

parties or any of them may be related to the said judge of the criminal court, then such case and the record thereof may be sent to the next circuit court of the District of Columbia for the county in which the said case shall have arisen, to be there tried and determined, and sentence passed and executed, as if this act and the act to which this is supplemental had never been passed.

any of the parties are related to the judge.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That all causes, indictments, writs, process, and proceedings which were pending in the criminal court of the District of Columbia for the county of Washington, at the time appointed by law for holding a session thereof, on the first Monday of December last past, or which were returnable to the session of said court which ought to have been holden on said first Monday of December, shall be, and the same are hereby, revived, reinstated, and continued over to the next stated session of said court for said county, to be holden on the second Monday of March next, in the same manner and condition, and the same further proceedings may be had therein as if a session of the said court had been held, according to law, on the said first Monday of December, and as if a regular continuance of all said causes, indictments, writs, process, and proceedings, had been duly entered upon the records of the said court.

All cases, &c. which were pending in Washington co. revived, &c.

APPROVED, February 20, 1839.

CHAP. XXXIII.—*An Act to prevent the abatement of suits and actions now pending, in which the Bank of Columbia, in Georgetown, may be a party.*

STATUTE III.

Feb. 28, 1839.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That no suit, action, judgment, or decree, now pending and unsatisfied, in which the Bank of Columbia, in Georgetown, is party, plaintiff or defendant, shall abate, or be discontinued or dismissed by reason of the expiration of the term for which the said bank is chartered, but all such suits, actions, judgments, and decrees shall be allowed to proceed to final judgment, execution, satisfaction, and settlement; and for that purpose it shall be lawful to use the corporate name, style and capacity, notwithstanding the expiration of the term of its incorporation.

No suit, &c. now pending, shall abate, &c.

APPROVED, February 28, 1839.

CHAP. XXXV.—*An Act to abolish imprisonment for debt in certain cases. (a)*

STATUTE III.

Feb. 28, 1839.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That no person shall be imprisoned for debt in any State, on process issuing out of a court of the United States, where by the laws of such State, imprisonment for debt has been abolished; and where by the laws of a State, imprisonment for debt shall be allowed, under certain conditions and restrictions, the same conditions and restrictions shall be applicable to the process issuing out of the courts of the United States; and the same proceedings shall be had therein, as are adopted in the courts of such State.

Imprisonment for debt abolished. Act of Jan. 14, 1841, ch. 2.

APPROVED, February 28, 1839.

CHAP. XXXVI.—*An Act in amendment of the acts respecting the Judicial System of the United States. (b)*

STATUTE III.

Feb. 28, 1839.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That where, in any suit at law or in equity, commenced in any court of the United States, there shall be several defendants, any one or more of whom shall not be inhabitants

The court may entertain jurisdiction in certain cases.

(a) See notes of acts relating to imprisonment for debt, vol. 1, 265.

(b) An act concerning the Supreme Court of the United States, June 17, 1844, chap. 96.