

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all voluntary or intentional injuries to said line of telegraph, or to any property thereto belonging, within the territories of the United States, shall be deemed, and are hereby declared to be wilful and malicious trespasses, and shall be punished as such; and all laws of the United States now in force in any territory thereof, or which may hereafter be enacted for the better security and protection of property, and applicable to such offences, shall be, and they are hereby, extended, for the protection of said line of telegraph, into and over all the territory belonging to, and under the jurisdiction of, the United States, through which the same may be constructed; and all legal process and proceedings for the detection and punishment of the aforesaid offences shall be within the jurisdiction of the courts, and shall be issued and executed by the proper law officers in the States or organized territories.

Penalties for injuries to such telegraph.

APPROVED, February 17, 1855.

CHAP. CXVII. — *An Act to establish the Office of Surveyor-General of Utah, and to grant Land for School and University Purposes.* Feb. 21, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint a surveyor-general for Utah, whose annual salary shall be three thousand dollars, and whose power, authority, and duties, shall be the same as those provided by law for the surveyor-general of Oregon, prior to the act of July seventeen, eighteen hundred and fifty-four: and he shall locate his office from time to time at such places as may be directed by the President of the United States.

Appointment of a surveyor-general for Utah. Salary, power, and duties. 1854, ch. 84.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That when the lands in said territory shall be surveyed under the direction of the government of the United States, preparatory to bringing the same into market, sections numbered sixteen and thirty-six in each township in said territory shall be, and the same are hereby, reserved for the purpose of being applied to schools in said territory, and in the States and territories hereafter to be created out of the same.

Reservations for schools.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That when the lands in said territory shall be surveyed as aforesaid, a quantity of land equal to two townships shall be, and the same is hereby, reserved for the establishment of a university in said territory, and in the State hereafter to be created out of the same, to be selected under the direction of the legislature, in legal subdivisions of not less than one half section, and to be disposed of as said legislature may direct.

Reservation for an university.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That full power and authority are hereby given to the Secretary of the Interior to issue all needful rules and regulations for fully carrying into effect the several provisions of this act.

Rules and regulations authorized.

APPROVED, February 21, 1855.

CHAP. CXVIII. — *An Act to provide for holding an Additional Term of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Missouri, and for holding Special Terms of the District and Circuit Courts of the United States for the Northern District of Ohio.* Feb. 21, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That it shall be the duty of the district judge of the United States for the district of Missouri, to hold, at the city of St. Louis, on the first Monday in October, in every year, a term of the circuit court of the United States for said district, at which term any business may be transacted which might be transacted at the April term of said court.

Additional term of the circuit court for Missouri.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the United States circuit court for said district shall have power, at any time, to order an adjourned

Provision for adjourned terms.

term of said court to be held at any other time, at which adjourned term any business may be transacted which could be transacted at any regular term. A copy of said order shall be posted on the door of the court-room, and advertised in some newspaper printed in the city of St. Louis, twenty days, at least, before said adjourned term shall be holden.

Same subject.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the district judge for said district may order a special term or terms of said circuit court, to be holden at St. Louis, on any day mentioned in said order, at which special term any business may be transacted which might be transacted at any regular term of said court, and shall cause the copy of said order to be posted up and published as aforesaid. He may also rescind any such order, made either in term time or vacation, or fix a different day for said term or terms, giving notice thereof as aforesaid.

Special term of the district court at Cleveland, Ohio.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be held at the city of Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, on the third Tuesday in March, this year, a special term of the district court of the United States for the northern district of Ohio, and also a special term of the circuit court of the United States for said district, at which terms respectively any business may be transacted, which might, under existing laws, be transacted at any regular term.

APPROVED, February 21, 1855.

Feb. 24, 1855.

CHAP. CXXII.—*An Act to establish a Court for the Investigation of Claims against the United States.*

Court of Claims established.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That a court shall be established to be called a Court of Claims, to consist of three judges, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and to hold their offices during good behaviour; and the said court shall hear and determine all claims founded upon any law of Congress, or upon any regulation of an executive department, or upon any contract, express or implied, with the government of the United States, which may be suggested to it by a petition filed therein; and also all claims which may be referred to said court by either house of Congress. It shall be the duty of the claimant in all cases to set forth a full statement of the claim, and of the action thereon in Congress, or by any of the departments, if such action has been had; specifying also what person or persons are owners thereof or interested therein, and when and upon what consideration such person or persons became so interested. Each of the said judges shall receive a compensation of four thousand dollars per annum, payable quarterly, from the treasury of the United States, and shall take an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and discharge faithfully the duties of his office.

Jurisdiction.

Statement of claims to be made.

Compensation and oath of judges.

United States solicitor in said court to be appointed.

His duties.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a solicitor for the United States, to represent the government before said court, shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. It shall be the duty of said solicitor to prepare all cases on the part of the government for hearing before said court, and to argue the same when prepared; to cause testimony to be taken, when necessary to secure the interest of the United States; to prepare forms, file interrogatories, and superintend the taking of testimony, in the manner prescribed by said court, and generally to render such services as may be required of him from time to time, in the discharge of the duties of his office. Said solicitor shall be sworn to faithful discharge of the duties of his office, in the manner prescribed for the qualification of the judges in the first section of this act; and he shall receive a compensation of three thousand five hundred dollars per annum for his services, to be paid quarterly from the treasury of the United States.

His oath and pay.