SEC. 3. That nothing in this act contained shall apply to any indictment found by a grand jury and now pending in either of said district courts; nor shall anything contained in this act affect the jurisdiction or power of the Supreme Court of the United States to hear and determine any cause or proceeding now pending in said Supreme Court on writ of error or appeal from either of said district courts for the middle and northern districts of Alabama. Pending indictments and writs of error or appeals not affected.

SEC. 4. That hereafter the circuit court of the United States for the district of Alabama shall exercise appellate and revisory jurisdiction over the decrees and judgments of said district courts of the United States for the middle district of Alabama, and the northern district of Alabama, under the laws of the United States conferring and regulating the jurisdiction, powers, and practice of the circuit courts in cases removed in said courts by appeal or writ of error. Circuit court for Alabama to exercise appellate, &c., jurisdiction.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCXXIV.—*An Act to provide for the better Care and Protection of Subsistence Supplies.* March 3, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to select from the sergeants of the line of the army who shall have faithfully served therein five years, three years of which in the grade of non-commissioned officer, as many commissary-sergeants as the service may require, not to exceed one for each military post or place of deposit of subsistence supplies, whose duty it shall be to receive and preserve the subsistence supplies at the posts, under the direction of the proper officers of the subsistence department, and under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War. The commissary-sergeants hereby authorized shall be subject to the rules and articles of war, and shall receive for their services the same pay and allowances as ordnance-sergeants. Secretary of War to select certain commissary-sergeants; their duties and pay.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCXXV.—*An Act to abolish the Office of Surveyor at the Port of Chester, in Pennsylvania, and for other Purposes.* March 3, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the office of surveyor at the port of Chester, in the district of Philadelphia, provided by the act establishing said port, approved March twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, be, and the same is hereby, abolished. Office of surveyor at the port of Chester abolished. 1867, ch. 16. Vol. xv. p. 10.

SEC. 2. That an inspector of customs, to reside at the said port of Chester, with the powers of a deputy collector, shall be appointed for said port, and shall perform such duties as may be devolved on him according to law, but the compensation of such officer shall not exceed that allowed by law to inspectors of customs at the port of Philadelphia. Inspector of customs to be appointed for such port. Powers, duties, and pay.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCXXVI.—*An Act making Appropriations for the legislative, executive and judicial Expenses of the Government for the Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and for other Purposes.* March 3, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the service of the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, for the objects hereinafter expressed, namely: Legislative, executive, and judicial expense appropriations for the year ending June 30, 1874.

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