

Weighers, gaugers, measurers.
Inspectors.

annual compensation not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars. He shall also, on the nomination of the said collectors, appoint for said districts, if in his judgment they are necessary, a competent number of weighers, gaugers, and measurers, at a compensation not exceeding six dollars per day, each; and such number of inspectors as he shall deem expedient, at a compensation not exceeding four dollars per day, each.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

March 2, 1855. CHAP. CXXXIX. — *An Act to settle certain Accounts between the United States and the State of Alabama.*

Settlement of account with Alabama.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office be, and he is hereby, required to state an account between the United States and the State of Alabama, for the purpose of ascertaining what sum or sums of money are due to said State, heretofore unsettled, under the sixth section of the act of March second, eighteen hundred and nineteen, for the admission of Alabama into the Union; and that he be required to include in said account the several reservations under the various treaties with the Chickasaw, Choctaw, and Creek Indians within the limits of Alabama, and allow and pay to the said State five per centum thereon, as in case of other sales.

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March 2, 1855. CHAP. CXL. — *An Act to prevent Mis-trials in the District and Circuit Courts of the United States, in certain Cases.*

Cases commenced before a jury may be continued on trial after the period for a new term of court.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the trial or hearing of any cause, civil or criminal, in any circuit or district court in the United States, which has been commenced and is in progress before a jury or the court, shall not be stayed or discontinued by the arrival of the period fixed by law for another session of said court, and it shall be lawful for the court to proceed with such trial or hearing, and bring it to a conclusion, in like manner and with the same effect, as if another stated term of the court had not intervened.

Subpoenas to witnesses under letters rogatory.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That where letters rogatory shall have *be* [been] addressed, from any court of a foreign country to any circuit court of the United States, and a United States commissioner designated by said circuit court to make the examination of witnesses in said letters mentioned, said commissioner shall be empowered to compel the witnesses to appear and depose in the same manner as to appear and testify in court.

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March 2, 1855. CHAP. CXLI. — *An Act authorizing the Purchase or Construction of Four additional Revenue Cutters.*

Four new revenue cutters authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of sixty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be built or purchased, in such mode as he may deem best for the public interest, four vessels of suitable size and construction, to be employed as revenue cutters on such stations as the said secretary may designate.

Qualifications of officers of revenue cutters hereafter appointed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, from and after the passage of this act, no person shall be appointed to the office of captain, first, second, or third lieutenant, of any revenue cutter, who does not adduce competent proof of proficiency and skill in navigation and seamanship.

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