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CHAP. 225.—An act to limit the time within which prosecutions may be instituted against persons charged with violating internal revenue laws.

Prosecutions for charged violations of internal revenue laws prohibited unless indictment, etc., is found within three years, etc.; *proviso.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no person shall be prosecuted, tried or punished for any of the various offenses arising under the internal revenue laws of the United States unless the indictment is found or the information instituted within three years next after the commission of the offense, in all cases where the penalty prescribed may be imprisonment in the penitentiary, and within two years in all other cases: *Provided*, That the time during which the person committing the offense is absent from the district wherein the same is committed shall not be taken as any part of the time limited by law for the commencement of such proceedings; *Provided further* that the provisions of this act shall not apply to offenses committed prior to its passage: *And provided further* that where a complaint shall be instituted before a Commissioner of the United States within the period above limited, the time shall be extended until the discharge of the Grand Jury at its next session within the district: *And provided further* that this act shall not apply to offenses committed by officers of the United States.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be, and are hereby repealed.

Approved, July 5, 1884.

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CHAP. 226.—An act to validate and cure defects in certain acts of the legislative assembly of Washington Territory.

Acts of legislative assembly of the Territory of Washington, wherein defective, cured, and confirmed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all those certain acts passed by the legislative assembly of the Territory of Washington at its ninth biennial session, commencing Monday, October first, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and ending November twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, namely:

An act to correct errors and supply defects in the code of Washington;

An act amending chapter one hundred and ninety-three of the code, relative to the construction and maintenance of dikes and ditches;

An act to prohibit the sale of toy pistols, fire-arms, and tobacco to children under the age of sixteen years;

An act in relation to prosecuting attorneys, defining their duties, and fixing their compensation;

An act to supply deficiencies in the appropriation for the hospital for the insane for the fiscal years eighteen hundred and eighty-two and eighteen hundred and eighty-three;

An act to provide for holding a term of the district court at Port Townsend;

An act to enable the county commissioners of Yakima County to build certain bridges in Yakima County;

An act to legalize certain ordinances and proceedings of the city of Seattle in condemning a strip of land for a public street;

An act to provide for the payment of bills for printing blank commissions for general officers, commissioners of deeds, and notaries public, for use of the executive department;

An act to establish the county-seat of Garfield County at Pomeroy;

Notwithstanding the omission of the enacting clause or the date of the governor's approval, the misdating of such approval or other defect or other irregularity, are hereby validated and confirmed as of November twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, when they are supposed to have been approved.