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CHAP. LXXXIV. — *An Act to provide for the Settlement of the Accounts of John A. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Criminal Court of the District of Columbia.*

Accounts of clerk of the circuit and criminal courts of the District of Columbia, how to be settled.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all settlements of accounts for fees, emoluments, and allowances by the clerk of the circuit and criminal courts of the District of Columbia, the accounting officers of the Treasury shall not hold said clerk responsible for any fees or charges not actually collected by him from the parties liable therefor, whenever the failure to make such collection shall be shown to result from the insolvency, non-residence, or other inability of the parties liable therefor; and the affidavit of said clerk that he has in vain used due diligence to collect said fees, accompanied by a certificate of the district attorney that he believes that the money cannot, by due diligence, be collected, shall be held and deemed sufficient proof for the allowance to said clerk of all fees and charges not actually collected by him; and said clerk shall thereupon be entitled to a credit in all settlements of his accounts heretofore made, in which he is charged for said uncollected fees, and said former settlements are hereby opened for the purpose of giving him said credit upon his affidavit and the certificate of the district attorney being produced to the proper accounting officers, in support of the credit so claimed by him.

Uncollected fees.

Clerk to be credited with salary of $2500 out of fees collected, for services as clerk of criminal court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the clerk of said circuit and criminal courts of the District of Columbia shall be credited in all settlements of account (made heretofore or which may be made hereafter) out of the fees collected by him, or due to him, a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars per annum for his services as clerk of said criminal court during the period in which he has received no compensation for his said services; and in all settlements made, or to be made, he shall be allowed out of his said fees collected by or due to him, in either of said courts, his proper and legal allowances, and all proper expenses; and it shall be the duty of the proper accounting officers to restate all former settlements of said accounts and settle the same in conformity with the provisions of this act.

Former accounts to be restated.

Repeal of inconsistent laws.

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

APPROVED, May 26, 1862.

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CHAP. LXXXV. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act making Appropriations for the Service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-three," approved April seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.*

1862, ch. 58. *Ante*, p. 381.

Payment to twenty-five additional clerks to be made from what fund.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provision of the first section of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-three," approved April seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, which appropriates the sum of eight thousand eight hundred dollars "for compensation of twenty-five additional clerks in the Post Office Department, authorized by the 'Act to promote the efficiency of the dead letter office,' approved January twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, from the date of their appointment to the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two," be and the same is hereby so amended, that the said sum of eight thousand eight hundred dollars shall be payable out of the appropriation made out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the revenue of the Post Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, contained in the

1862, ch. 8. *Ante*, p. 332.

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