

open space of at least forty feet, including streets and alleys: *Provided*, That no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Alabama shall cede to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of civil process therein.

Proviso.
Title.

Approved, April 19, 1888.

CHAP. 126.—An act to give validity to certain patents for inventions which were irregularly executed.

April 19, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all patents for inventions signed by David L. Hawkins, Second Assistant Secretary of the Interior, or any other Assistant-Secretary of the Interior, shall have the same force, effect, and validity as though the same had been signed by the Secretary of the Interior in person at the date on which they were respectively executed.

Patents.
Signature of Assistant Secretary of the Interior valid to certain patents.

Approved, April 19, 1888.

CHAP. 127.—An act regulating the times for holding the terms of the United States courts in the northern district of Iowa.

April 19, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States in and for the northern district of Iowa shall be held as follows: At Sioux City on the first Tuesdays in October and May; at Fort Dodge on the second Tuesday of November and first Tuesday in June; at Dubuque on the fourth Tuesday of November and first Tuesday in April.

Iowa.
Terms of court for northern district.

R. S., sec. 572, p. 99, amended.

SEC. 2. That all writs, processes, pleas, recognizances, and bonds made or returnable to the terms of said courts as now provided by law shall be considered as taken and returnable to the terms established by this act.

Pending causes.

Approved, April 19, 1888.

CHAP. 128.—An act for the erection of a public building at Texarkana, situated on both sides of the line between the States of Arkansas and Texas.

April 19, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase or otherwise provide a site, and cause to be erected thereon a substantial and commodious building, with fire-proof vaults, for the use and accommodation of the United States courts, post-offices, and other Government offices at the city of Texarkana in Arkansas and Texas. The site and building thereon, when completed upon plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not exceed in cost the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the transaction of the public business, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited after the site shall have been purchased and paid for, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury; and no purchase of site, nor plan for said building, shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury in-

Texarkana, Ark. and Tex.
Public building.

Site, plans, etc.

Estimates.

Proviso.
Title.

volving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars for site and building; and the site purchased shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least fifty feet, including streets and alleys: *Provided*, That no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United States, nor until the States of Arkansas and Texas each shall cede to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of civil process therein.

To be on boundary line.

SEC. 2. That said building shall be constructed across said boundary line between said States in such manner as to provide for all necessary Government offices and for a post-office delivery in each of the States of Arkansas and Texas, and also to provide on the Arkansas side suitable apartments for holding the terms of the United States courts now required to be holden.

Approved, April 19, 1888.

April 19, 1888.

CHAP. 129.—An act to change the time of the sessions of the circuit and district courts of the northern division of the eastern district of Missouri.

Missouri.
Terms of court,
northern division,
eastern district.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sessions of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the northern division of the eastern district of Missouri, at the city of Hannibal, shall begin and be held on the fourth Monday of May and the first Monday of December of each year. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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Pending causes.

SEC. 2. That all process issued from the clerk's office of said courts, and all recognizances taken therein, shall be taken and considered as returnable to the term or terms hereby established in lieu of the term or terms existing at the time such process was issued or such recognizances were taken.

Approved, April 19, 1888.

April 30, 1888.

CHAP. 137.—An act authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Tennessee River at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Chattanooga Bridge
Company may bridge
Tennessee River at
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby given to the Chattanooga Bridge Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee, having its principal office at Chattanooga, in said State, and to its successors or assigns, to build, construct, and maintain a bridge, as hereinafter described, across the Tennessee River at Chattanooga, in the State of Tennessee, the southern terminus of said bridge to be at some point between the west line of Market street and the east line of Georgia avenue of said city, and the bridge to be constructed at right angles to said stream to a point on the north side thereof. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of street cars, wagons, and vehicles, and the transit of animals and foot-passengers, and equal facilities for passage across said bridge shall be afforded to all wagons and vehicles and the cars of all street car companies.

Street car, wagon,
and foot bridge.

To be lawful structure and post-route.

SEC. 2. That any bridge built under this act and subject to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post-route, upon which no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transporta-