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CHAP. 41.—An act to disapprove and annul an act of the legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, passed on the eighteenth of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, by a two-thirds vote of both houses over the veto of the governor of said Territory.

New Mexico.

Act incorporating Jesuit Fathers void.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an act of the legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, entitled "An act to incorporate the Society of the Jesuit Fathers of New Mexico", which passed both houses of said legislative assembly on or about the eighteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, over the veto of the governor of said Territory, being in violation of section eighteen hundred and eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which declares, "The legislative assemblies of the several Territories shall not grant private charters or especial privileges", said bill being a grant of a private charter or act of incorporation, with the "especial privileges" of an unlimited power to acquire, hold, and transfer all kinds of property, both real and personal, and the exemption from taxation of all the effects and property of said corporation, be, and the same is hereby, disapproved and declared null and void.

Approved, February 3, 1879.

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CHAP. 42.—An act to amend section five thousand four hundred and ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes relating to embezzlement by officers of the United States.

R. S. 5497.

Embezzlement in internal-revenue service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section five thousand four hundred and ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding at the end thereof the following, to wit: "And any officer connected with, or employed in, the internal-revenue service of the United States, and any assistant of such officer, who shall embezzle or wrongfully convert to his own use any money or other property of the United States, and any officer of the United States, or any assistant of such officer, who shall embezzle or wrongfully convert to his own use any money or property which may have come into his possession or under his control in the execution of such office or employment, or under color or claim of authority as such officer or assistant, whether the same shall be the money or property of the United States or of some other person or party, shall, where the offense is not otherwise punishable by some statute of the United States,

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be punished by a fine equal to the value of the money and property thus embezzled or converted, or by imprisonment not less than three months nor more than ten years, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

Approved, February 3, 1879.

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CHAP. 43.—An act to extend the jurisdiction of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the southern district of Florida.

Florida.

Judicial districts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act the southern judicial district of the State of Florida shall embrace the counties of Hernando, Hillsborough, Polk, Manatee, and Monroe, in said State; and all the territory within the remaining counties shall constitute the northern judicial district.

Terms of courts at Tampa.

SEC. 2. That a term of the district and circuit courts of the United States shall be held in each year at Tampa, in said district, commencing on the first Monday in March: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to impair or affect the jurisdiction of the district court of the United States for the northern district of Florida in any case, civil or criminal, pending therein at the time of the passage of this act. But

Proviso.