

June 14, 1880.

CHAP. 213.—An act to amend an act entitled "An act to create the northern judicial district of the State of Texas, and to change the eastern and western judicial districts of said State, and to fix the time and places of holding courts in said districts", approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

U. S. courts, district of Texas.
1879, ch. 97,
Stat., 20, 318.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the above recited act be amended by adding to and at the end of the fifth section thereof the following words, to wit:

And all prosecutions in either of said districts for offenses against the laws of the United States shall be tried in that division of the district to which process for the county in which said offenses are committed is by said section required to be returned. And all writs and recognizances in said prosecutions shall be returned to that division in which said prosecutions by this act are to be tried.

Secs. 3 and 5,
Amended.

SEC. 2. That said act be further amended by adding to and at the end of section third thereof the words "and Aransas."

Prosecutions
now pending not
affected.

SEC. 3. This act shall not apply to prosecutions now pending.

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CHAP. 214.—An act to amend an act entitled "An Act to amend the Statutes in relation to immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes."

Transportation
of dutiable goods.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the act entitled "An Act to amend the Statutes in relation to immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes", approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, the words "section four" where they occur in the first section of the act, be changed to "section five".

Ante, chap. 190,
p, 173.

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CHAP. 221.—An act to provide for the disposal of the Fort Harker military reservation.

Fort Harker military reservation
in Kansas.
Offered for sale.
Appraisal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to turn over to the Secretary of the Interior the Fort Harker military reservation in Kansas for sale, as hereinafter provided.

Settlers' rights
preserved.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior shall cause said reservation to be appraised as early as practicable, in tracts not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres each, by three competent disinterested persons, who shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, and who shall make said appraisement under oath, and upon the approval of such appraisement by the Secretary, he shall offer said reservation for sale by giving such notice as is now required for the sale of public lands. The persons who may have at the date of the passage of this act settled upon and improved said lands, shall have the prior right to purchase the lands so settled upon at the appraised value thereof, not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres, except in the case of a fractional quarter-section to each person, and shall have such reasonable time in which to make payment therefor as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe. Such portion of said reservation as shall not have been settled upon and improved at the date of the passage of this act shall be sold by the Secretary of the Interior to actual settlers, under such regulations as he may prescribe: *Provided*, That no land shall be sold under the provisions of this act for less than one dollar and a quarter per acre nor at a less price than the appraisal thereof. All sales of land herein provided for shall be made as nearly as practicable under the rules and regulations now existing for disposing of the public lands of the United States.

Sale to settlers.

Rules and regulations.

Proviso.
Price limited to
appraised value
and \$1.25 per acre.

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