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CHAP. CCCXI.—An Act to provide for the Suits, Judgments, and Business of the United States Provisional Court for the State of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all suits, causes, proceedings, and proceedings in the United States provisional court for the State of Louisiana, with the records thereof, be, and the same are hereby, transferred to the United States district court for the eastern district of Louisiana; and all suits, causes, prosecutions, and proceedings so transferred shall be proceeded with in said court and tried and determined, and process and judgment issued and executed therein and by said court in the same manner and with like effect as if the same had been commenced originally in said district court: Provided, however, That any suit or proceeding so transferred, of which the circuit court could take jurisdiction under the laws of the United States, shall in like manner be heard and determined in the circuit court held in said district.

Record in certain suits to remain in district court without further action.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That in case suits or proceedings are pending in said provisional court which could not have been instituted in said circuit or district court, the record shall remain in said district court without further action therein.

Judgments, &c. of the provisional court to become at once the judgments, &c., of the district or circuit court.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That all judgments, orders, decrees, and decisions of the United States provisional court for the State of Louisiana, relating to the causes hereby transferred to the district court of the eastern district of Louisiana, or to the circuit court held in said district, shall at once become the judgments, orders, decrees, and decisions of said district court, or said circuit court, unless the same are inconsistent with the rules and proceedings thereof; and may be enforced, pleaded, and proved, as the judgments, orders, decrees, or decisions of said district court, or said circuit court.

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CHAP. CCCXII.—An Act to prevent Officers of the Navy from being deprived of their regular Promotion on Account of Wounds received in Battle, and for other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provision of section four of the "Act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and equalize the grade of line officers of the United States navy," approved July sixteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, requiring that no officer in the naval service shall be promoted to a higher grade upon the active list until he has been examined by a board of naval surgeons and pronounced physically qualified to perform all his duties at sea, shall not be construed to apply to and exclude from the promotion to which he would otherwise
be regularly entitled any officer in whose case such medical board shall report that his physical disqualification was occasioned by wounds received in the line of his duty, and that such wounds do not incapacitate him for other duties in the grade to which he shall be promoted.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the rate of pay of officers of the navy on the retired list and not on duty, nor retired on furlough pay, in cases where such rate of pay has not heretofore been fixed by law, shall be one half of the pay to which such officers would be entitled if on duty at sea. And the pay of clerks of navy yards, of clerks to commandants of navy yards, and of clerks to naval storekeepers, is hereby increased twenty-five per cent upon their present salaries, from the commencement of the present fiscal year.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby authorized in the settlement of the accounts of the disbursing officers of the navy and marine corps to allow, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, such credits for losses of property and funds as have occurred during the late rebellion and as shall occur hereafter, and which shall appear to them by such vouchers and testimony as they shall require to have been occasioned by accidental circumstances, or a condition of things over which such officers had no control and for which they are not justly responsible.

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