felony, and on conviction in any court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, shall pay a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars, or suffer imprisonment in a penitentiary not exceeding three years, or both, as the court in its discretion shall adjudge, and shall forfeit his office and be forever afterwards disqualified from holding any office under the Government of the United States.

Penalty for bribery, or undue influencing, of members of Congress.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons shall, directly or indirectly, promise, offer, or give, or cause or procure to be promised, offered, or given, any money, goods, right in action, bribe, present, or reward, or any promise, contract, undertaking, obligation, or security for the payment or delivery of any money, goods, right in action, bribe, present, or reward, or any other valuable thing whatever, to any member of the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States, after his election as such member, and either before or after he shall have qualified and taken his seat, or to any officer of the United States, or person holding any place of trust or profit, or discharging any official function under, or in connection with, any department of the Government of the United States, or under the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States, after the passage of this act, with intent to influence his vote or decision on any question, matter, cause, or proceeding which may then be pending, or may by law, or under the Constitution of the United States, be brought before him in his official capacity, or in his place of trust or profit, and shall be thereof convicted, such person or persons so offering, promising, or giving, or causing or procuring to be promised, offered, or given any such money, goods, right in action, bribe, present, or reward, or any promise, contract, undertaking, obligation, or security for the payment or delivery of any money, goods, right in action, bribe, present, or reward, or other valuable thing whatever, and the member, officer, or person who shall in anywise accept or receive the same, or any part thereof, shall be liable to indictment as for a high crime and misdemeanor in any court of the United States having jurisdiction for the trial of crimes and misdemeanors; and shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not exceeding three times the amount so offered, promised, or given, and imprisoned in a penitentiary not exceeding three years; and the person convicted of so accepting or receiving the same, or any part thereof, if an officer or person holding any such place of trust or profit as aforesaid, shall forfeit his office or place; and any person so convicted under this section shall forever be disqualified to hold any office of honor, trust, or profit, under the United States.

Extent of this act and act of 1846, ch. 66.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this act, and of the act of July twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, entitled "An act in relation to the payment of claims," shall apply and extend to all claims against the United States, whether allowed by special acts of Congress, or arising under general laws or treaties, or in any other manner whatever.

Sections 2 and 3 not to apply to suits in court.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in the second and third sections of this act contained shall be construed to apply to the prosecution or defence of any action or suit in any judicial court of the United States.

APPROVED, February 26, 1853.

CHAP. LXXXII.—*An Act to regulate the terms of the District Court of the United States for the District of Iowa.*

Feb. 26, 1853.

1849, ch. 124.

Terms of district court in Iowa.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That instead of three terms annually of the District Court of the United States for the District of Iowa, as now prescribed by law, there shall hereafter be held annually six terms

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of said court, as follows: At Dubuque on the first Mondays of January and July; at Iowa City on the first Mondays of May and October; and at Burlington on the third Mondays of May and October.

Provisions as to process.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all process, bail bonds, and recognizances, returnable at the term of said court at Dubuque, Iowa City and Burlington, respectively, shall be returnable and returned to the court next to be held at the place where said process, bail bonds and recognizances are made returnable, and all continuances may be made to conform to this Act.

Repeal of inconsistent acts, 1849, ch. 124.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, February 26, 1853.

March 2, 1853.

1846, ch. 90.

CHAP. LXXXIX.—*An Act to provide Compensation to such persons as may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury to receive and keep the Public Money, under the fifteenth section of the Act of sixth August, eighteen hundred and forty-six, for the additional services required under that Act.*

Compensation of depositaries of public money under act of 1846, ch. 90.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the depositaries which have been or may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, under the fifteenth section of the act of the sixth of August, eighteen hundred and forty-six, to receive payments and give receipts or certificates of deposit for public money from miscellaneous sources, other than the transactions of the respective offices for which they are or may be commissioned, may be paid in full compensation for receiving, safely keeping, and paying out such public money, after the first day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, at the rate of one half of one per centum for the first one hundred thousand dollars; one fourth of one per centum for the second one hundred thousand dollars; and one eighth of one per centum for all sums over two hundred thousand dollars; any sum which may have been allowed to such depositary for rent or any other contingent expenses in respect to the custody of such public money, being deducted from such compensation before any payment shall be made therefor:

Proviso.

Provided, That no compensation shall be allowed for the above services when the emoluments of the office of which said designated depositary is in commission, amounts to the maximum compensation fixed by law; nor shall the amount allowed to any of said designated depositaries for such services, when added to the emoluments of the office of which he is in commission be more than sufficient to make the maximum compensation fixed by law:

Proviso.

And provided further, That the whole allowance to any designated depositary for such services, shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars per annum.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to meet the allowances which may be made under the provisions of this act.

APPROVED, March 2, 1853.

March 2, 1853.

CHAP. XC.—*An Act to establish the Territorial Government of Washington.*

Part of Oregon formed into the territory of Washington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, all that portion of Oregon Territory lying and being south of the forty-ninth degree of north latitude, and north of the middle of the main channel of the Columbia River, from its mouth to where the forty-sixth degree of north latitude crosses said river, near Fort Wallawalla, thence with said forty-sixth degree of latitude to the summit of the Rocky Mountains, be organized into and constitute a temporary government by