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CHAP. XCV.—*An Act to provide for the adjustment of land claims within the States of Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and in those parts of the States of Mississippi and Alabama south of the thirty-first degree of north latitude, and between the Mississippi and Perdido rivers.* (a)

Provisions of act of May 26, 1824, so far as they related to the State of Missouri, revived and extended.
1824, ch. 173.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the expired act of the twenty-sixth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, entitled "An act to enable claimants to land within the State of Missouri and Territory of Arkansas, to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims," as related to the State of Missouri (excluding all such portions of said act as referred to the territory of Arkansas) be, and is hereby, revived and re-enacted, and continued in force for the term of five years, and no longer; and the provisions of that part of the aforesaid act hereby revived and re-enacted shall be, and hereby are, extended to the States of Louisiana and Arkansas, and to so much of the States of Mississippi and Alabama as is included in the district of country south of the thirty-first degree of north latitude, and between the Mississippi and Perdido rivers, in the same way and with the same rights, powers, and jurisdictions, to every extent they can be rendered applicable, as if these States had been enumerated in the original act hereby revived, and the enactments expressly applied to them as to the State of Missouri; and the district court, and the judges thereof, in each of these States, shall have and exercise the like jurisdiction over the land claims, in their respective States and districts, originating with either the Spanish, French, or British authorities, as by said act was given to the court, and the judge thereof, in the State of Missouri.

District Court to have jurisdiction of French, Spanish and British claims.

APPROVED, June 17, 1844.

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CHAP. XCVI.—*An Act concerning the Supreme Court of the United States.*

Act of Aug. 1, 1842, ch. 180.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, the sessions of the Supreme Court, heretofore commenced and held on the second Monday of January, annually, shall instead thereof be commenced and held the first Monday of December, annually; and all actions, suits, appeals, recognizances, processes, writs, and proceedings whatever, pending, or which may be pending in said court, or returnable thereto, shall have day therein, and be heard, tried, proceeded with, and decided, in like manner as if the time of holding said sessions had not been hereby altered.

Session of Supreme Court, to commence when.

Proceedings, &c.

Justice of Supreme Court only required to attend one term of circuit court in each year; term to be designated by him.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That hereafter it shall not be the duty of the Justice of the Supreme Court assigned to any circuit to attend more than one term of the circuit court within any district of such circuit in any one year; such term to be by him from time to time designated with reference to the nature and importance of the business pending therein and the public convenience; and at such term, appeals and writs of error from the district court, questions of law arising upon statements of fact agreed by the parties or specially reserved by the district judge, and cases at law and in equity of peculiar interest or difficulty, shall have precedence in the arrangement of the business of the court; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to take away the right of such Justice of the Supreme Court, in his discretion, to attend

May attend any other terms.

(a) Notes of the acts which have been passed relative to land claims in Missouri, vol. 2, 812.
Notes of the decisions of the Supreme Court on land titles in Missouri, vol. 2, 748, 812.
Notes of the decisions of the Supreme Court on land titles in Louisiana, vol. 2, 288.
acts which have been passed relating to land and land titles in Louisiana, vol. 2, 324.
acts relating to the Territory, afterwards the State, of Ark[illegible]; vol. 3, 493.

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