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Revised Statutes, and all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed: *Provided*, That this act shall not affect the jurisdiction over or disposition of any suit removed from the court of any State, or suit commenced in any court of the United States, before the passage hereof except as otherwise expressly provided in this act.

Proviso.
Pending suits not affected.

SEC. 7. That no person related to any justice or judge of any court of the United States by affinity or consanguinity within the degree of first cousin shall hereafter be appointed by such court or judge to, or employed by such court or judge in, any office or duty in any court of which such justice or judge may be a member.

No relative of judge to be appointed officer of his court.

Approved, August 13, 1888.

CHAP. 867.—An act to provide for the erection of a public building at Charlotte, North Carolina.

August 13, 1888.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be erected on a lot in the city of Charlotte, North Carolina, known as the Mint Lot and belonging to the Government, a substantial and commodious building, with fire-proof vaults, for the use and accommodation of the United States circuit and district courts, post-office, revenue office, and for other Government uses at Charlotte, North Carolina. The building on said site, when completed upon plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not exceed in cost the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars; and no plan for said building shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of eighty-five thousand dollars for said building; and the site of said building shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet, including streets and alleys: *Provided*, That no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be found to be vested in the United States, nor until the State of North Carolina shall cede to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of civil process therein.

Charlotte, N. C. Public building.

Plans, etc.

Cost.

Proviso.
Title, etc.

Approved, August 13, 1888.

CHAP. 868.—An act to extend the provisions of "An act to provide for the muster and pay of certain officers and enlisted men of the volunteer forces," and for other purposes.

August 13, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of "An act to provide for the muster and pay of certain officers and enlisted men of the volunteer forces," approved June fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, as amended by the act approved February third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, be, and the same are hereby, revived and extended for a period of five years from the third day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

Date of muster of certain volunteer officers and enlisted men. Vol. 23, p. 34. Vol. 24, p. 377.

Time for filing claims extended.

SEC. 2. That the limitation heretofore imposed by law on the presentation by officers or soldiers of claims for the loss of horses and equipments in the military services, during the late war is hereby suspended for the period of three years.

Horse, etc., claims. Time for filing extended.

Approved, August 13, 1888.