

President may
appoint an agent
for the United
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his pay.

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1870, ch. 251, § 4.
Post, p. 250.

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refusing or un-
willing witness-
es, how to be
obtained.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint a suitable person as agent on behalf of the United States to attend the commissioners, to present and support claims on behalf of this government, to answer claims made upon it, and to represent it generally in all matters connected with the investigation and decision thereof; the compensation of such agent, not to exceed four thousand dollars, shall be determined and allowed by the President; and the President is hereby authorized to make [such] provision for the contingent expenses of the commission and for the advances contemplated by the sixth article of the convention as to him shall appear reasonable and proper. The salaries, expenses, advances, and the compensation to be paid to the umpire, when determined, shall be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioner on the part of the United States, in conjunction with the commissioner on the part of Mexico, is hereby authorized to make all needful rules and regulations for conducting the business of the commission; such rules and regulations not contravening the Constitution of the United States, the provisions of this act, or the convention.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of State is hereby authorized and required to transmit to the commissioner on the part of the United States such papers and records relating to the commission as he may deem proper, or as may be called for by the commissioners; and at the termination of the commission all the records, documents, and other papers which have been brought before the commissioners, or which may be in possession of their secretaries, shall be deposited in the Department of State: *Provided*, That this section shall not be so construed as to prevent the commissioner on the part of Mexico from depositing in the department certified copies or duplicates of papers produced on behalf of his government instead of originals.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That upon suggestion by either party that a witness whose testimony is deemed important refuses or is unwilling to testify, it shall be competent for the board of commissioners to issue a commission to some suitable person to take the testimony of such witness, who, if in the United States, may be compelled to appear and testify before such commissioners in the same manner as is now provided by law in the case of commissions issued from the courts of the United States.

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1868, ch. 48.
Vol. xv. p. 61.

CHAP. XIII. — *An Act to continue in Force an Act entitled "An Act to extend the Charter of Washington City," and so forth.*

Sections one
and six of act of
1868, ch. 48, to
continue in force
one year;

rest of act re-
pealed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first and sixth sections of the act entitled "An act to extend the charter of Washington city, also to regulate the selection of officers, and for other purposes," of the twenty-sixth [twenty-eighth] of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, be, and the same are hereby, continued in force for the period of one year and until Congress shall otherwise determine; and that all the other sections of said act are hereby repealed.

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Commissioner
to continue
freedmen's hos-
pitals at Rich-
mond, Vicks-
burg, District of
Columbia.

CHAP. XIV. — *An Act relating to Freedmen's Hospitals.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioner of the bureau of refugees and freedmen is authorized and directed to continue the freedmen's hospitals at Richmond, Virginia; Vicksburg, Mississippi; and in the District of Columbia, including the asylum for aged and infirm