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and assume the duties of such office, the President may when the public exigency requires it, designate any officer of the United States to perform the duties of such office, but such designation shall not be for a longer time than twenty days, and such officer so designated shall give bonds if required by the President for the faithful discharge of the said duties, and the Secretary of the Interior shall allow in the settlement of the accounts of such officer, the necessary expenses incurred by him in the discharge of his duties under this act. The foregoing provisions shall apply to any vacancy now existing.

Approved, March 8, 1878.

CHAP. 26.—An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the preparation and publication of a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States", approved March second, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

March 9, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an act entitled "An act to provide for the preparation and publication of a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States", approved March second, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, be, and the same is hereby, amended as follows, to wit: By striking out from the ninth and tenth lines of section four as published in the nineteenth volume of the Statutes at Large, the words "and conclusive"; and, in the tenth line, the words "and treaties"; and, by inserting after the word "Territories" at the end of the eleventh line, the following words, to wit: "but shall not preclude reference to, nor control, in case of any discrepancy, the effect of any original act as passed by Congress since the first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-three".

Revised Statutes; new edition *prima facie* evidence.

1877, ch. 82, 19 Stat., 268.

Approved, March 9, 1878.

CHAP. 27.—An act changing the times of holding terms of the district court for the district of West Virginia.

March 9, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the district court of the United States for the district of West Virginia shall be held at the times and places following; but when any of said dates shall fall on Sunday the term shall commence the following Monday, to wit: At the city of Wheeling, on the first day of March and the first day of September; at Clarksburg, on the first day of April and the first day of October; at Charleston, on the first day of May and the first day of November. And all pending process, rules, and proceedings shall be conducted in the same manner and with the same effect as to time as if this act had not passed.

West Virginia; terms of district court for district of.

Approved, March 9, 1878.

CHAP. 28.—An act amending the laws granting pensions to the soldiers and sailors of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, and their widows, and for other purposes.

March 9, 1878.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension-rolls the names of the surviving officers and enlisted and drafted men, without regard to color, including militia and volunteers, of the military and naval service of the United States, who served for fourteen days in the war with Great Britain of eighteen hundred and twelve, or who were in any engagement, and were honorably discharged, and the surviving widows of such officers and enlisted and drafted men.

War of 1812; soldiers and sailors of, to be placed on pension-rolls.