

March 1, 1873. CHAP. CCXV. — *An Act to change and fix the Time of holding the Spring Terms of the United States Circuit and District Courts in the Cities of Covington and Paducah, in the State of Kentucky.*

Terms of
United States
courts in Cov-
ington and Padu-
cah, Kentucky.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the terms of the United States circuit and district courts heretofore held in Covington, Kentucky, on the third Monday in April, shall hereafter be held there on the second Monday in May; and the terms of said courts heretofore held in Paducah, Kentucky, on the third Monday in March, shall hereafter be held there on the second Monday in April.

APPROVED, March 1, 1873.

March 1, 1873. CHAP. CCXVI. — *An Act authorizing the President to appoint Frank M. Ashton a second assistant Engineer in the Navy of the United States.*

Frank M.
Ashton to be
appointed second
assistant engineer
in the navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President be, and is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint Frank M. Ashton a second assistant engineer in the United States navy, subject to the usual examination.

APPROVED, March 1, 1873.

March 1, 1873. CHAP. CCXVII. — *An Act to transfer the Control of certain Powers and Duties in Relation to the Territories to the Department of the Interior.*

Secretary of
the Interior to
perform certain
duties in relation
to the Territories
of the United
States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior shall hereafter exercise all the powers and perform all the duties in relation to the Territories of the United States that are now by law or by custom exercised and performed by the Secretary of State.

APPROVED, March 1, 1873.

March 1, 1873. CHAP. CCXVIII. — *An Act to provide for the Expenses of the Investigation of alleged Frauds in the recent senatorial Election in Kansas.*

See pp. 423, 479.

Appropriation
for the expenses
of the investiga-
tion of the sena-
torial election in
Kansas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of the select committee, of the Senate, appointed to inquire into the charges of bribery and corruption in the recent senatorial election in Kansas.

APPROVED, March 1, 1873.

March 3, 1873. CHAP. CCXXIII. — *An Act relating to the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the middle and northern Districts of Alabama.*

Repeal of law
giving circuit
court jurisdic-
tion to certain
district courts of
Alabama.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of an act or acts of Congress as vests in the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama, and the district court of the United States for the northern district of Alabama, the power and jurisdiction of a circuit court, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Transfer of cer-
tain cases from
those district
courts to the
circuit court.

SEC. 2. That all civil causes, actions, suits, executions, pleas, process, and other proceedings now pending in said district courts of the United States for the middle and northern districts of Alabama, which might have been brought and would have been originally cognizable in a circuit court, are hereby declared to be transferred to the circuit court of the district of Alabama; and the clerks of said district courts shall transmit all the original papers in such causes, and a complete transcript of all the dockets, minutes, orders, judgments, and decrees in such causes, as the same appear of record in said district courts, to said circuit court of the United States at Mobile, Alabama.