

strict Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania be, and he is hereby, authorized to hold a special session of the said court at a time to be by him designated, in lieu of the regular session which was appointed by law to be begun and held on the third Monday of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, but was prevented by a vacancy in the office of district judge; and the marshal, clerk, and all other officers of the said court are hereby enjoined and required to make all needful arrangements for carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

APPROVED, March 19, 1842.

Special session authorized.

STATUTE II.

March 19, 1842.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act supplementary to an act entitled "An act to amend the act approved May thirteenth, one thousand eight hundred, entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish the judicial courts 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 judges of the courts of the United States in the State of Pennsylvania be, and they hereby are, authorized to appoint, when they deem it necessary, one or more commissioners in the different cities and counties, or any of them, of the districts in which their courts are held, who shall have power, by virtue of such appointment, to select from the taxable citizens residing within the limits of the said counties and cities, a number (to be designated from time to time by the said judges) of sober, judicious, and intelligent persons, to serve as jurors in the said courts; and the commissioners so appointed shall return the names by them selected to the marshal of the proper district; whereupon, the said courts shall, by due appointments, rules and regulations, conform the further designation and the empannelling of juries in substance to the laws and usages which may be in force in such State.

APPROVED, March 19, 1842.

Act of May 13, 1800, ch. 61.  
Act of March 3, 1841, ch. 38.  
Commissioners to select persons to serve as jurors.  
1849, ch. 118.

Names of those selected to be returned to the marshals.

STATUTE II.

March 19, 1842.

CHAP. VIII.—*An Act to authorize the Governors of the States of Illinois, Arkansas and Missouri to cause to be selected the lands therein mentioned.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of the eighth section of the act entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emptions," approved September fourth, eighteen hundred and forty-one, as provides that the selections of the grants of land made to the several States, therein mentioned, for the purposes of internal improvement, shall be made, respectively, in such manner as the Legislatures thereof shall direct, is so far modified as to authorize the Governors of the States of Illinois, Arkansas and Missouri to cause the selections to be made for those States without the necessity of convening the Legislatures thereof for that purpose.

APPROVED, March 19, 1842.

The 8th sec. of act 4th Sept. 1841, ch. 16. modified.

STATUTE II.

April 14, 1842.

CHAP. XX.—*An Act to amend the several acts establishing a district court of the United States at Jackson, in the District of West Tennessee. (a)*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the district court of the United States at Jackson, in the District of West Tennessee, shall in future be attached to, and form a part of, the eighth judicial circuit of the United States, with all the powers and jurisdiction of the circuit court held at Nashville, in the middle district of Tennessee. And it shall be the duty of the associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States assigned to hold the court for the eighth cir-

Dist. Court at Jackson attached to the 8th judicial circuit.  
Its powers and jurisdiction.  
Associate justice of supreme court for said circuit, to hold fall term.

(a) Acts relating to the District Courts in Tennessee, vol. 2, 273.

cuit to attend the fall term of said court at Jackson, and hold the same; and when he does so, then he may dispense with his attendance at the fall term of the court at Knoxville, in the district of East Tennessee; or when said judge holds the fall term at Knoxville, then he may dispense with holding the corresponding fall term at Jackson. And said circuit judge may elect which court he will hold, at discretion, in the exercise of which he shall be governed by the nature and importance of the business: *Provided*, Said circuit judge may attend at Knoxville and Jackson at any of their fall terms; *And provided also*, That in the absence of said circuit judge at any term of either of said courts, the district judge shall hold the same, and may exercise all the powers and jurisdiction conferred on the circuit court when held by the circuit judge.

Proviso.

Proviso.

Appeals to lie from the district to the circuit court.

Times of holding fall terms at Jackson and Knoxville.

District and circuit courts of Kentucky.

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SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That appeals shall lie from the district court at Jackson, to the circuit court, in the same manner that they lie from the district to the circuit court at Nashville.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the fall terms of the district and circuit courts at Jackson, shall in future be held on the second Monday of October in each year; that the fall terms of the district and circuit courts of Kentucky be in future held on the third Monday of November in each year; and that the fall terms of the circuit and district courts at Knoxville, be held on the first Monday of November, in each year.

APPROVED, April 14, 1842.

STATUTE II.

April 14, 1842.

CHAP. XXI.—*An Act to confirm certain entries of lands in the State of Louisiana, and to authorize the issuing of patents for the same.*

Entries of lands described confirmed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the entries of the following described tracts of land permitted to be made by the register and receiver at Ouachita, in the land district north of Red river, in the State of Louisiana, to wit: Lot number five, of section thirty-eight, and lots numbers one, two, five, and six, of section forty-five, and lots numbers three and four, of section forty-five, and lots numbers three, four, and five, of section forty-six, and lots numbers two, three, six, seven, eleven, twelve, thirteen, and fourteen, of section forty-eight, all said lots being in township number thirteen, of range number twelve east, in the said land district north of Red river, in the State of Louisiana, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed and declared to be good and valid; and patents shall issue thereon as in other cases of good and valid entries, and certificates of purchase, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Patents to be issued.

APPROVED, April 14, 1842.

STATUTE II.

April 14, 1842.

CHAP. XXII.—*An Act authorizing the construction of a war-steamer for harbor defence.*

Sec. Navy authorized to contract with R. L. Stevens for a war steamer. Proviso.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Robert L. Stevens for the construction of a war-steamer, shot and shell proof, to be built principally of iron, upon the plan of the said Stevens: *Provided*, The whole cost, including the hull, armament, engines, boilers, and equipment in all respects complete for service, shall not exceed the average cost of the steamers Missouri and Mississippi.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, towards carrying this law into effect.

APPROVED, April 14, 1842.