

CHAP. XXIII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish an Auxiliary Watch for the Protection of Public and Private Property in the City of Washington," approved August twenty-three, eighteen hundred and forty-two.* Jan. 3, 1855.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each of the said auxiliary watch shall receive an annual compensation of six hundred dollars, commencing with the present fiscal year, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Pay of the auxiliary watch in Washington.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the above-recited act, and of the act approved March three, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, fixing the compensation of the said auxiliary watch, be, and the same is hereby, repealed. Repeal of acts of 1842, ch. 184, and 1853, ch. 97, respecting such pay.

APPROVED, January 3, 1855.

CHAP. XXV. — *An Act to continue in force, for a limited time, the Provisions of the Act of Congress of third March, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and the Second Section of its Supplement of eighteenth January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, so as to enable the Board of Land Commissioners in California to close their Adjudications of Private Land Titles in that State, and for other Purposes.* Jan. 10, 1855.
1851, ch. 41.
1854, ch. 2.

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 of Congress approved third March, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, "to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California," and of the second section of the act of eighteenth January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, continuing the same in force, be further continued in force for the term of one year, and no longer, from the third March, eighteen hundred and fifty-five. Continuance of California Land Commission.
1851, ch. 41.
1854, ch. 2.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the United States district attorney for the northern district of California be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ assistant counsel to aid him in defending the interests of the United States in the land suits for the adjudication of such claims before the district court, at a salary not exceeding three thousand six hundred dollars per annum, and also to employ such clerical force, not exceeding two persons, at a compensation of one hundred and fifty dollars per month each; the services of said assistant counsel, and the clerical force aforesaid, not to continue beyond the exigencies of the service, nor longer than the term of one year from the period of their several appointments. Employment of clerks and assistant counsel.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said commissioners, or either of them, may issue the writ of subpoena requiring the attendance of witnesses before the said board, and that for any contempt in refusing obedience to such writ, the said board shall have the same power to inflict punishment now possessed by the district court of the United States. Subpoenas.

APPROVED, January 10, 1855.

CHAP. LV. — *An Act making Appropriations for the construction of certain Military Roads in the Territories of Nebraska and Washington.* Feb. 6, 1855.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby, appropriated for the construction of military roads in the Territories of Nebraska and Washington, to wit: For the construction of a military road from the Great Falls of the Missouri River, in the Territory of Nebraska, to intersect the military road now established leading from Walla Walla to Puget's Sound, thirty thousand dollars. For the construction of a military road from the Dalles of the Columbia to Columbia City Barracks, twenty-five thousand dollars. For Appropriation for roads in Nebraska and Washington territories.

the construction of a military road from Columbia City Barracks to Fort Steilacoom on Puget's Sound, thirty thousand dollars. The said military roads shall be constructed under the direction of the Secretary of War.

APPROVED, February 6, 1855.

Feb. 10, 1855. CHAP. LXX. — *An Act changing the Appropriation for the Erection of a Building in the City of Milwaukie, for a Custom-House, Post-Office, and the United States Courts.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That in lieu and place of the appropriation and provision in section two, of chapter two hundred and forty-two, approved August fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, for the erection of a building therein described, in the city of Milwaukie, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be constructed, at the said city of Milwaukie, for the accommodation of the custom-house, post-office, and United States courts, a building of stone or brick, with fire-proof floors, constructed of iron beams and brickwork, iron roof, shutters, and sills; eighty-five feet by sixty feet, sixty feet in height from the foundation; to cost not more than eighty-eight thousand dollars; which said sum of eighty-eight thousand dollars, with ten per cent. on the said sum for cost of superintendence of erection and other contingent expenses, is hereby appropriated for this object out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, February 10, 1855.

Feb. 10, 1855. CHAP. LXXI. — *An Act to secure the Right of Citizenship to Children of Citizens of the United States born out of the Limits thereof.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That persons heretofore born, or hereafter to be born, out of the limits and jurisdiction of the United States, whose fathers were or shall be at the time of their birth citizens of the United States, shall be deemed and considered and are hereby declared to be citizens of the United States: *Provided, however,* That the rights of citizenship shall not descend to persons whose fathers never resided in the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any woman who might lawfully be naturalized under the existing laws, married, or who shall be married to a citizen of the United States, shall be deemed and taken to be a citizen.

APPROVED, February 10, 1855.

Feb. 10, 1855. CHAP. LXXIII. — *An Act to divide the State of Ohio into two Judicial Districts, and to provide for holding the District and Circuit Courts of the United States therein.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the State of Ohio be, and the same is hereby, divided into two judicial districts, in the following manner, to wit: The counties of Belmont, Guernsey, Muskingum, Licking, Franklin, Madison, Champaign, Shelby, and Mercer, together with all that part of the State lying south of the above-mentioned counties, shall compose one district, to be called the southern district of Ohio, and a court shall be held for the said district at the city of Cincinnati, and all the remaining part of said State shall compose another district, to be called the northern district of Ohio, and a court shall be held for the same in the city of Cleveland, in said State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be two terms of the circuit and district courts begun and held in each of said districts,

Public buildings at Milwaukie.

Ante, p. 571.

Citizenship of children of citizens, born abroad.

Citizenship of married women.

Ohio divided into two judicial districts.

Terms of circuit and district courts.