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messenger service, traveling expenses of consular officers and consular clerks, compensation of Chinese writers, loss by exchange, and such other miscellaneous expenses as the President may think necessary for the several consulates, consular agencies, and commercial agencies in the transaction of their business, two hundred and fifteen thousand dollars.

Approved, February 9, 1903.

February 9, 1903.
[Public, No. 74.]

CHAP. 531.—An Act To extend the provisions of chapter eight, title thirty-two, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, entitled "Reservation and sale of town sites on the public lands," to the ceded Indian lands in the State of Minnesota.

Public lands.
Town-site entries extended to ceded Indian lands in Minnesota.
R. S., Title XXXII, ch. 8, p. 435.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter eight, title thirty-two, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, entitled "Reservation and sale of town sites on the public lands," be, and is hereby, extended to and declared to be applicable to ceded Indian lands within the State of Minnesota. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 9, 1903.

February 9, 1903.
[Public, No. 75.]

CHAP. 532.—An Act To detach the county of Dimmit from the southern judicial district of Texas and to attach it to the western judicial district of Texas.

United States courts.
Dimmit County transferred to Texas western judicial district.
Ante, p. 65.
Pending proceedings.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Dimmit, in the State of Texas, is hereby detached from the southern and is hereby attached to the western judicial district of Texas.

SEC. 2. That all offenses heretofore committed in said county of Dimmit of which the district court of said southern judicial district has jurisdiction and upon which proceedings have been taken shall be tried and prosecuted in said southern judicial district, and civil suits and proceedings now pending in the circuit or district courts in said State shall not be affected by this Act.

Subsequent process, etc.

SEC. 3. That hereafter all processes issued against defendants residing in said county of Dimmit shall be returned to San Antonio, Texas. All offenses committed in said county of Dimmit in which proceedings have not been begun shall be prosecuted in said western district.

Repeal.

SEC. 4. That all laws and parts of laws, so far as in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Approved, February 9, 1903.

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[Public, No. 76.]

CHAP. 533.—An Act To fix the time for holding the United States district and circuit courts in the northern and middle districts of Alabama.

United States courts.
Alabama middle judicial district.
Terms, Montgomery.
R. S., secs. 572, 658, pp. 98, 120.
Northern district.
Term, Huntsville.
Post, p. 832.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the regular terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the middle district of Alabama shall be held at Montgomery, Alabama, on the first Tuesdays in May and December of each year.

SEC. 2. That the regular terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the northern division of the northern district of Alabama shall be held at Huntsville, Alabama, on the first Tuesday in April and the second Tuesday in October of each year.