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CHAP. 174.—An Act Granting chief justice of United States courts in Territories power to appoint commissioners to take proof in land cases, and so forth.

Territories. Commissioners to be appointed by chief justices.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the chief justice of the court exercising Federal jurisdiction in the Territories shall have power to appoint commissioners in the several judicial districts, to be known when appointed as United States court commissioners.

Powers, etc., under land laws.

SEC. 2. That said commissioners shall have power, and it shall be their duty on application by proper person, to administer the oaths in preliminary affidavits and final proofs required under the homestead, pre-emption, timber culture, and desert-land laws in their respective districts, in like manner as provided for in reference to United States circuit court commissioners, in the Act of May twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety. Twenty-sixth Statutes at Large, page one hundred and twenty-one.

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Distance from land offices, etc.

SEC. 3. That no commissioner shall be appointed who resides within thirty miles of any local land office, nor shall any commissioner be appointed who resides within thirty miles of any other commissioner.

Effect.

SEC. 4. That this Act shall take effect from its passage.

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CHAP. 175.—An Act To amend section nine of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf Railroad Company to construct and operate a railroad, telegraph, and telephone line through the Indian Territory, and for other purposes."

Indian Territory. Right of way to Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf Railroad Company, amended. Vol. 27, p. 490.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section nine of an Act approved February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An Act to authorize the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf Railroad Company to construct and operate a railroad, telegraph, and telephone line through the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the words "within three years after the passage of this Act," occurring in the second and third lines of said section, and by substituting in lieu thereof the following words, "prior to the first day of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven;" and by striking out the words "within one year thereafter," occurring in the third line of said section, and by substituting in lieu thereof the following words, to wit, "prior to the first day of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine;" so that said section nine, when so amended, shall read as follows:

Time for constructing extended.

"SEC. 9. That said railroad company shall build at least fifty miles of its railroad in said Territory prior to the first day of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and complete main line of the same prior to the first day of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, or the rights herein granted shall be forfeited as to that portion not built. That said railroad company shall construct and maintain continually all fence, road, and highway crossings, and necessary bridges over said railroad whenever said roads and highways do now or may hereafter cross said railroad's right of way or may be by the proper authorities laid out across the same."

Approved, March 2, 1895.

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CHAP. 176.—An Act Making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia appropriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the half of the following sums named, respectively, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in