

February 18, 1897.

CHAP. 251.—An Act To provide a life-saving station at or near Point Arena, Mendocino County, in the State of California.

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 is hereby authorized to establish a life-saving station at or near Point Arena, Mendocino County, in the State of California.

Received by the President, February 6, 1897.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

February 19, 1897.

CHAP. 263.—An Act To amend the Act creating the circuit court of appeals in regard to fees and costs, 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 second section of an Act to establish circuit courts of appeals, passed March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, be amended so that the clause therein which now reads, "The costs and fees in the Supreme Court now provided for by law shall be costs and fees in the circuit courts of appeals," shall read, "The costs and fees in each circuit court of appeals shall be fixed and established by said court in a table of fees, to be adopted within three months after the passage of this Act: *Provided,* That the costs and fees so fixed by any court of appeals shall not, with respect to any item, exceed the costs and fees now charged in the Supreme Court." Each circuit court of appeals shall, within three months after the fixing and establishing of costs and fees as aforesaid, transmit said table to the Chief Justice of the United States, and within one year thereof the Supreme Court of the United States shall revise said table, making the same, so far as may seem just and reasonable, uniform throughout the United States. The table of fees, when so revised, shall thereupon be in force for each circuit.

Approved, February 19, 1897.

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CHAP. 264.—An Act Conferring jurisdiction upon the supreme court of the District of Columbia, having general equity jurisdiction, to decree the sale, lease or surrender of any lease of real estate in said District, belonging to insane persons, for purpose of reinvestment, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That where any insane person, lunatic, idiot, or person non compos mentis is or shall be seized or possessed of or entitled to any lands, tenements, hereditaments, or real estate whatsoever, or any right, title, or interest therein, legal or equitable, in possession, reversion, or remainder, or any right of dower inchoate or consummate, or right by the curtesy, it shall and may be lawful for a justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia holding an equity court, or any court in said District having general equity jurisdiction, upon the petition of the guardian or guardians, trustee or trustees, or committee of such insane person, lunatic, idiot, or person non compos mentis, and his or her appearance by guardian, to be appointed by the said justice or court aforesaid, and upon the hearing and examination of all the circumstances, and upon its appearing to the said justice or court aforesaid, as hereinafter provided, that it will be for the interest and advantage of such insane person, lunatic,

District of Columbia.

Sale of real property of lunatics on order of court.

Circuit courts of appeals.
Costs and fees to be established by each court.

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Proviso.
Not to exceed Supreme Court charges.

Revision by Supreme Court.

idiot, or person non compos mentis to sell such lands, tenements, hereditaments, or real estate, or any part thereof, or any right, title, or interest therein, legal or equitable, to order the same to be sold upon such terms as the said justice or court may determine, with full power and jurisdiction to control, govern, and direct the application of the money and proceeds arising from such sale or sales, and the interest thereof and the investment and reinvestment thereof as in the judgment of the said justice or court may seem proper in such funds, securities, loans, real estate, or the improvement thereof or in the improvement of other real estate belonging to said insane person, lunatic, idiot, or person non compos mentis by the erection and construction thereon of buildings and other improvements.

Disposition of proceeds.

SEC. 2. That all sales made by the authority of the said justice or court under this Act shall be reported to and confirmed by the said justice or court before any conveyance of the property shall be made, a lien shall be retained upon any real estate so sold to secure the unpaid purchase money, and bond with good and sufficient security, to be approved by the said justice or court, shall be given by the person or persons empowered to sell the property as aforesaid to the United States of America for the due execution of the trust committed to him or them, which bond shall be lodged with the clerk of said court and be by him recorded among the records of said court, and an attested copy thereof, under the hand of said officer and under the seal of his court, shall be evidence in all courts in this District. And upon any breach of the condition of said bond an action may be maintained in the name of the United States of America by and for the use of any person or persons interested, either upon the original bond or upon a duly certified copy thereof, and judgment may be recovered upon such action for the damage actually sustained.

Confirmation of sale.

Bond of trustee.

Actions on bond.

SEC. 3. That the money and proceeds arising from the sales of said lands, tenements, hereditaments, or real estate whatsoever, or any right, title, or interest therein, legal or equitable, and also any funds, securities, loans, promissory notes, or bonds secured by deed of trust on real estate, or real estate in which the said money and proceeds arising from said sales shall be invested by and under the direction or authority of said justice of said court, except so much thereof as may have been previously applied under the order of said court or justice for the benefit of such insane person, shall, on the death of such insane person, lunatic, idiot, or person non compos mentis, be considered real estate and shall pass accordingly to such persons as would have been entitled to the estate if it had not been sold.

Investment of proceeds of sales.

SEC. 4. That the said justice or court may order any real or leasehold property of such insane person, lunatic, idiot, or person non compos mentis to be leased for any term of years, or may order the surrender of any lease of the estate or property of such person to be accepted and the same to be demised anew on such terms as the justice or court may direct.

Leases.

SEC. 5. That in all applications to sell the real or personal property of such insane person, or to demise the real or leasehold property of such person, or to accept the surrender of a lease thereof, the said justice or court shall, before passing a decree, have the appearance and answer of such person, as provided in section one, and have proof taken as in other chancery cases as to the expediency of sale, quantity, value, and condition of the property; and after considering all the evidence and circumstances, if the said justice or court shall deem it for the interest and advantage of such insane person, said justice or court may decree a sale, lease, or surrender of the whole or part of such property on such terms and conditions as the said justice or court may prescribe; but a decree for a sale for the payments of debts may be passed by said justice or court without being satisfied that such sale is for the interest and advantage of such insane person.

Applications for sales, etc.

Payment of debts.

SEC. 6. That no sale, lease, or surrender of a lease of the property, real or personal, of such insane person shall be valid unless the same shall be reported to and confirmed by said justice or said court.

Confirmation of sale, etc.

Trustee's commis-
sion.

SEC. 7. That it shall and may be lawful for the said justice or the court aforesaid to allow any trustee who shall make a sale of any real estate by virtue of this Act such commission as is usually allowed upon sales made under authority of the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

Approved, February 19, 1897.

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CHAP. 265.—An Act Making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and for other purposes.

Legislative, execu-
tive, and judicial ex-
penses appropri-
ations.

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 not otherwise appropriated, in full compensation for the service of the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, for the objects hereinafter expressed, namely:

Legislative.

LEGISLATIVE.

Senate.

SENATE.

Pay of Senators.

For compensation of Senators, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Mileage.

For mileage of Senators, forty-five thousand dollars.

Compensation, off-
icers, etc.

For compensation of the officers, clerks, messengers, and others in the service of the Senate, namely:

Vice-President's of-
fice.

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT: For secretary to the Vice-President, two thousand two hundred and twenty dollars; for messenger, one thousand four hundred and forty dollars; telegraph operator, one thousand two hundred dollars; telegraph page, six hundred dollars; in all, five thousand four hundred and sixty dollars.

Chaplain.

CHAPLAIN: For Chaplain of the Senate, nine hundred dollars.

Secretary of the Sen-
ate, clerks, etc.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY: For Secretary of the Senate, including compensation as disbursing officer of the contingent fund of the Senate, five thousand dollars, and for compensation as disbursing officer of salaries of Senators, three hundred and ninety-six dollars; hire of horse and wagon for the Secretary's office, seven hundred dollars; chief clerk and financial clerk, at three thousand dollars each, and five hundred dollars additional for the financial clerk while the office is held by the present incumbent; principal clerk, minute and journal clerk, and enrolling clerk, at two thousand five hundred and ninety-two dollars each; assistant financial clerk, and reading clerk, at two thousand four hundred dollars each; librarian, two thousand two hundred and twenty dollars, and two hundred and eighty dollars additional while the office is held by the present incumbent; assistant librarian, one thousand eight hundred dollars; six clerks, at two thousand two hundred and twenty dollars each; five clerks, at two thousand one hundred dollars each; keeper of stationery, two thousand one hundred and two dollars and forty cents; assistant keeper of stationery, one thousand eight hundred dollars; assistant in stationery room, one thousand dollars, and two hundred dollars additional while the office is held by the present incumbent; two messengers, at one thousand four hundred and forty dollars each; one assistant messenger, one thousand two hundred dollars; five laborers, at seven hundred and twenty dollars each; in all, sixty-six thousand and seventy-four dollars and forty cents.

Clerks and messen-
gers to committees.

CLERKS AND MESSENGERS TO COMMITTEES: For clerk of printing records, two thousand two hundred and twenty dollars; clerk to the Committee on Appropriations, three thousand dollars; assistant clerk, two thousand two hundred and twenty dollars; messenger, to be