the adjoining district, shall have the same force, effect, and validity as if done
and transacted by and before a judge appointed for such district.

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CHAP. LX.—An Act to confiscate Property used for Insurrectionary Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That if, during the present or
any future insurrection against the Government of the United States, after
the President of the United States shall have declared, by proclamation,
that the laws of the United States are opposed, and the execution thereof
obstructed, by combinations too powerful to be suppressed by the ordinary
course of judicial proceedings, or by the power vested in the marshals by
law, any person or persons, his, her, or their agent, attorney, or employé,
shall purchase or acquire, sell or give, any property of whatsoever kind
or description, with intent to use or employ the same, or suffer the same
to be used or employed, in aiding, abetting, or promoting such insurrection
or resistance to the laws, or any person or persons engaged therein; or
if any person or persons, being the owner or owners of any such prop-
erty, shall knowingly use or employ, or consent to the use or employment
of the same as aforesaid, all such property is hereby declared to be lawful
subject of prize and capture wherever found; and it shall be the duty of
the President of the United States to cause the same to be seized, confis-
cated, and condemned.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That such prizes and capture shall
be condemned in the district or circuit court of the United States having
jurisdiction of the amount, or in admiralty in any district in which the
same may be seized, or into which they may be taken and proceedings
first instituted.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the Attorney-General, or any
district attorney of the United States in which said property may at the
time be, may institute the proceedings of condemnation, and in such case
they shall be wholly for the benefit of the United States; or any person
may file an information with such attorney, in which case the proceedings
shall be for the use of such informer and the United States in equal parts.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That whenever hereafter, during the
present insurrection against the Government of the United States, any
person claimed to be held to labor or service under the law of any State,
shall be required or permitted by the person to whom such labor or service
is claimed to be due, or by the lawful agent of such person, to take up
arms against the United States, or shall be required or permitted by the
person to whom such labor or service is claimed to be due, or his lawful
agent, to work or to be employed in or upon any fort, navy yard, dock,
armory, ship, entrenchment, or in any military or naval service whatso-
ever, against the Government and lawful authority of the United States,
then, and in every such case, the person to whom such labor or service is
claimed to be due shall forfeit his claim to such labor, any law of the
State or of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding. And
whenever thereafter the person claiming such labor or service shall seek
to enforce his claim, it shall be a full and sufficient answer to such claim
that the person whose service or labor is claimed had been employed in
hostile service against the Government of the United States, contrary to
the provisions of this act.

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CHAP. LXI.—An Act relative to Appeals to the Supreme Court of the United
States.

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