

mands were not below the minimum number required by existing laws and regulations: *And provided further*, That the pay and allowances actually received shall be deducted from the sums to be paid under this act.

SEC. 2. That the heirs or legal representatives of any officer whose muster into the service has been or shall be amended hereby shall be entitled to receive the arrears of pay due such officer, and the pension, if any, authorized by law, for the grade into which such officer is mustered under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 3. That all claims arising under this act shall be presented to and filed in the proper Department within three years from and after the passage hereof, and all such claims not so presented and filed within said three years shall be forever barred, and no allowance ever made thereon.

SEC. 4. That the pay and allowances of a rank or grade paid to and received by any military or naval officer in good faith for services actually performed by such officer in such rank or grade during the war of the rebellion shall not be charged to or recovered back from such officer because of any defect in the title of such officer to the office, rank, or grade in which such services were so actually performed.

Approved, June 3, 1884.

Proviso

Heirs, etc., to receive arrears of pay and pension.

Claims barred after three years.

Pay, etc., not to be recovered by reason of defect in title, etc., of appointment.

CHAP. 64.—An act to amend sections four, five, and nine of an act approved February twenty-fourth eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, entitled "An act to create the northern judicial district of the State of Texas, and to change the eastern and western judicial districts of said State, and to fix the time and places for holding courts in said districts", and to provide for holding terms of the court of the western judicial district of Texas at the city of El Paso, and for other purposes.

June 3, 1884.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the fourth section of An Act approved February twenty fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine entitled "An Act to create the northern judicial district of the State of Texas, and to change the eastern and western judicial districts of said State, and to fix the time and places of holding courts in said districts" is hereby amended as follows.

Texas.
Judicial districts.
20 Stat., 318.

"SEC. 4. That the courts in the western judicial district shall be held twice in each year at Brownsville, San Antonio, the city of El Paso, and Austin. The courts shall be held at the city of Brownsville on the first Mondays in January and July; at San Antonio on the first Mondays in May and November; at the city of El Paso on the first Mondays in April and October; at Austin on the first Mondays in February and August"

Terms of court; western judicial district.

SEC 2. That section five of said act be so amended that all process issued after this act shall take effect against defendants residing in the counties of El Paso, Pecos, Presidio, Tom Green, Crockett, Andrews, Gaines, Yoakum, Cockran, Bailey, Parmer, Castro, Lamb, Hockley, Terry, Dawson, Martin, Swisher, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn, Floyd, Crosby, Garza, Borden, Howard, Scurry, and Mitchell shall be returned to the city of El Paso. That civil actions or proceedings now pending in the court at San Antonio against parties residing in the counties of El Paso, Pecos, Presidio, Tom Green, and Crockett, and now pending in the court at Graham against parties residing in the counties of Andrews, Gaines, Yoakum, Cockran, Bailey, Parmer, Castro, Lamb, Hockley, Terry, Dawson, Martin, Swisher, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn, Floyd, Crosby, Garza, Borden, Howard, Scurry, and Mitchell, as provided in the act to which this is amendatory, may, on the application of either party to such actions or proceedings, be transferred to the court at the city of El Paso; and in case of such transfer all papers and files therein, with copies of all journal entries, shall be transferred to the office of the deputy clerk of the court at the city of El Paso, and the same shall proceed in all respects as if originally commenced in said court.

Return of process.

Transfer of pending causes.

Deputy clerk at
El Paso.

SEC. 3. That there shall be appointed, in the manner provided by law a deputy clerk who shall keep his office at the city of El Paso.

SEC. 4. That this act shall take effect and be in force on the first day of January anno Domini eighteen hundred and eighty-five; and all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed

Approved, June 3, 1884.

June 3, 1884.

CHAP. 65.—An act to vacate an alley in square two hundred and thirty-four in the city of Washington

Vacation of al-
ley in square 234,
Washington, D. C.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, in their discretion, are hereby authorized and empowered to convey to the owners of abutting lots the ground occupied by the alley running east and west in square two hundred and thirty-four, between lots one hundred and one, one hundred and two, of sixteen, of fifteen, of fourteen, one hundred and fifteen, one hundred and sixteen, one hundred and seventeen, one hundred and eighteen, and one hundred and three, one hundred and four, one hundred and five, one hundred and six, one hundred and seven, one hundred and eight, one hundred and nine, one hundred and ten, one hundred and eleven, one hundred and twelve, one hundred and thirteen, in the city of Washington District of Columbia, and to vacate and close up said alley: *Provided*, That said owners shall appropriate for public use, as an alley, an area of ground in said square equal to that in the alley, to be conveyed as herein authorized

Proviso.

Approved, June 3, 1884.

June 5, 1884.

CHAP. 71.—An act making an appropriation for the Agricultural Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and for other purposes.

Appropriations
for the Agricult-
ural Department.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, in full compensation for the service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, for the objects and purposes hereinafter expressed, namely:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER.

Compensation of
Commissioner,
clerks, etc.

For compensation of Commissioner of Agriculture, four thousand five hundred dollars; chief clerk in said Department, who shall be superintendent of the Department building, two thousand five hundred dollars; chief of division of accounts and disbursing officer, one thousand eight hundred dollars; one assistant disbursing officer, who shall act as property clerk, one thousand four hundred dollars; one clerk to disbursing officer, one thousand dollars; one stenographer, one thousand eight hundred dollars; one engraver, two thousand dollars; two clerks of class four, three thousand six hundred dollars; two clerks of class three, three thousand two hundred dollars; four clerks of class two, five thousand six hundred dollars; seven clerks of class one, eight thousand four hundred dollars; eight clerks, at one thousand dollars each, eight thousand dollars; six clerks, at eight hundred and forty dollars each, five thousand and forty dollars; one librarian, one thousand four hundred dollars, one engineer, one thousand four hundred dollars; two