second Mondays in February and September, and at San Antonio in the
western district on the first Mondays in May and November.

SEC. 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
repealed.

Approved, June 11, 1879.

CHAP. 19.—An act to extend the time for the payment of pre-emptors on certain
public lands in the State of Minnesota and Territory of Dakota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the time at which pre-emptors
on the public lands in the State of Minnesota, including the lands
within the Fort Ridgely and Sioux Indian reservations, and the old Sioux
Indian reservation in the county of Grant, Territory of Dakota, are now
required to make final proof and payment, be, and the same is hereby,
extended two years from October first, eighteen hundred and seventy-
eight, in all cases when the pre-emptor shall make due proof before the
register and receiver of the local land office in the district in which their
lands are situated that their crops have been destroyed or seriously in-
jured by grasshoppers within two years prior to October first, eighteen
hundred and seventy-eight.

Approved, June 12, 1879.

CHAP. 20.—An act to extend the time of special postal service until service can be
obtained by advertisement.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That in cases where special ser-
vice has already been placed on new routes, the Postmaster-General may,
in his discretion, extend such service until the time when service can be
obtained by advertisement, not exceeding in any case one year. And
whenever an accepted bidder shall fail to enter into contract, or a con-
tactor on any mail-route shall fail or refuse to perform the service on
said route according to his contract, or when a new route shall be estab-
lished or new service required, or when, from any other cause, there shall
not be a contractor legally bound or required to perform such service,
the Postmaster-General may make a temporary contract for carrying the
mail on such route, without advertisement, for such period as may be
necessary, not in any case exceeding one year, until the service shall
have commenced under a contract made according to law. And any
provision of statute in conflict with this provision is hereby repealed.

Approved, June 12, 1879.

CHAP. 21.—An act to establish post routes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the following post-routes
be, and the same are hereby established.

ALABAMA.

From Blake’s Ferry, to Cowpens.
From Victoria, to Clintonville.
From Abbeville, via Hardwicksburg to Smithville.
From Tuscaloosa, to Carrollton.
From Gainesville, Alabama, to Scooba, Mississippi.
From Talladega, via Maxwell’s Mills, and Grishams Ferry, to Kelley’s
Creek Post Office.
From Hatchett Creek, to Sylacauga.