

PUBLICATION OF DIPLOMATIC, CONSULAR, AND OTHER COMMERCIAL REPORTS.

Preparing, etc., consular reports.

Employees, etc.

Provisos.
Equivalents of measures, etc.

Bureau of Statistics to be styled Bureau of Foreign Commerce.

Preparation, printing, publication, and distribution, by the Department of State, of the diplomatic, consular, and other commercial reports, twenty-five thousand dollars; and of this sum the Secretary of State is authorized to use not exceeding three thousand one hundred and twenty dollars for services of employees in the Bureau of Statistics, Department of State, in the work of compiling and distributing such reports, and not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars in the purchase of such books, maps, and periodicals as may be necessary to the editing of diplomatic, consular, and other commercial reports: *Provided*, That all terms of measure, weight, and money shall be reduced to, and expressed in, terms of the measure, weight, and coin of the United States, as well as in the foreign terms; that each issue of consular reports shall not exceed seven thousand copies: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, authorized to change the name of the Bureau of Statistics to the Bureau of Foreign Commerce, and that the foregoing provision shall apply with the same force and effect to the Bureau of Foreign Commerce as to the Bureau of Statistics.

LOSS BY EXCHANGE, CONSULAR SERVICE.

Loss by exchange.

Actual cost and expense of making exchange of money to and from the several consulates and consulates-general, four thousand dollars.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES, UNITED STATES CONSULATES.

Contingent expenses, consulates.

Expense of providing all such stationery, blanks, record and other books, seals, presses, flags, signs, rent, postage, furniture, statistics, newspapers, freight (foreign and domestic), telegrams, advertising, messenger service, traveling expenses of consular officers and consular clerks, compensation of Chinese writers, and such other miscellaneous expenses as the President may think necessary for the several consulates, consular agencies, and commercial agencies in the transaction of their business, one hundred and eighty thousand dollars.

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS.

Bureau of American Republics.
Provisos.
Use of receipts from sales, etc.

Free transmission of official mail matter.
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Commercial Bureau of American Republics, twenty-eight thousand dollars: *Provided*, That any moneys received from sale of the Bureau publications, from rents, or other sources shall be paid into the Treasury as a credit in addition to the appropriation, and may be drawn therefrom upon requisitions of the Secretary of State for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the Bureau: *Provided*, That the provisions of the fifth and sixth sections of the Act entitled "An Act establishing post routes, and for other purposes," approved March three, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, for the transmission of official mail matter, be, and they are hereby, extended and made applicable to all official mail matter of the Bureau of the American Republics established in Washington by recommendation of the International American Conference, representing the International Union of American Republics.

Approved, February 20, 1897.

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CHAP. 269.—An Act To reorganize the judicial districts of Arkansas, and for other purposes.

Arkansas.
Judicial districts changed.
R. S., sec. 533, p. 89, amended.
Western district.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the State of Arkansas is hereby divided into two districts, which shall be called the eastern and western districts of Arkansas. The western district shall hereafter include the counties of Benton, Washington, Carroll, Boone, Madison,

Newton, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Sebastian, Scott, Yell, Polk, Sevier, Howard, Pike, Little River, Hempstead, Miller, Lafayette, Nevada, Columbia, Union, Ouachita, and Calhoun. The eastern district shall hereafter include the residue of said State.

SEC. 2. That the eastern district is hereby divided into three divisions, to be known as the western division, the eastern division, and the northern division. All process, civil and criminal, hereafter issued against persons residing in the counties of Mississippi, Crittenden, Lee, Phillips, Clay, Craighead, Poinsett, Greene, Cross, Saint Francis, and Monroe, which shall constitute the eastern division, shall hereafter be made returnable to the courts, respectively, to be held at the city of Helena; and all process, civil and criminal, against persons residing in the counties of Independence, Cleburne, Stone, Izard, Baxter, Searcy, Marion, Sharp, Fulton, Randolph, Lawrence, and Jackson, which shall constitute the northern division, shall be made returnable to the courts, respectively, to be held at the city of Batesville; and all process, civil and criminal, against persons residing in any of the remaining counties of the eastern district of the State, which shall constitute the western division, shall be made returnable to the courts, respectively, to be held at the city of Little Rock.

SEC. 3. That the terms of the United States circuit and district courts for the eastern district of Arkansas shall be held in each year at the times and places as follows: At the city of Batesville, in the county of Independence, commencing on the second Mondays in June and December; at the city of Helena, in the county of Phillips, on the second Mondays in March and October; at the city of Little Rock, in the county of Pulaski, the district court on the first Mondays in April and October, and the circuit court on the second Monday in April and the fourth Monday in October.

SEC. 4. That all causes, civil and criminal, now pending in the courts, respectively, at Little Rock against persons residing in any of the counties made returnable to the courts to be held at Batesville, as herein provided, shall be determined and disposed of by said courts, and all causes, civil and criminal, now pending against persons residing in the county of Marion, in the courts, respectively, at Fort Smith shall be determined and disposed of by said courts.

SEC. 5. That the western district is hereby divided into two divisions, to be known as the Texarkana and Fort Smith divisions, respectively. All process, civil and criminal, hereafter issued against persons residing in the counties of Sevier, Howard, Pike, Little River, Hempstead, Miller, Lafayette, Columbia, Nevada, Ouachita, Calhoun, and Union, which shall constitute the Texarkana division, shall hereafter be made returnable to the courts, respectively, to be held at the city of Texarkana; and all process, civil and criminal, hereafter issued against persons residing in any of the remaining counties of the western district of the State, which shall constitute the Fort Smith division, shall be made returnable to the courts, respectively, to be held at the city of Fort Smith.

SEC. 6. That the terms of the United States circuit and district courts for the western district of Arkansas shall be held in each year at the times and places as follows: At the city of Texarkana, in the county of Miller, on the second Mondays in May and November; at the city of Fort Smith, in the county of Sebastian, on the second Mondays in January and June. And the causes, both civil and criminal, now pending at Little Rock against persons residing in the counties of Calhoun and Union shall be disposed of in said courts. All causes, process, bonds, recognizances and other things pending in, returnable or having relation to, the terms of said courts at Texarkana and Fort Smith now provided by law shall be proceeded with in the terms provided by this Act, with the same force and effect that would have been lawful had the times of holding said courts at said places not been changed.

Eastern district.

Divisions of eastern district.

Eastern division.

Northern division.

Western division.

Terms.
R. S., secs. 572, 658,
pp. 98, 120, amended.
Batesville.

Helena.

Little Rock.

Pending causes.

Divisions of western district.

Texarkana division.

Fort Smith division.

Terms.
R. S., secs. 572, 658,
pp. 98, 120, amended.
Texarkana.

Fort Smith.

Pending causes.

Subsequent actions.

SEC. 7. That all crimes or offenses hereafter committed in any of the divisions of the said districts shall be cognizable within such division, and all prosecutions for crimes or offenses heretofore committed in the districts as heretofore constituted shall be commenced and proceeded with as if this Act had not been passed.

Additional clerks.
Batesville.

SEC. 8. That there shall be appointed in the northern division of the eastern district of the State of Arkansas one additional clerk of the district court and one of the circuit court, who shall reside and keep their respective offices in the city of Batesville.

Repeal, etc.

SEC. 9. That all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this Act be, and the same are hereby, repealed; and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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February 23, 1897.

CHAP. 308.—An Act To extend the time for the completion of the Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company through the White Earth, Leech Lake, Chippewa, and Fond du Lac Indian reservations in the State of Minnesota.

Right of way, Indian
reservations, Minne-
sota, by Saint Paul,
Minneapolis and Man-
itoba Railway ex-
tended.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for the construction of the Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway through the White Earth, Leech Lake, Chippewa, and Fond du Lac Indian reservations in the State of Minnesota, as limited by section three of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act granting to the Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company the right of way through the White Earth, Leech Lake, Chippewa, and Fond du Lac Indian reservations in the State of Minnesota," approved July eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, together with the rights and privileges granted by said Act, be, and the same are hereby, revived and extended for the period of two years from the eighteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Approved, February 23, 1897.

February 24, 1897.

CHAP. 310.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to issue Springfield rifles to each State and Territory for the National Guards thereof, in exchange for other rifles now held.

Springfield rifles.
To be issued to
States and Territories
for militia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to issue to the governors of the several States and Territories such number of Springfield breech-loading rifles, caliber forty-five one-hundredths of an inch, as are now required for arming all of the regularly organized armed and equipped militia (generally known as the National Guard) of each State and Territory that are not already supplied with this arm: *Provided,* That each State or Territory be required on receipt of the new arms to turn into the Ordnance Department, United States Army (without receiving any money credit therefor), an equal number of the arms now in its possession, except its Springfield rifles, caliber forty-five one-hundredths of an inch.

Proviso.
Return of arms now
used.

SEC. 2. That each State and Territory shall hereafter make an annual return to the Secretary of War of all the arms issued to them under this or any former Act of Congress as provided for in the Act of February, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, making a permanent annual appropriation for arming and equipping the militia.

Annual Report of
arms issued.

Vol. 24, p. 401.

Purchases of army
supplies for militia
permitted.

SEC. 3. That any State or Territory may, in addition to the stores and supplies issued under the provisions of this Act and the Act of February, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, purchase for the use of its national guard or reserve militia, at regulation prices for cash at place of sale, such stores and supplies from any department of the Army as, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, can be spared.

Approved, February 24, 1897.