

tions, donations, or appropriations, from all sources, for the purpose of said exposition and the buildings to be used therefor, a sum aggregating not less than an amount equal to the sum appropriated in this section.

SEC. 5. That the United States shall not in any manner, nor under any circumstances, be liable for any of the acts, doings, proceedings, or representations of said board of trustees of the Philadelphia Museums or the Philadelphia Exposition Association, its officers, agents, servants, or employees, or any of them, or for service, salaries, labor, or wages of said officers, agents, servants, or employees, or any of them, or for any subscriptions to the capital stock, or for any certificates of stock, bonds, mortgages, or obligations of any kind issued by said corporation, or for any debts, liabilities, or expenses of any kind whatever attending such corporation or accruing by reason of the same, other than are in this Act provided. Liability of United States limited.

SEC. 6. That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to create any liability of the United States, direct or indirect, for any debts or obligations incurred, nor for any claim for aid or pecuniary assistance from Congress or the Treasury of the United States in support or liquidation of any debts or obligations created by said board of trustees of the Philadelphia Museums or the Philadelphia Exposition Association in excess of the sums herein appropriated. No liability beyond appropriation.

Approved, December 21, 1898.

CHAP. 32.—An Act To regulate the sitting of the United States courts within the district of South Carolina. December 21, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the regular terms of the circuit court of the United States for the district of South Carolina shall be held each year as follows: In the city of Greenville on the third Tuesday in April and on the third Tuesday in October; in the city of Columbia on the fourth Tuesday in November; in the city of Charleston on the first Tuesday in April. South Carolina judicial district. Terms of circuit court.

SEC. 2. That the regular terms of the district court of the United States for the western district of South Carolina shall be held in each year in the city of Greenville on the third Tuesday in April and on the third Tuesday in October. —of district court.

SEC. 3. That the regular terms of the district court of the United States for the eastern district of South Carolina shall be held in each year in the city of Charleston on the first Tuesday in June and on the first Tuesday in December, and in the city of Columbia on the fourth Tuesday in November.

SEC. 4. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby, repealed. Repeal.

Approved, December 21, 1898.

CHAP. 33.—An Act Authorizing the use of typewriting machines for the recording of deeds and other instruments of writing in the office of the recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia. December 21, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to purchase and use in his office, for the recording of deeds and other instruments of writing required by law to be recorded in said office, typewriting machines, to be paid for as appropriations may be made from time to time; and all deeds and other instruments of writing entitled by law to be recorded in said office which shall be recorded by typewriting machines are hereby declared to be legally recorded. District of Columbia. Use of typewriting machines, office recorder of deeds.

Repeal.

SEC. 2. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, December 21, 1898.

December 21, 1898.

CHAP. 34.—An Act To authorize Commissioners of District of Columbia to extinguish alley in square four hundred and sixty-five.

District of Columbia.
Extinguishment of
alley in square 465.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to abandon the alley abutting the south thirty-six feet by a width of three and thirty-three one-hundredths feet of subplot eighty-six, and the west sixteen and thirty one-hundredths feet by a width of three and five-tenths feet of subplot eighty-five, square four hundred and sixty-five, city of Washington, the said land to revert to the present owner of said lots eighty-five and eighty-six, Charles Schafer, his heirs and assigns, provided he pays an amount equal to the sum that would have been assessed against the land embraced within the area of said alley from the time it was laid out to the time it is extinguished.

Approved, December 21, 1898.

December 21, 1898.

CHAP. 35.—An Act Making an appropriation to execute certain provisions of the Act of Congress for the protection of the people of the Indian Territory.

Indian Territory.
Protection of people
of.
Appropriation.
Ante, p. 495.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ten thousand dollars, to execute certain provisions of the "Act for the protection of the people of the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," approved June twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Approved, December 21, 1898.

December 21, 1898.

CHAP. 36.—An Act To amend sections sixteen hundred and ninety-seven, sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, and seventeen hundred and thirty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to consul and vice-consul generals, consuls and vice-consuls, and commercial agents.

Consular service.
R. S., sec. 1697, p. 303,
amended.

Bonds of consular
officers.

—Secretary of State
to approve.

—form, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section sixteen hundred and ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1697. Every consul-general, consul, and commercial agent, before he receives his commission, or enters upon the duties of his office, shall give a bond to the United States, with such sureties, who shall be permanent residents of the United States, as the Secretary of State shall approve, in a penal sum not less than one thousand dollars, and in no case less than the annual compensation allowed to such officer, and not more than ten thousand dollars, and in such form as the President shall prescribe, conditioned for the true and faithful accounting for, paying over, and delivering up of all fees, moneys, goods, effects, books, records, papers, and other property which shall come to his hands, or to the hands of any other person, to his use as such consul-general, consul, or commercial agent under any law, now or hereafter enacted, or by virtue of his office; and for the true and faithful performance of all other duties, now or hereafter lawfully imposed upon him as such consul-general, consul, or commercial agent. The bond herein mentioned shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Treasury. In case of a breach of any such bond, any person thereby injured may

—deposit with Secre-
tary of the Treasury.

—suit on.