CHAP. CLXXIII. — An Act to extend the territorial Limits of the Territory of Nevada.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that part of the territory of the United States included within the following limits, namely: beginning at the point of intersection of the forty-second degree of north latitude with the thirty-eighth degree of longitude west from Washington; thence running south on the said thirty-eighth degree of west longitude until it intersects the northern boundary line of New Mexico; thence due west to the thirty-ninth degree of longitude west from Washington; thence with said thirty-ninth degree north to the intersection of said forty-second degree of north latitude; thence east with said forty-second degree of north latitude to the place of beginning, be, and the same is hereby, attached to and made a part of the Territory of Nevada, subject to the limitations, restrictions, and provisions of the act organizing the Territory of Nevada.

APPROVED, July 14, 1862.

CHAP. CLXXIV. — An Act for changing the Place for holding the September Term of the District Court of the United States in the District of Maine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the District Court of the United States now held at Wiscasset, in the District of Maine on the first Tuesday of September of each year, be hereafter held at Bath, in said district, on the same day in each year.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That all indictments, suits, informations, actions, proceedings, and recognizances of every kind, whether civil or criminal, shall have day in court, and be proceeded in, heard, tried, and determined in Bath, in the same manner and on the same day they might be in Wiscasset aforesaid.

APPROVED, July 14, 1862.

CHAP. CLXXV. — An Act repealing the Law requiring Bonds of Paymasters and Assistant Paymasters to be approved by the Judge or Attorney of the District in which such paymaster or assistant paymaster shall reside.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the law requiring the official bond of a paymaster or assistant paymaster in the navy to be approved by the judge or attorney of the United States for the district in which such paymaster or assistant paymaster shall reside, be and the same is hereby repealed, and such bond shall be deemed and taken to be satisfactory and sufficient whenever the Secretary of the Navy shall be satisfied on such evidence as he shall consider proper, that such bond ought to be approved and accepted.

APPROVED, July 14, 1862.

CHAP. CLXXVII. — An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to accept the Title to League Island, in the Delaware River, for Naval Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to receive and accept from the city authorities of the city of Philadelphia the title to League Island, in the Delaware River, together with the marsh east of and adjacent thereto, within the First ward of the said city of Philadelphia, together with all riparian rights and privileges thereto belonging and appertaining, to be used for naval purposes by the government of the United States: Provided, That said title shall not be accepted and received unless the same shall be perfect and indefeasible to the whole island to low-water mark; nor, if upon more thorough examination and survey of the premises by a
competent board of officers to be by him appointed, he shall discover that the public interests will not be promoted by acquiring the title as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the board of officers to be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, according to the provisions of the first section of this act, shall, before proceeding to any decision of the question hereinafter referred to them, make a survey and examination of the harbor of New London, Connecticut, and its surroundings, with reference to its capacity and fitness for a naval depot and navy yard, and whether the public interests will not be promoted by establishing a naval depot and navy yard in or near said harbor of New London instead of League Island; and that they also make the same investigation in regard to the waters of Narragansett Bay.

Approved, July 15, 1862.

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Chap. CLXXVIII. — An Act to amend the Act of the third of March, 1837, entitled "An Act supplementary to the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Judicial System of the United States."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the districts of Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and North Carolina shall constitute the fourth circuit; the districts of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida shall constitute the fifth circuit; the districts of Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Kentucky, and Tennessee shall constitute the sixth circuit; the districts of Ohio and Indiana shall constitute the seventh circuit; the districts of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois shall constitute the eighth circuit, and the districts of Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, and Minnesota shall constitute the ninth circuit; and the circuit courts in the districts hereinafter included within any circuit of the United States, which by this act are attached to a different circuit, shall be held at the same times and places as are now prescribed by law, and the circuit courts in districts which by this act are for the first time attached to circuits shall be held at the same times and places as are now prescribed by law for holding the district courts in said districts, except in the district of Iowa, in which the circuit court shall be held at the capital of the State on the second Tuesday in May and November of each year, at which times and place terms of the district court shall be held: Provided, this act shall not interfere with the terms of said district court now provided by law for said district. The allotment of their chief justice and the associate justices of the said supreme court to the several circuits shall be made as heretofore.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That so much of any act or acts of Congress as vests in the district courts of the United States for the districts of Texas, Florida, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Kansas, or either of them, the power and jurisdiction of circuit courts be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and there shall hereafter be circuit courts held for said districts by the chief or associate justices of the Supreme Court, assigned or allotted to the circuit to which said districts may respectively belong, and the district judges of such districts severally and respectively, either of whom shall constitute a quorum; which circuit courts, and the judges thereof, shall have like powers and exercise like jurisdiction as other circuit courts and the judges thereof; and the said district courts, and the judges thereof, shall have like powers and exercise like jurisdiction as the district courts, and the judges thereof, in the other circuits.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That all actions, suits, prosecutions, causes, pleas, process, and other proceedings, relative to any cause, civil or criminal, (which might have been brought and could have been originally cognizable in a circuit court,) now pending in, or returnable to the several district courts of Texas, Florida, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Kansas, acting as circuit courts, (or so empowered to act,) on the first day of Oc-