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CHAP. 786.—An act to provide for the issuing and recording of certain commissions in the Department of Justice. August 8, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the commissions of all judicial officers, including marshals and attorneys of the United States, appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and all other commissions heretofore prepared at the Department of State upon the requisition of the Attorney-General, shall be made out and recorded in the Department of Justice, and shall be under the seal of said Department and countersigned by the Attorney-General, any laws to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided*, That the said seal shall not be affixed to any such commission before the same shall have been signed by the President of the United States.

Department of Justice.
Commissions of judicial officers to be issued from.

Proviso.
Seal.

Approved, August 8, 1888.

CHAP. 787.—An act requiring notice of deficiency in accounts of principals to be given to sureties upon bonds of United States officials, and fixing a limitation of time within which suits shall be brought against said sureties upon said bonds. August 8, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter, whenever any deficiency shall be discovered in the accounts of any official of the United States, or of any officer disbursing or chargeable with public money, it shall be the duty of the accounting officers making such discovery to at once notify the head of the Department having control over the affairs of said officer of the nature and amount of said deficiency, and it shall be the immediate duty of said head of Department to at once notify all obligors upon the bond or bonds of such official of the nature of such deficiency and the amount thereof. Said notification shall be deemed sufficient if mailed at the post-office in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, addressed to said sureties respectively, and directed to the respective post-offices where said obligors may reside, if known; but a failure to give or mail such notice shall not discharge the surety or sureties upon such bond.

Sureties on official bonds.
Notice of principal's deficiency to be immediately communicated.

SEC. 2. That if, upon the statement of the account of any official of the United States, or of any officer disbursing or chargeable with public money, by the accounting officers of the Treasury, it shall thereby appear that he is indebted to the United States, and suit therefor shall not be instituted within five years after such statement of said account, the sureties on his bond shall not be liable for such indebtedness.

Sureties released after five years without suit.

Approved, August 8, 1888.

CHAP. 788.—An act to provide for a term of court at Quincy, Illinois. August 8, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter, and until otherwise provided by law, there shall be held annually, on the first Monday in September, a term of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the southern district of Illinois, at the city of Quincy, in said district; said term to be in addition to the terms now required by law to be held at the cities of Springfield and Cairo, in said district.

Quincy, Ill.
Term of courts to be held at.

R. S., secs. 572, 658, pp. 99, 120.

SEC. 2. That the marshal and clerk of said district shall each, respectively, appoint at least one deputy to reside in said city of Quincy, unless he shall reside there himself, and also maintain an office at that place of holding court.

Deputies.