

placed upon the list of retired officers of the Army, unlimited, on account of wounds received in battle from which he is under disability.

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CHAP. 547.—An Act To fix the salaries of certain judges of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following salaries shall be paid to the several judges hereinafter mentioned in lieu of the salaries now provided for by law, namely:

To the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States the sum of thirteen thousand dollars a year, and to each of the associate justices thereof the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars a year.

To each of the circuit judges the sum of seven thousand dollars a year.

To each of the district judges the sum of six thousand dollars a year.

To the chief justice of the Court of Claims the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars a year, and to each of the other judges thereof the sum of six thousand dollars a year.

To the chief justice of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars a year, and to each of the associate justices thereof the sum of seven thousand dollars a year.

To the chief justice and to each associate justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia the sum of six thousand dollars a year.

That all of said salaries shall be paid in monthly installments.

That one-half of the amount of said salaries which shall be paid to the chief justice and to the associate justices of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia and to the chief justice and to the associate justices of the supreme court of the District of Columbia shall be defrayed from the revenues of the District of Columbia.

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United States courts.
Salaries of judges increased.

Post, p. 1064.

Supreme Court.
R. S., sec. 676, p. 125.

Circuit courts.
R. S., sec. 607, p. 107.

District courts.
R. S., sec. 554, p. 93.
Court of Claims.
R. S., sec. 1049, p. 194.

Court of Appeals,
District of Columbia.
Vol. 27, p. 435.

Supreme court, Dis-
trict of Columbia.
R. S. D. C., sec. 751,
p. 90.

Payments.
District of Columbia
courts.
One-half from Dis-
trict revenues.

CHAP. 548.—An Act Defining what shall constitute and providing for assessments on oil mining claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That where oil lands are located under the provisions of title thirty-two, chapter six, Revised Statutes of the United States, as placer mining claims, the annual assessment labor upon such claims may be done upon any one of a group of claims lying contiguous and owned by the same person or corporation, not exceeding five claims in all: *Provided,* That said labor will tend to the development or to determine the oil-bearing character of such contiguous claims.

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[Public, No. 86.]

Public lands.
Assessments required for oil mining claims.
R. S., secs. 2329-2333,
p. 428.

Proviso.
Labor to show char-
acter of contiguous
claims.

CHAP. 552.—An Act To establish the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be at the seat of government an executive department to be known as the Department of Commerce and Labor, and a Secretary of Commerce and Labor, who shall be the head thereof, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who

February 14, 1903.

[Public, No. 87.]

Department of Com-
merce and Labor es-
tablished.

Secretary.
Appointment, etc.
Post, p. 1080.