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such further regulations as may be necessary to complete the transfer of the existing business from the present justices of the peace to those appointed under this act, and for the return of any writ, execution, or other process by the present justices of the peace to those appointed under this act, and may remove constables from office for willful violation of law, or for misconduct, or for incompetency.

Transfer of business.

Removal of constables.

SEC. 5. The President of the United States is hereby authorized to appoint as many commissioners of deeds throughout the United States as he may deem necessary, with powers to take the acknowledgment of deeds for the conveyance of property within the said District, administer oaths, and take depositions in cases pending in the courts of said District in the manner prescribed by law; to whose acts, properly attested by their hands and seals of office, full faith and credit shall be given. The President shall also have power to appoint such number of notaries public, residents of said District, as in his discretion the business of the District may require; said commissioners of deeds and notaries public to hold their offices for the period of five years, removable at discretion.

Commissioners of deeds.
Appointment.

Notaries public.

Term.

SEC. 6. All laws and parts of laws inconsistent with any of the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, June 7, 1878.

CHAP. 168.—An act explanatory of section eighteen hundred and eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and to ratify and confirm certain Territorial legislation, and for other purposes.

June 8, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the words "the legislative assemblies of the several Territories shall not grant private charters or especial privileges" in section eighteen hundred and eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States shall not be construed as prohibiting the legislative assemblies of the several Territories of the United States from creating towns, cities, or other municipal corporations, and providing for the government of the same, and conferring upon them the corporate powers and privileges, necessary to their local administration, by either general or special acts; and that all general and special acts of such legislative assemblies heretofore passed creating and providing for the government of towns, cities, or other municipal corporations, and conferring such rights, powers and privileges upon the same, as were necessary to their local administration, be, and the same are hereby, ratified and confirmed and declared to be valid, any law to the contrary notwithstanding, subject, however, to amendment or repeal hereafter by such Territorial assemblies. But nothing herein shall have the effect to create any private right, except that of holding and executing municipal offices, or to divest any such right, or to make valid or invalid any contract or obligation heretofore made by or on behalf of any such town, city or other municipal corporation, or to authorize any such corporation to incur hereafter any debt or obligation other than such as shall be necessary to the administration of its internal affairs.

Municipal corporations in Territories.
R. S. 1889, p. 333, Construed.

Private rights.

Contracts.
Corporation debts.

Approved, June 8, 1878.

CHAP. 169.—An act to provide for circuit and district courts of the United States at Toledo, Ohio.

June 8, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a term of the circuit court and district court for the northern district of Ohio shall be held at Toledo, in said State, on the first Tuesday of the months of June and December in each year; and one grand jury and one petit jury only shall be summoned, and serve in both of said courts at each term thereof. And the existing provisions of law fixing the times of holding the district court at Toledo are hereby repealed.

Circuit and district courts at Toledo, Ohio.
Terms.
Juries.