names of the vendor or mortgagor, and of the vendee or mortgagee, and shall permit said index and books of records to be inspected during office hours, under such reasonable regulations as they may establish, and shall, when required, furnish to any person a certificate, setting forth the names of the owners of any vessel registered or enrolled, the parts or proportions owned by each, (if inserted in the register or enrollment,) and also the material facts of any existing bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or other incumbrance upon such vessel, recorded since the issuing of the last register or enrollment, viz., the date, amount of such incumbrance, and from and to whom or in whose favor made, the collector shall receive for each such certificate one dollar.

be made out for the convenience of those concerned, and the collectors to receive a fee of one dollar for furnishing each certificate of facts from said index.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the collectors of the customs shall furnish certified copies of such records on the receipt of fifty cents for each bill of sale, mortgage, or other conveyance.

Collectors to furnish certified copies.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the owner, or agent of the owner of any vessel of the United States, applying to a collector of the customs for a register or enrollment of a vessel, shall, in addition to the oath now prescribed by law, set forth, in the oath of ownership, the part or proportion of such vessel belonging to each owner, and the same shall be inserted in the register of enrollment; and that all bills of sale of vessels registered or enrolled shall set forth the part of the vessel owned by each person selling, and the part conveyed to each person purchasing.

In addition to the oath now taken, the ownership or part ownership to be sworn to and inserted in the register.

Bills of sale to recite parts owned and sold.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the twelfth clause or section of the act entitled "An Act in addition to the several acts regulating the shipment and discharge of seamen, and the duties of consuls," approved July twentieth, eighteen hundred and forty, be so amended, as that all complaints in writing to the consuls or commercial agents as therein provided, that a vessel is unseaworthy, shall be signed by the first, or the second and third officers, and a majority of the crew, before the consul or commercial agent shall be authorized to notice such complaint, or proceed to appoint inspectors as therein provided.

Amendment of the act of 1840, ch. 48.

Complaints for unseaworthiness.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That any person, not being an owner, who shall, on the high seas, wilfully, with intent to burn or destroy, set fire to any ship or other vessel, or otherwise attempt the destruction of such ship or other vessel, being the property of any citizen or citizens of the United States, or procure the same to be done, with the intent aforesaid, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall suffer imprisonment to hard labor, for a term not exceeding ten years, nor less than three years, according to the aggravation of the offence.

Wilfully destroying a vessel at sea by burning, or otherwise, a penal offence.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force from and after the first day of October next ensuing.

To be in force from and after Oct. 1st, 1850.

APPROVED, July 29, 1850.

CHAP. XXVIII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the better Organization of the District Court of the United States within the State of Louisiana,' approved the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine.*

July 29, 1850.

1849, ch. 114.

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 third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, be so amended that it shall be the duty of the judge of the western district of said State to hold a term of the court at St. Joseph's, in the parish of Tensas, on the first Monday in December, in each year, for the parishes of Carroll, Madison, Tensas, and Concordia, and to appoint a clerk of the court for that place; and

1849, ch. 114.

Term to be held at St. Joseph's.

The judge authorized to appoint a clerk, &c.

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it shall be the duty of the clerk of the District Court of the United States, at Monroe, to deliver to the clerk at St. Joseph's, or to his order, the original papers in all such cases as properly belong to the court at that place, together with a transcript of the proceedings had thereon; and it shall be the duty of the marshal of said western district to attend the terms of said court at St. Joseph's, by himself or deputy, and to perform all the duties of his office for that court in the same manner, and with the same powers, duties, and emoluments, as he is required to do for the courts at other places in the district, by the act to which this is an amendment.

Marshal's duties.

Writs of error and appeal to lie in some causes as from a Circuit Court to Supreme Court.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That writs of error and appeal shall lie from decisions of the District Court of the Western District of Louisiana, exercising Circuit Court jurisdiction, to the Supreme Court of the United States, in the same causes as from a Circuit Court to the Supreme Court, and under the same regulations.

The court at Shreveport to be held for Bienville, and that at Monroe for Caldwell.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the parish of Bienville shall form a part of the western district of Louisiana, and be one of the parishes for which a court is to be held at Shreveport; and that the parish of Caldwell shall be one of the parishes for which a court is to be held at Monroe; and that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, July 29, 1850.

July 29, 1850.

1799, ch. 22.

Chap. XXIX. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the Collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage," approved March second, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine.*

Transfer of collection district.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the waters of the Narragansett Bay, and the shores, bays, harbors, creeks, and inlets, in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, as are within the county of Kent, including the port of East Greenwich, and that part of Warwick lying upon Greenwich Bay, is hereby taken from the collection district of Newport, in said State, and attached to, and made part of, the collection district of Providence.

Approved, July 29, 1850.

July 29, 1850.

Chap. XXX. — *An Act to provide for holding the Courts of the United States in Case of the Sickness or other Disability of the Judges of the District Courts.*

Provisions made for holding United States courts in the event of the sickness or other disability of the district judge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in case of the sickness or other disability of any district judge of any judicial district of the United States, which shall prevent him from holding any stated or appointed term of the District Court of his district, or of the Circuit court therein in the absence of the circuit judge, and upon the fact of such sickness or other disability being certified by the clerk of such District Court to the circuit judge of the circuit within which such district may lie, it shall be lawful for such circuit judge, if, in his judgment, the public interests shall so require, to designate and appoint the district judge of any other judicial district of the United States within the same circuit, to hold the District Court or Circuit Court in case of the sickness or absence of the circuit judge, in the place of, and discharge all the judicial duties of, the district judge who may be sick or otherwise disabled as aforesaid, while such sickness or other disability shall continue; which appointment shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the said District Court, and be entered on the minutes of the court; and a certified copy thereof, under the seal of the court, be by such clerk transmitted to the judge so designated and appointed.