Terms at Covington.

At Fortunata, on the second Monday in May and the first Monday in December.

At Paducah.

Interfering terms.

R.S. 578 not repealed.

July 1, 1879.

Public lands.

Odd sections in railroad limits in the States of Missouri and Arkansas opened to homestead settlers.

No fees.

Residence.

Proviso.

CHAP. 60.—An act to grant additional rights to homestead settlers on public lands within railroad limits in the States of Missouri and Arkansas

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act the odd sections within the limits of any grant of public lands to any railroad company in the States of Missouri and Arkansas, or to such States respectively, in aid of any railroad where the even sections have been granted to and received by any railroad company or by such states respectively in aid of any railroad shall be open to settlers under the homestead laws to the extent of one hundred and sixty acres to each settler; and any person who has under existing laws taken a homestead on any section within the limits of any railroad grant in said States, and who by existing laws shall have been restricted to eighty acres, may enter under the homestead laws an additional eighty acres adjoining the land embraced in his original entry, if such additional land be subject to entry; or if such person so elect, he may surrender his entry to the United States for cancellation, and thereupon be entitled to enter lands under the homestead laws the same as if the surrendered entry had not been made. And any person so making additional entry of eighty acres, or new entry after the cancellation of his original entry, shall be permitted to do so without payment of fees or commissions; and the residence of such person upon and cultivation of the land embraced in his original entry shall be considered residence and cultivation for the same length of time upon and of the land embraced in his additional or new entry, and shall be deducted from the five year's residence and cultivation required by law: Provided, That in no case shall patent issue upon an additional or new homestead entry under this act until the person has actually, and in conformity with the homestead laws, occupied, resided upon, and cultivated the land embraced therein at least one year.

Approved, July 1, 1879.

CHAP. 61.—An act to provide office-rooms for the National Board of Health, and for the publication of its reports and papers, 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 National Board of Health is hereby authorized and empowered to procure suitable and sufficient offices in the city of Washington for the transaction of its business, at a rental not to exceed the sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum. And said board is also authorized to pay the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars for the rent of building number fourteen hundred and five G street, northwest, in the city of Washington, used by the National Board of Health for offices, from the third day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, to the third day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.