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September; at Harrisonburg, on the Tuesday after the second Monday of April and October; and at Abingdon, on the Tuesday after the fourth Monday of May and October. And all recognizances, indictments, or other proceedings, civil or criminal, now pending in either of said courts, shall be entered and have day in court, and be heard and tried according to the times of holding said court, as herein provided.

APPROVED, February 1, 1872.

February 2, 1872. CHAP. XI.—An Act for the Apportionment of Representatives to Congress among the several States according to the ninth Census.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the third day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, the House of Representatives shall be composed of two hundred and eighty-three members, to be apportioned among the several States in accordance with the provisions of this act, that is to say: to the State of Maine, five; to the State of New Hampshire, two; to the State of Vermont, two; to the State of Massachusetts, eleven; to the State of Rhode Island, two; to the State of Connecticut, four; to the State of New York, thirty-two; to the State of Delaware, one; to the State of Maryland, six; to the State of Virginia, nine; to the State of North Carolina, eight; to the State of South Carolina, five; to the State of Georgia, nine; to the State of Alabama, seven; to the State of Mississippi, six; to the State of Louisiana, five; to the State of Ohio, twenty; to the State of Kentucky, ten; to the State of Tennessee, nine; to the State of Indiana, twelve; to the State of Illinois, nineteen; to the State of Missouri, thirteen; to the State of Arkansas, four; to the State of Michigan, nine; to the State of Florida, one; to the State of Texas, six; to the State of Iowa, nine; to the State of Wisconsin, eight; to the State of California, four; to the State of Minnesota, three; to the State of Oregon, one; to the State of Nevada, one; to the State of Nebraska, one: Provided, That if, after such apportionment shall have been made, any new State shall be admitted into the Union, the Representative or Representatives of such new State shall be additional to the number of two hundred and eighty-three herein limited.

SEC. 2. That in each State entitled under this law to more than one Representative, the number to which said States may be entitled in the forty-third, and each subsequent Congress, shall be elected by districts composed of contiguous territory, and containing as nearly as practicable an equal number of inhabitants, and equal in number to the number of Representatives to which said States may be entitled in Congress, no one of the addition-district electing more than one Representative: Provided, That if in the election of Representatives to the forty-third Congress in any State thereto, which by this law is given an increased number of Representatives, the additional Representative or Representatives allowed to such State may be elected by the State at large, and the other Representatives to which the State is entitled by the districts as now prescribed by law in said State, unless the legislature of said State shall otherwise provide before the time fixed by law for the election of Representatives therein.

SEC. 3. That the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, is hereby fixed and established as the day, in each of the States and Territories of the United States, for the election of Representatives and Delegates to the forty-fifth Congress; and the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, in every second year thereafter, is hereby fixed and established as the day for the election, in each of said States and Territories, of Representatives and Delegates to the Congress commencing on the fourth day of March next thereafter.
SEC. 4. That if, upon trial, there shall be a failure to elect a Repre-
sentative or Delegate in Congress in any State, District, or Territory,
upon the day hereby fixed and established for such election, or if, after
any such election, a vacancy shall occur in any such State, District, or
Territory, from death, resignation, or otherwise, an election shall be held
to fill any vacancy caused by such failure, resignation, death, or other-
wise, at such time as is or may be provided by law for filling vacancies in
the State or Territory in which the same may occur.

SEC. 3. That no State shall be hereafter admitted to the Union without
having the necessary population to entitle it to at least one Representative
according to the ratio of representation fixed by this bill.

SEC. 6. That should any State, after the passage of this act, deny or
abridge the right of any of the male inhabitants of such State, being
twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, to vote at any
election named in the amendments to the Constitution, article fourteen,
section two, except for participation in the rebellion or other crime, the
number of Representatives apportioned in this act to such State shall be
reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall
have to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such
State.

APPROVED, February 2, 1872.

CHAP. XII.—An Act to authorize the Payment of duplicate Checks of disbursing
Officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That in place of original checks,
when lost, stolen, or destroyed, disbursing officers and agents of the United
States are hereby authorized, after the expiration of six months from
the date of such checks, and within three years from such date, to issue
duplicate checks, and the treasurer, assistant treasurers, and designated
depositories of the United States are directed to pay such checks, drawn
in pursuance of law by such officers or agents, upon notice and proof of
the loss of the original check or checks, under such regulations in regard
to their issue and payment, and upon the execution of such bonds, with
sureties, to indemnify the United States, as the Secretary of the Treasury
shall prescribe: Provided, That this act shall not apply to any check ex-
ceeding in amount the sum of one thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That in case the disbursing officer or agent by whom such lost,
destroyed, or stolen original check was issued, be dead, or no longer in the
service of the United States, it shall be the duty of the proper accounting
officer, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall pre-
scribe, to state an account in favor of the owner of such original check for
the amount thereof, and to charge such amount to the account of such
officer or agent.

APPROVED, February 2, 1872.

CHAP. XIII.—An Act to admit certain Machinery imported from foreign Countries free
of Duty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the Calcasieu sulphur and
mining company of New Orleans be, and is hereby, permitted to import,
free of duty, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treas-
ury shall prescribe, certain machinery and accompanying implements
for the purpose of, and to be used only in, making a series of experiments
in mining for sulphur in the parish of Calcasieu, in the State of Louisiana:
Provided, That the value of such importation shall not exceed the sum of
seventy-five thousand dollars, and that said machinery and implements be
imported within one year from and after the passage of this act.

APPROVED, February 2, 1872.