whose assets do not pay fifty per cent, unless, &c.

operation of the provisions of said clause is postponed shall be extended until said first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine. And said clause is hereby so amended as to read as follows: In all proceedings in bankruptcy commenced after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, no discharge shall be granted to a debtor whose assets shall not be equal to fifty per centum of the claims proved against his estate upon which he shall be liable as the principal debtor, unless the assent in writing of a majority in number and value of his creditors to whom he shall have become liable as principal debtor, and who shall have proved their claims, be filed in the case at or before the time of the hearing of the application for discharge.

Amendments to bankruptcy act, sections 14, 22, 39, 42, 44, 47.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That said act be further amended as follows: The phrase "presented or defended," in the fourteenth section of said act shall read "prosecuted or defended"; the phrase "non-resident debtors" in line five, section twenty-two, of the act as printed in the Statutes at Large, shall read "non-resident creditors"; that the word "or" in the next to the last line of the thirty-ninth section of the act shall read "and"; that the phrase "section thirteen" in the forty-second section of said act shall read "section eleven"; and the phrase "or spends any part thereof in gaming" in the forty-fourth section of said act shall read "or shall spend any part thereof in gaming"; and that the words "with the senior register, or" and the phrase "to be delivered to the register" in the forty-seventh section of said act be stricken out.

Registers may administer certain oaths.

Commissioners may take proof of debts, subject, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That registers in bankruptcy shall have power to administer oaths in all cases and in relation to all matters in which oaths may be administered by commissioners of the circuit courts of the United States, and such commissioners may take proof of debts in bankruptcy in all cases, subject to the revision of such proofs by the register and by the court according to the provisions of said act.

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CHAP. CCLIX. — *An Act to transfer to the Department of the Interior certain Powers and Duties now exercised by the Secretary of the Treasury in Connection with Indian Affairs.*

The supervisory and appellate powers as to Indian affairs, &c. now vested in the Secretary of the Treasury, to be exercised by the Secretary of the Interior. 1848, ch. 118, § 4. Vol. ix. p. 264.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the powers and duties devolving upon the Secretary of the Treasury, under and by virtue of the fourth section of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, and for other purposes," approved July twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and the powers and duties devolving upon him under and by virtue of the laws relating to the investment of the moneys in behalf of the Cherokee Indians, from the sales of land under the treaties concluded at Pontotoc, October twentieth, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, and at Washington City, May twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, as also all other supervisory and appellate powers and duties in regard to Indian affairs, which may now by law be vested in the said Secretary of the Treasury, shall from and after the passage of this act be exercised and performed by the Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Vol. vii. p. 385. Vol. vii. p. 454.

Census to be taken of Eastern Cherokees, on which payments shall be made.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall cause a new roll or census to be made of the North Carolina or Eastern Cherokees, which shall be the roll upon which payments due said Indians shall be made.

Commissioner of Indian affairs to supervise Eastern Cherokees.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That hereafter the Secretary of the Interior shall cause the commissioner of Indian affairs to take the same supervisory charge of the Eastern or North Carolina Cherokees as of other tribes of Indians.

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