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western judicial district, and the records and proceedings therein and relating to said proceedings and causes shall be certified and transferred thereto: *Provided*, That all motions and causes submitted, and all causes and proceedings, both civil and criminal, including proceedings in bankruptcy, now pending in said judicial district of Kentucky as heretofore constituted in which the evidence has been taken in whole or in part before the present district judge of the judicial district of Kentucky as heretofore constituted, or taken in whole or in part and submitted and passed upon by the said district judge, shall be proceeded with and disposed of in said western judicial district of Kentucky as constituted by this Act.

Proviso. Submitted cases, etc., before present judge to be disposed of in western district.

SEC. 9. That the regular terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the western district of Kentucky shall be held at the following times and places, namely: At Louisville, beginning on the second Monday in March and the second Monday in October in each year; at Owensboro, beginning on the fourth Monday in November and the first Monday in May in each year; at Paducah, beginning on the third Monday in April and the third Monday in November in each year; at Bowling Green, beginning on the third Monday in May and the second Monday in December in each year.

Terms of court. —western district.

That the regular terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the eastern district of Kentucky shall be held at the following times and places, namely: At Frankfort, beginning on the second Monday in March and the fourth Monday in September in each year; at Covington, beginning on the first Monday in April and the third Monday in October in each year; at Richmond, beginning on the fourth Monday in April and the second Monday in November in each year; at London, beginning on the second Monday in May and the fourth Monday in November in each year, and at such other times and places as may hereafter be provided by law.

—eastern district.

SEC. 10. That the terms of said courts shall not be limited to any particular number of days nor shall it be necessary to adjourn by reason of the intervention of a term elsewhere; but the court intervening may be adjourned until the business of the court in session is concluded.

Length of term.

SEC. 11. That nothing in this Act shall be construed to repeal section five hundred and seventy-eight of the Revised Statutes or the Act of August eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, entitled "An Act to provide for holding terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of Kentucky at Owensboro, in said district, and for other purposes."

Monthly adjournments for trial of criminal cases. R. S., sec. 578, p. 102. Vol. 25, p. 389.

SEC. 12. That all prosecutions for crimes or offenses hereafter committed in either of said districts shall be cognizable within the district in which committed, and all prosecutions for crimes or offenses committed before the passage of this Act in which indictments have not been found or proceedings instituted shall be cognizable within the district as hereby constituted in which such crimes or offenses were committed.

Jurisdiction of crimes.

SEC. 13. That all laws and parts of laws, so far as inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SEC. 14. That this Act shall take effect on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and one.

Effect.

Approved, February 12, 1901.

CHAP. 356.—An Act To authorize the purchase of a steam launch for use in the customs collection district of Galveston, Texas.

February 12, 1901.

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 purchase, after procuring

Galveston, Tex. Steam launch authorized for use at.

bids in accordance with the provisions of law appertaining thereto, at an expense not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of three thousand dollars, payable out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a steam launch suitable for use in the customs collection district of Galveston, Texas.

Approved, February 12, 1901.

February 12, 1901.

CHAP. 357.—An Act To authorize the Chattahoochee and Gulf Railroad Company, of Alabama, to construct a bridge across the Choctawhatchee River, a navigable stream in Geneva County, Alabama.

Chattahoochee and Gulf Railroad may bridge Choctawhatchee River near Geneva, Ala.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chattahoochee and Gulf Railroad Company, of Alabama, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain and operate a bridge across the Choctawhatchee River, a navigable stream, in the county of Geneva, State of Alabama; said bridge to be located about eleven miles from the town of Geneva in said county.

Secretary of War to approve plans.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation as the Secretary of War may prescribe; and to secure that object the said The Chattahoochee and Gulf Railroad Company, of Alabama, shall submit for his examination designs and drawings of the bridge, and maps of the location, giving, for the space of one-half mile above and one-half mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the currents, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the river, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject, and until the said plans and location are approved by him the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in said bridge, before or after completion, such changes shall be likewise subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Aids to navigation.

SEC. 3. That said bridge shall be kept and managed so as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels and craft

Lights.

through or under the same; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge at night, from sunset to sunrise, at the expense of the owners thereof, such lights or other

Changes.

signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe. And any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary, and order in the interests of navigation, shall be made by the owners thereof at their own expense.

Rights of railroads to use.

SEC. 4. That all railroad companies desiring the use of the bridge authorized by this Act shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains or cars over the same and over the approaches thereto upon the payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridge and the several railroad companies, or any one of them, desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proof of the parties; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 5. That the bridge constructed, maintained, and operated under this Act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transportation over the same of