

ican vessels (the coastwise trade excepted) shall deny to any vessels of the United States any of the commercial privileges accorded to national vessels in the harbors, ports, or waters of such foreign country, the President, on receiving satisfactory information of the continuance of such discriminations against any vessels of the United States, is hereby authorized to issue his proclamation excluding, on and after such time as he may indicate, from the exercise of such commercial privileges in the ports of the United States as are denied to American vessels in the ports of such foreign country, all vessels of such foreign country of a similar character to the vessels of the United States thus discriminated against, and suspending such concessions previously granted to the vessels of such country; and on and after the date named in such proclamation for it to take effect, if the master, officer, or agent of any vessel of such foreign country excluded by said proclamation from the exercise of any commercial privileges shall do any act prohibited by said proclamation in the ports, harbors, or waters of the United States for or on account of such vessel, such vessel, and its rigging, tackle, furniture, and boats, and all the goods on board, shall be liable to seizure and to forfeiture to the United States; and any person opposing any officer of the United States in the enforcement of this act, or aiding and abetting any other person in such opposition, shall forfeit eight hundred dollars, and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.

President may suspend commercial privileges to vessels of country denying the same to United States vessels.

Penalty for violation.

SEC. 18. Section nine of "An act to remove certain burdens on the American merchant marine and encourage the American foreign carrying-trade, and for other purposes," approved June twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, is hereby amended in the eighth line by inserting after the words "and the consular officer" the following: "When the transportation is by a sailing vessel; and the regular steerage-passenger rate, not to exceed two cents per mile, when the transportation is by steamer." And the said section is further amended by adding at the end the following: "or to take any seaman having a contagious disease."

Vol. 23, chap. 121, p. 55, amended.

Fare for returning destitute seamen.

Need not take infected person.

Approved, June 19, 1886.

CHAP. 422.—An act to detach the counties of Howard, Little River, and Sevier from the western and add them to the eastern district of Arkansas.

June 19, 1886.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of section five hundred and thirty-three of the Revised Statutes as provides that Howard, Little River, and Sevier counties shall be embraced in the western judicial district of Arkansas be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and the said counties are hereby added to and placed in the eastern judicial district of said State; and all process issued against defendants residing therein shall be returned to Little Rock until otherwise provided, and all causes of action which have accrued or may hereafter accrue in said counties of which the courts of the United States have jurisdiction shall be cognizable in the court at Little Rock until otherwise provided by law.

Howard, Little River, and Sevier Counties transferred from western to eastern district of Arkansas.

R. S., sec. 533, p. 89.

SEC. 2. That all actions or proceedings now pending against parties residing in either of said counties in the court for the said western district may, on the application of either party, be transferred to the court for the eastern district at Little Rock; and in case of such transfer, all papers and files therein, with copies of all record entries, shall be transferred to the office of the clerk of such court; and the same shall proceed in all respects as though originally commenced in said court at Little Rock.

Pending actions to be transferred.

SEC. 3. All crimes and offences heretofore committed within said western district shall be prosecuted, tried and determined in the same manner and with the same effect as if this act had not been passed.

Crimes heretofore committed to be tried in western district.

SEC. 4. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved, June 19, 1886.

June 19, 1886.

CHAP. 423.—An act to authorize Columbia County, in Washington Territory, to issue bonds for the construction of a court-house

Columbia County, Washington Territory, authorized to issue bonds for construction of county court-house.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the county of Columbia, in Washington Territory, be, and the same is hereby, authorized to issue its bonds, payable in not less than five nor more than fifteen years, at eight per centum per annum, to the amount of forty thousand dollars, for the purpose of building a county court-house, in accordance with the vote of the people of said county at the general election held in November, eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

Approved, June 19, 1886.

June 19, 1886.

CHAP. 424.—An act to establish additional life-saving stations.

Life-saving stations.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to establish additional life-saving stations upon the sea and lake coasts of the United States, as follows: One at or near Point Allerton, Massachusetts; one at such point between the Parmenter River life-saving station and the south end of Nansett Beach, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, as the General Superintendent of the Life-Saving Service may recommend; one at or near Cape Poge, Massachusetts; one at or near Cuttyhunk, Massachusetts; one on the northwest side of Block Island, Rhode Island; one on the coast between Point Judith and Watch Hill, Rhode Island; one on Fisher's Island, Long Island Sound; one at or near Fisherman's Island, Virginia; one at or near Oak Island, North Carolina; one at or near Old Topsail Inlet, North Carolina; one at or near Plum Island, Lake Michigan; one at South Manitou Island, Lake Michigan; one at South Chicago, Illinois; one at or near Bois Blanc Island, Straits of Mackinaw; one at or near Duluth, Lake Superior; one at or near Point Adams, Oregon; one at such point between Point Reyes and Point Diablo, California, as the General Superintendent of the Life-Saving Service may recommend; one at such point between Point San José and Point Lobos, California, as the General Superintendent of the Life-Saving Service may recommend; one on Lake Ontario, New York, at or near the mouth of the Niagara River, as the General Superintendent of the Life-Saving Service may recommend.

Approved, June 19, 1886.

June 21, 1886.

CHAP. 463.—An act to authorize the purchase of the Aqueduct Bridge or the construction of a bridge across the Potomac River at or near Georgetown, District of Columbia.

Aqueduct Bridge, Potomac River. Purchase of.

To be a free bridge.

*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 and directed to acquire by purchase a title in fee-simple, free from all liens or claims of lessees or others, the bridge known as the Aqueduct Bridge, including the piers thereof, across the Potomac River, and the approaches thereto, and all the rights and franchises connected with said bridge, for a sum not to exceed one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, the title to be approved by the Attorney-General of the United States; and said bridge, when so acquired, shall be used as a free bridge, under such regulations as the Secretary of War may pre-