

# ACT OF CONGRESS.

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## AN ACT

TO FIX THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*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 annual session of the Supreme Court of the United States shall commence on the second Monday of October in each year, 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.

APPROVED, January 24th, 1873.

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## MEMORANDA.

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### RESIGNATION OF MR. JUSTICE NELSON.

At the close of December Term, 1872, Mr. Justice NELSON, who during the whole term had been prevented, by indisposition, from attending court, resigned his commission. The following interesting correspondence, between himself and his brethren, took place, and was entered on the minutes of the court by its order:

COOPERSTOWN, November 28th, 1872.

MY DEAR CHIEF JUSTICE:

The mail that carries these lines to you carries my resignation of the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

I part from my brethren with regret, and retire from an occupation which has been the height of my ambition for much the largest portion of my life, not from choice, but for the reason that age and infirmities have disabled me from the performance of a full share of its duties.

Please to communicate this to our associates, and believe me

Sincerely your friend,

S. NELSON.

CHIEF JUSTICE CHASE.