

ington, in the District of Columbia, to have and use a common seal, and to alter and amend the same at pleasure; to have, purchase, receive, possess, and enjoy any estates in lands, tenements, annuities, goods, chattels, moneys, or effects, and to grant, demise, and dispose of the same in such manner as they may deem most for the interest of the hospital: *Provided*, That the annual income from the same held by such corporation shall not exceed in value the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Annual income of property not to exceed, &c.

President and other officers.

Vacancies.

Powers of corporation.

Property to be devoted to what purposes.
By-laws.

Act may be altered.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation and body politic shall have full power to appoint from their own body a president and such other officers as they may deem necessary for the purposes of their creation; and in case of the death, resignation, or refusal to serve of any of their number, the remaining members shall elect and appoint other persons in lieu of those whose places may have been vacated; and the said corporation shall have full power and all the rights of opening and keeping a hospital in the city of Washington, for the care of such sick, wounded, and invalid persons as may place themselves under the care of said corporation, and the property held by said corporation shall be devoted exclusively to the purposes of such hospital.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation shall also have and enjoy full power and authority to make such by-laws, rules, and regulations as may be necessary for the general accomplishment of the objects of such hospital: *Provided*, That they be not inconsistent with the laws in force in the District of Columbia: *And provided further*, That this act shall be liable to be amended, altered, or repealed at the pleasure of Congress.

APPROVED, July 27, 1866.

July 27, 1866. CHAP. CCLXXX. — *An Act in Relation to the District Courts of the United States in the States of California and Louisiana.*

California and Louisiana respectively to form only one judicial district.
How called.
Judges, marshals, and attorneys.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the southern judicial district of the State of California and the western district of Louisiana shall be, and the same are hereby, abolished, and hereafter the said States shall respectively constitute one judicial district, and shall respectively be called the districts of California and Louisiana. The district judge, marshal, and district attorney of the United States for the northern district of California and the eastern district of Louisiana shall respectively possess and exercise the same powers and jurisdiction in said district courts of California and Louisiana as they now possess and exercise in their respective districts.

Pending, &c. process.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all actions, suits, and proceedings, civil or criminal, which shall have been commenced, and at the time of the passage of this act shall be pending in the southern district of California or the western district of Louisiana, and all process, orders, judgments, decrees, records, or other papers or proceedings relating thereto or filed therein, shall be transferred to the said district courts of California and Louisiana respectively, which courts shall possess and exercise over such actions, suits, and proceedings, and the process, orders, judgments, decrees, records, and other papers and proceedings so transferred, the same authority and jurisdiction as they would have had if such actions, suits, and proceedings had been commenced in said courts; and no indictment, writ, process, recognizance, or other proceeding returnable to or to be heard, tried, or considered in the said southern district of California or said western district of Louisiana shall be abated, discontinued, or rendered void by the transfer thereof as aforesaid.

Clerks of southern district of California and western district

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the clerks of the said southern district of California and the said western district of Louisiana shall, as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, deliver to and deposit

with the clerks of the said district courts of California and Louisiana, respectively, all property, books, records, documents, and papers remaining in their respective offices, and the same shall be received and kept by the said last-mentioned clerks subject to the order and direction of such courts respectively.

of Louisiana to deposit books and property with the clerks of courts hereby established.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That executions may be issued out of the said district court of California and the said district court of Louisiana, respectively, to collect any judgment or decree rendered in the said southern district of California or said western district of Louisiana before the passage of this act with the same effect as the same might now be issued out of the court in which such judgment or decree was rendered; and all process which shall have been issued out of said district court for the southern district of California or said western district of Louisiana, and shall not have been returned before the passage of this act, shall be returned to and filed with the clerks of the district courts of California and Louisiana respectively.

Executions to collect judgments heretofore rendered.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the salary of the United States district judge for the district of Louisiana shall hereafter be four thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

Salary of judge for the district of Louisiana.

APPROVED, July 27, 1866.

CHAP. CCLXXXI. — *An Act to authorize the Use in Post Offices of Weights of the Denomination of Grams.* July 27, 1866.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to furnish to the post offices exchanging mails with foreign countries, and to such other offices as he shall think expedient, postal balances denominated in grams of the metric system; and, until otherwise provided by law, one half ounce avoirdupois shall be deemed and taken for postal purposes as the equivalent of fifteen grams of the metric weights, and so adopted in progression; and the rates of postage shall be applied accordingly.

Postal balances denominated in grams of the metric system may be furnished certain post-offices. One half ounce to be the equivalent of fifteen grams.

APPROVED, July 27, 1866.

CHAP. CCLXXXII. — *An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Taxes.* July 27, 1866.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That where the license tax imposed upon any wholesale dealer has been calculated upon the amount of such dealer's sales for the previous year, in accordance with the terms of the seventy-ninth section of an act approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the commissioner of internal revenue that the sales made under such license did not equal in amount the sales of such previous year, it shall be lawful for said commissioner to refund to such wholesale dealer so much of the amount paid for such license as may be in excess of the proper tax chargeable upon the amount of sales actually made under such license during the year for which the same was issued.

Certain license taxes of wholesale dealers may be refunded. 1864, ch. 173, § 79. Vol. xiii. p. 251.

APPROVED, July 27, 1866.

CHAP. CCLXXXIII. — *An Act amendatory of Section thirteen of an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to provide Internal Revenue to support the Government, to pay Interest on the Public Debt, and for other Purposes,' approved June 30, 1864," approved March 3, 1865.* July 27, 1866. 1865, ch. 78, § 13. Vol. xiii. p. 485.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the thirteenth section of an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide internal revenue to support the government, to pay interest on the public

Section 13 of the act 1866, ch. 78, amended by substituting the words "without