sent of the Senate of the United States, or during the recess thereof, and until the end of the next ensuing session, a register and receiver for each of said land districts, who shall be required to reside at the site of their respective offices, who shall be subject to the same laws and responsibilities, and whose compensation and fees shall be respectively the same per annum as are now allowed by law to other land offices in said State.

Approved, July 14, 1870.

July 14, 1870.

CHAP. CCLXVIII. — An Act to establish a Port of Delivery at Kansas City, Missouri.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the city of Kansas, in the State of Missouri, shall be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery, annexed to and made a part of the collection district of New Orleans, and shall be subject to the same regulations and restrictions as other ports of delivery in the United States; and all the privileges and facilities afforded by the act of Congress of the second March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, entitled “An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, Saint Louis, Nashville, and Natchez to be secured and paid at those places,” shall be extended to said port. A surveyor of customs shall be appointed to reside at said port and perform the duties prescribed by law, who shall receive the same compensation now provided or which may hereafter be provided by law for surveyors of the same grade.

Approved, July 14, 1870.

July 14, 1870.

CHAP. CCLXIX. — An Act to create a Port of Delivery at Houston, Texas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Houston, in the State of Texas, shall be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery within the collection district of Galveston, and there shall be appointed a surveyor of customs, to reside at said port, who shall perform the duties and receive the compensation and emoluments prescribed in the act of Congress approved March two, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, being “An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, Saint Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places.”

Approved, July 14, 1870.

July 14, 1870.

CHAP. CCLXX. — An Act to annul a Portion of a certain Statute of the Territory of New Mexico, 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 following recited portion of a statute of the Territory of New Mexico, approved February second, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, viz.: “And no writ of execution shall on any account be executed on the real estate of any person, if there be no mortgage made by the husband and wife owning the said property, and the mortgage must have been executed with all the formalities required by law,” be, and the same is hereby, disapproved and declared null and void: Provided, That there shall be exempt from levy and forced sale under any process or order from any court of law or equity in said Territory the lot or parcel of ground and the buildings thereon occupied as a residence and owned by the debtor, being a household and having a family, to the value of one thousand dollars. And if, in the opinion of the creditors, the premises claimed by such debtor as exempt are worth more than one thousand dollars, then it shall be lawful for the officer to advertise and sell the said premises and out of the proceeds of