Aug. 6, 1856.
1855, ch. 122.

CHAP. LXXXI.—*An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a Court for the Investigation of Claims against the United States," approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.*

Any of the two judges of the court of claims to be a quorum.
Vol. x. p. 612.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any two of the Judges of the Court of Claims, authorized by the act to which this is an amendment, approved the twenty-fourth day of February, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, shall constitute a quorum, and may hold a court for the transaction of business, and the court may appoint commissioners to take testimony in the manner prescribed in the said act.

Assistant solicitor.
Oath.
Salary.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That an assistant solicitor shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, whose duty it shall be to aid the solicitor in the performance of the duties mentioned in the said act, and shall take an oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and discharge faithfully the duties of his office, and he shall receive a salary of three thousand five hundred dollars per annum, and shall hold his office for a period of four years, unless sooner removed by the President. And the solicitor of the United States, mentioned in the act to which this is an amendment, shall have power, and he is hereby authorized to employ a deputy, who shall receive a salary of two thousand five hundred dollars per annum, and whose duty it shall be to aid the said solicitor in the performance of the duties mentioned in said act, in such way as the said solicitor shall direct.

Solicitor may appoint a deputy.

Clerk to disburse contingent fund.
Bond.
His accounts.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the clerk of the said court shall be, and he is hereby authorized to disburse, under the direction of the said court, the contingent fund which may hereafter be appropriated from time to time for the use of the said court: *Provided*, he shall first give bond in such an amount and in such form, and with such security, as shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury: *And, provided further*, That his accounts shall be settled by the proper accounting officers of the treasury in the same way as the accounts of other disbursing agents of the government are now settled.

Salary of clerk and assistant clerk.

And from and after the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, the salary of the said clerk shall be three thousand dollars per annum, and the salary of the assistant clerk shall be two thousand dollars per annum.

APPROVED, August 6, 1856.

Aug. 7, 1856.

CHAP. LXXXII.—*An Act to alter and amend "An Act to appropriate Money to remove Obstructions in the Savannah River, below the City of Savannah, in the State of Georgia," approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.*

Application of balance of appropriation of 1855, ch. 170, for removing obstructions in Savannah River.
Vol. x. p. 640.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the balance of the unexpended appropriation made by the act of third March, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, "for removing certain obstructions in the Savannah River," may be, and is hereby authorized to be applied, under the direction of the Secretary of War, to remove the bars, shoals, banks, and other impediments in said river, caused by said obstructions, as proposed in the project of the commissioners, approved by the War Department in February, eighteen hundred and fifty-three.

APPROVED, August 7, 1856.

Aug. 11, 1856.

CHAP. LXXXIII.—*An Act granting Public Lands in alternate Sections to the State of Mississippi to aid in the Construction of Railroads in said State, and for other Purposes.*

Grant of land to Mississippi for railroads.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and is hereby, granted to the State of Mississippi, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of railroads from Jackson to the line between the State of Mis-

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