Certain suits or actions excepted.

ed the seventeenth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, or in this act, shall be so construed as to extend to any suit or action brought by the corporate authorities of either of the cities of the said District to recover a penalty imposed by any ordinance or by law of such corporation for an infraction of its by-laws and ordinances.

Approved, February 4, 1845.

Statute II.

Feb. 7, 1845.

Act of March 3, 1837, ch. 51.

Chap. IV. — *An Act confirming and assenting to an act of the Legislature of Virginia, entitled "An act further to amend the act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company."*

Act confirmed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of the Legislature of Virginia, entitled "An act further to amend the act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company," which was passed on the twentieth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, be, and the same is hereby, ratified, confirmed, and assented to: *Provided*, That this assent and confirmation shall not be so construed as to bind the United States beyond their interest in the stock in said company, nor as either affirming or denying the validity of the rights or liens of the State of Maryland referred to in the third section of the said act of Virginia: *Provided, also*, That nothing herein contained shall be held or construed to impair the rights of any individual or corporation derived from the original act of incorporation of the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

Appendix No. 2, post, 802.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

Approved, February 7, 1845.

Statute II.

Feb. 13, 1845.

1845, ch. 19.

Chap. V. — *An Act to repeal "An act for the better organization of the district court of the United States within the State of Louisiana," and for other purposes.* (a)

Act of March 3, 1823, ch. 44, repealed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act for the better organization of the district court of the United States within the State of Louisiana," approved on the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Actions or suits pending, &c. to be transferred to Dist. Court at New Orleans. 1845, ch. 19.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all criminal actions or civil suits which have arisen in the district court of the United States for the western district of the State of Louisiana, and which are now pending therein, together with all process, writs, recognizances, and records, belonging thereto, shall be transferred to New Orleans, and there disposed of by the district court of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana, as suits are disposed of originating in the eastern district of said State.

One term to be held annually for the business of the western district.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the district court of the United States for the State of Louisiana shall hold one term of said court in each and every year, in the city of New Orleans, which shall commence on the first Monday of January, and continue unless the business shall be disposed of, for the trial of all criminal actions and civil suits which have arisen, or which may hereafter arise, within the present limits of the said western district of the State of Louisiana.

Approved, February 13, 1845.

Statute II.

Feb. 20, 1845.

Chap. XIII. — *An Act for the purchase of certain copies of the History of Oregon, California, and the other Territories on the Northwest coast of America.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary

(a) Notes of the acts relating to the District Court of Louisiana, vol. 3, 774.

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