Terms at Covington.

At Louisville. At Frankfort. At Paducah.

Interfering terms.

R. S. 578 not repealed.

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Public lands.

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

No fees.

Residence.

Provisos.

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terms at Covington shall be held at the times and places following; to wit: At Covington, on the second Monday in May and the first Monday in December; at Louisville, on the third Monday in February and the first Monday in October; at Frankfort, on the first Monday in January and the second Monday in June; and at Paducah, on the first Monday in April and the third Monday in November.

Sec. 2. The terms of said courts shall not be limited to any particular number of days, nor shall it be necessary to adjourn by reason of the intervention of term elsewhere; but the court intervening may be adjourned until the business of the court in session is concluded.

Sec. 3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to repeal section five hundred and seventy-eight of the Revised Statutes.

Approved, July 1, 1879.

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.
SEC. 2. That the necessary printing of the National Board of Health be done at the Government Printing Office, upon the requisition of the Secretary of the board, in the same manner and subject to the same provisions as other public printing for the several departments of the government: Provided, That the cost of said printing shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars per annum.

SEC. 3. That the National Board of Health is hereby authorized and empowered to have printed and bound ten thousand copies of the report of the Board of Medical Experts created by former act of Congress, which report shall include the report of Doctors Bemiss and Cochran and Engineer Hardee, upon the yellow-fever epidemic of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight; six thousand copies of the same to be furnished the House of Representatives, two thousand copies to the Senate, and the residue to the National Board of Health: Provided, That the cost of publication and binding said report shall not exceed the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars. And the said board is hereby authorized to pay Doctors Bemiss and Cochran and Engineer Hardee ten dollars per day, for the preparation of their said report, for the period of two months: Provided, That the same shall be completed and submitted to the board within that time.

SEC. 4. That the National Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Frank J. Taylor, for services as stenographer to the Board of Medical Experts in reporting evidence of medical men and others touching the causes, introduction, and spread of epidemic diseases within the United States, and for preparing the same for publication, the sum of five hundred and forty dollars, said sum being the amount allowed him by the Committee on Epidemic Diseases.

SEC. 5. That the chief clerk of the National Board of Health shall act as disbursing agent for the board, and shall give bond, conformably to section one hundred and seventy-six of the Revised Statutes, for the faithful performance of that duty, and for such service he shall receive three hundred dollars per annum, in addition to his salary as chief clerk, and the Board of Health may, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, pay to his secretary such sum, in addition to his pay as a member of the board, as it may deem proper, not exceeding one hundred dollars per month.

SEC. 6. That section three of the act approved June second, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, entitled "An act to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases within the United States", be amended as follows: At the end thereof insert: "And the Board of Health shall have power, when they may deem it necessary with the consent and approval of the Secretary of the Treasury as a means of preventing the importation of contagious or infectious diseases into the United States, or into one State from another, to erect temporary quarantine buildings and to acquire on behalf of the United States titles to real estate for that purpose, or to rent houses, if there be any suitable, at such points and places as are named in such section".

SEC. 7. That all the money hereinbefore authorized to be expended and all contracts made and liabilities incurred by the National Board of Health shall be paid out of the appropriation of five hundred thousand dollars made in the act of Congress entitled "An act to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases into the United States", approved June second, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

Approved, July 1, 1879.

CHAP. 62.—An act to provide for the conveyance of the low grounds in the city of Washington, under the provisions of the act of Congress, chapter ninety-six, approved May seventh, eighteen hundred and twenty-two.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the powers and duties heretofore in and by the third section of the act of Congress, approved 1822, ch. 96, 3 Stat., 691.