as he shall prescribe, showing the proportion to which each claimant may be entitled of the amount to be received; and on the presentation of the said certificates at the treasury, as the net proceeds of the several instalments may be received, such proportions thereof shall be paid to the legal holders of said certificates.

Report of awards.

Dividend.

Secretary of Treasury to issue certificates.

When to be paid.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause the several instalments, with the interest thereon, payable to the United States in virtue of the said convention, or the securities therefor, to be received from the Republic of Peru, and transferred to the United States, in such manner as he may deem best; and the net proceeds thereof to be paid into the treasury, and the same are hereby appropriated to pay the awards herein provided for.

Instalments from Peru to be received.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That, as soon as the duties hereby prescribed are completed by the Attorney-General, the records, documents, and all other papers relating to the said claims, in his possession, shall be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

Records to be deposited in the State Department.

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