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existing for the holding of said courts on the first Monday in April and November in each year is hereby repealed and all suts, prosecutions, process, recognizances, bail bonds, and other things pending in or returnable to said court on the days last named, are hereby transferred to and shall be made returnable to and have force in the said respective terms in this act, provided in the same manner and with the same effect as they would have had had said existing statute not been passed.

Transfer of pending causes.

Approved, April 5, 1890.

April 5, 1890.

CHAP. 66.—An act to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to gather full and authentic information as to the present condition and preservation of the fur-seal interests of the Government in the region of Alaska, as compared with its condition in eighteen hundred and seventy; also full information as to the impending extinction of the sea-otter industry, and kindred lines of inquiry, and so forth.

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 to appoint some person well qualified by experience and education a special agent for the purpose of visiting the various trading stations and native settlements on the seal islands, the Aleutian Archipelago, the peninsula of Alaska, and adjacent islands, for the purpose of collecting and reporting to him all possible authentic information upon the present condition of the seal fisheries of Alaska, the effect and extent of whatever injury has been inflicted upon them by pelagic sealing, the present status of the sea-otter industry, together with like information respecting the fur-bearing animals of Alaska generally; the statistics of this fur trade, and the condition of the people or natives of Alaska who are dependent upon the successful prosecution and perpetuation of the seal and sea-otter industries; such agent to receive as compensation the sum of ten dollars per day while actually thus employed, and to remain thus employed only as long as the Secretary of the Treasury deems it best for the full development of this inquiry, with all actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred therein, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated.

Alaska fur-seals and sea-otters.
Secretary of Treasury may appoint special agent to examine and report upon condition of, etc.

Compensation.

Appropriation.

Approved, April 5, 1890.

April 9, 1890.

CHAP. 70.—An act to construct a road from the city of Staunton to the National Cemetery, in the county of Augusta in the State of Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of eleven thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of constructing a macadamized road from the city of Staunton, in the State of Virginia, to the National Cemetery, in the county of Augusta, in said State, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, or so much of the above-named sum as may be necessary for said purpose.

Staunton, Va.
Road from, to national cemetery.
Appropriation.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War is hereby directed to advertise and let the contract for the construction of said road to the lowest bidder, taking bond with good security from the contractor for the completion of said road.

Contract and bond.

Approved, April 9, 1890.