

Provision for compensation when land of a settler is included within a reservation.

Surveyor-General in Oregon made subject to act of 1846, ch. 90.

hundred and forty acres at any one point or place: *Provided*, That if it shall be deemed necessary, in the judgment of the President, to include in any such reservation the improvement of any settler made previous to such reservation, it shall, in such case, be the duty of the Secretary of War to cause the value of such improvements to be ascertained; and the amount so ascertained shall be paid to the party entitled thereto, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Surveyor-General, in the discharge of his duties under this act, shall be subject to all the provisions of the act entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of the Treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue," approved August sixth, eighteen hundred and forty-six; and all acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, February 14, 1853.

Feb. 16, 1853.

CHAP. LXXVI. — *An Act to prevent in certain cases a failure or delay of Justice in the Courts of the District of Columbia.*

Where a case has been commenced before the jury, it may be proceeded with, notwithstanding the intervention of another term.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That where, at any term of the Circuit or Criminal Court of the District of Columbia, a jury shall be empannelled to try any cause or any issue or issues joined in any cause, and it shall happen that no verdict shall be found, nor the jury otherwise discharged before the day appointed by law for the commencement of the next succeeding term, the Court shall and may, nevertheless, proceed with the trial by the same jury in every respect as if such term had not commenced; and all subsequent proceedings to final judgment, if such judgment shall be rendered, shall be entered and have legal effect and operation as of the term at which the jury shall have been empannelled, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, February 16, 1853.

Feb. 21, 1853.

CHAP. LXXIX. — *An Act Amendatory of Existing Laws relative to the Half Dollar, Quarter Dollar, Dime, and Half Dime. (a)*

1853 ch. 96 § 7. Weight of the half dollar and quarter, dime and half dime, after June 1, 1853.

Such coins when to be a legal tender.

Purchase of the silver bullion for such coinage.

Such coins, how to be exchanged and paid out of mint.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That from and after the first day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, [three] the weight of the half dollar or piece of fifty cents shall be one hundred and ninety-two-grains, and the quarter dollar, dime, and half dime, shall be, respectively, one half, one fifth, and one tenth of the weight of said half dollar.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the silver coins issued in conformity with the above section, shall be legal tenders in payment of debts for all sums not exceeding five dollars.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in order to procure bullion for the requisite coinage of the subdivisions of the dollar authorized by this act, the Treasurer of the Mint shall, with the approval of the Director, purchase such bullion with the bullion fund of the mint. He shall charge himself with the gain arising from the coinage of such bullion into coins of a nominal value exceeding the intrinsic value thereof, and shall be credited with the difference between such intrinsic value and the price paid for said bullion, and with the expense of distributing said coins as hereinafter provided. The balances to his credit, or the profit of said coinage, shall be, from time to time, on a warrant of the Director of the mint, transferred to the account of the Treasury of the United States.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That such coins shall be paid out at the mint, in exchange for gold coins at par, in sums not less than one hundred dollars; and it shall be lawful, also, to transmit parcels of the

(a) Act of Jan. 18, 1827, ch. 3, sec. 9; 5 Stat. at Large, 137; 1853, ch. 96, sec. 7.