execution thereon for the amount of such recognizance against the
recognizors, or any of them.

But said police court shall have power, on application made by
the recognizors, or any of them, at any time before the final execu-
tion of such writ, to remit such amount of any such recognizance as
he shall deem to be just, but not below the amount of any fine im-
posed and all the costs of the proceedings.

SEC. 6. That the President is hereby authorized to appoint, by and
with the advice and consent of the Senate, an additional judge of the
police court of the District of Columbia, learned in the law, who
shall receive a salary of three thousand dollars per annum, to be
paid in the same manner as now provided by law for payment of
the judge of said court. The judge so appointed shall have and ex-
ercise all the powers possessed by the judge of said court as is or
may be provided by law in common with said existing judge, and
the business of said court may be carried on by each of said judges
sitting separately and simultaneously.

The judges of the police court shall hold separate sessions, and
they are empowered to make rules for the apportionment of the
business therein, and the acts of each of said judges respecting the
business of said court shall be deemed and taken to be the acts of
the said court.

SEC. 7. That the judges of said court shall have power to appoint
an additional bailiff for said service in said court who shall receive
three dollars for each day's attendance upon the court, to be paid
upon the certificate of the judges and as the other bailiffs of said
court are now paid. The clerk of said court is hereby authorized,
with the consent of the judges, to appoint an additional deputy
clerk for service in said court, at a salary of one thousand five hun-
dred dollars per annum, to be paid as the other deputy clerk of said
court is now paid.

SEC. 8. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to affect proceed-
ings in respect of any crime or offense heretofore committed; and the
prosecution of all such crimes and offenses heretofore committed
shall be proceeded with in the same manner and with the same
effect to all intents and purposes as if this act had not been passed.

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CHAP. 537.—An act for the erection of a new customhouse in the city of New
York, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be
erected in the city of New York a new customhouse, on the site
which has been selected and designated therefor by the Secretary of
the Treasury, under the terms of an act entitled "An act for the
erection of an appraiser's warehouse in the city of New York, and
for other purposes," approved September fourteenth, eighteen hun-
dred and eighty-eight, and any act or acts amendatory thereof, at a
cost not to exceed the amount which shall be derived under section
two of this act, in addition to any sum or sums which may be avail-
able under the provisions of said act; and the Secretary of the
Treasury shall cause plans and estimates to be made by the Super-
vising Architect of the Treasury for the erection of said new cus-
tomhouse building.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized
and directed to sell at public auction, or at private sale after due
advertisement, to the highest bidder, but for not less than four
million of dollars, the present customhouse property in the city of
New York, bounded by Wall, William and Hanover streets and
Exchange Place. The proceeds of such sale, after the payment of
the usual incidental expenses and commissions, shall be covered into
the Treasury of the United States and is hereby appropriated and
made available for the purpose of constructing the new customhouse
building as herein and hereby provided; and in case of such sale the
Secretary of the Treasury shall lease said premises from the pur-
chaser or purchasers thereof, at a rental which shall not exceed four
per centum per annum on the purchase price, for use as a custom-
house until the new customhouse shall be ready for occupancy, upon
such terms as he may deem advantageous, and such sale shall be
subject to such right of lease; and the Secretary of the Treasury is
hereby authorized to sell said customhouse property and receive the
purchase price in several payments from time to time, as he may
deem most advantageous; Provided, however, That the use, occupa-
tion, and possession of said property shall not be surrendered until
the new customhouse is ready for occupation, and the final payment
is fully made.

Sec. 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, au-
thorized to appoint five citizens of the State of New York who shall
be designated as United States building commissioners, and who
shall be charged with the erection and construction of the new cus-
tomhouse building, as herein provided for. And such commissioner-
s, or a majority of them, subject to the approval of the Secretary
of the Treasury, shall have full power to advertise for proposals for
contracts for the erection of said customhouse, or the several parts
thereof; and the offers in response to such proposals, if they shall
not exceed in the aggregate the amount available under this act for
the completion of said customhouse, and if they shall be otherwise
satisfactory to said commissioners and to the Secretary of the Treas-
ury, shall be accepted, in whole or in part; but in case such offers
shall exceed said limits of cost, or be otherwise unsatisfactory, then
said commissioners or a majority of them shall have full power and
authority to purchase all materials, contract for and employ all
necessary labor, including skilled and professional services, with or
without advertisement; and said Secretary shall fix a fair and rea-
sonable compensation for the services of such commissioners, to be
paid out of any appropriation or appropriations for the construction
of said new customhouse.

Sec. 4. That no appropriation is made by this bill in addition to
the sum or sums already appropriated, or available for this purpose
under the provisions of an act entitled "An act for the erection of an
appraisers' warehouse in the city of New York, and for other purposes,"
aproved September fourteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight,
and any act, or acts amendatory thereof, together with the sum or
sums to be derived from the sale of the present customhouse prop-
erty in the city of New York, as herein provided.

Sec. 5. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the pro-
visions of this act are hereby repealed.

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CHAP. 537.—An act to provide for the adjudication and payment of claims aris-
ing from Indian depredations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That in addition
to the jurisdiction which now is, or may hereafter be, conferred upon
the Court of Claims, said Court shall have and possess jurisdiction
and authority to inquire into and finally adjudicate, in the manner
provided in this act, all claims of the following classes, namely:

First. All claims for property of citizens of the United States taken
or destroyed by Indians belonging to any band, tribe, or nation, in