

Railroads to be a public highway for government. for the purposes aforesaid and no other; and the said railroads shall be and remain public highways for the use of the government of the United States, free from toll or other charge upon the transportation of any property or troops of the United States.

Lands how disposed of. SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the lands hereby granted to said State shall be disposed of by said State only in manner following, that is to say: That a quantity of land not exceeding one hundred and twenty sections for each of said roads, and included within a continuous length of twenty miles of each of said roads, may be sold; and when the governor of said State shall certify to the Secretary of the Interior that any twenty continuous miles of any of said roads is completed, then another quantity of land hereby granted, not to exceed one hundred and twenty sections for each of said roads having twenty continuous miles completed as aforesaid, and included within a continuous length of twenty miles of each of such roads may be sold; and so from time to time until said roads are completed; and if any of said roads is not completed within ten years no further sales shall be made, and the lands unsold shall revert to the United States.

Transportation of mails. SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the United States mail shall be transported over said roads, under the direction of the Post-Office Department, at such price as Congress may, by law, direct: *Provided*, That until such price is fixed by law, the Postmaster-General shall have the power to determine the same.

APPROVED, June 3, 1856.

June 14, 1856. CHAP. XLV.—*An Act to change the Place of holding the Courts of the United States in the District of Delaware.*

Courts and court offices in Delaware. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the courts of the United States in and for the district of Delaware shall hereafter be held at the city of Wilmington, in the said district, and the offices of the clerks of the circuit and district court for said district, and the records of said courts shall be kept in the said city of Wilmington.

Serving of process, and proceedings pending. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That no process issued or proceedings pending in either of the said courts, shall be avoided or impaired by this change of the place of holding the said courts; but all process, bailbonds, or recognizances returnable at the next term of either of the said courts, shall be returnable and returned to the term of said courts respectively, next held according to this act, in the same manner as if so made returnable on the face thereof, and shall have full effect accordingly; and all continuances may be made to conform to the provisions of this act.

APPROVED, June 14, 1856.

June 26, 1856. CHAP. XLVII.—*An Act to revive and continue in force the Provisions of the Act of 1853, in Relation to "Suspended Entries of Public Lands," and the Act of 1846, in Relation to "Suspended Preemption Land Claims."*

Act of 1853, ch. 152, respecting suspended preemption land claims, and act of 1846, ch. 78, respecting suspended entries revived and continued. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the several provisions of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, in relation to "suspended entries of public lands," and the several provisions of the act approved August third, eighteen hundred and forty-six, in relation to "suspended preemption land claims," be and the same are hereby revived and continued in force, and those provisions are hereby declared to be applicable to all cases of suspended entries and locations which have arisen since said acts were passed, or which were omitted to be acted upon under either of said acts, as well as to all cases of a similar kind which may hereafter occur, and shall be regarded as applying to locations under bounty land warrants as well as to ordinary entries or

sales, and to all other preëmption cases or locations, where the law has been substantially complied with, and the error or informality has arisen from ignorance, accident, or mistake, and is satisfactorily explained, and where the rights of no other claimant or preëmptor will be prejudiced or where there is no adverse claim.

APPROVED, June 26, 1856.

CHAP. XLVIII.—*An Act changing the time of holding the District Court of the United States at Wytheville, in the Western District of Virginia.* June 26, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That instead of the times now prescribed by law for holding the courts of the United States in the Western District of Virginia, the said courts shall hereafter be held annually at Clarksburg, on the twenty-fourth days of March and August; at Wheeling on the sixth days of April and September; at Charleston on the nineteenth days of April and September; at Staunton on the first days of May and October; and at Wythe Court-house on the fourth Mondays of May and October; and that all suits, actions, and proceedings of whatever kind now depending in or returnable to said courts respectively shall be taken to be continued or returnable to the terms herein established.

Courts for western district of Virginia.
1819, ch. 12.
1835, ch. 36.
1836, ch. 232.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the term of the circuit court of the United States shall be holden annually at Lewisburg, in the said western district of Virginia, commencing, as now, on the first Monday of August.

Circuit court.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall be in force from and after the passage thereof.

APPROVED, June 26, 1856.

CHAP. L.—*An Act to change the times of holding the United States Courts in Tennessee.* July 3, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That instead of the times now fixed by law, the circuit and district courts of the United States for the several districts in Tennessee shall hereafter be held at the following times, to wit: at Jackson on the first Mondays in April and October; at Nashville on the third Mondays in April and October; and at Knoxville on the third Mondays in May and fourth Mondays in November; and all writs, processes, recognizances, and other proceedings, shall be returnable to the said times, and shall be heard and tried accordingly. But this act shall not take effect until the next terms of said courts after the passage of this act in the said divisions shall be held.

Sessions of courts in Tennessee.
1855, ch. 143.

Act when to take effect.

APPROVED, July 3, 1856.

CHAP. LI.—*An Act granting to certain Citizens of the State of Missouri the Right to enter certain Lands in the Plattsburg District, in said State.* July 3, 1856.

Whereas the State of Missouri, under the provisions of the eighth section of the act of Congress of the fourth September, eighteen hundred and forty-one, selected certain lands in the Plattsburg district, in the said State of Missouri, which lands were thereupon withheld from sale by the United States; and whereas the said State of Missouri permitted entries thereof to be made at the state land-office; and whereas, also, the said selections by the State of Missouri were subsequently rejected and not confirmed to the said State; now therefore,

Preamble.
1841, ch. 16.
Vol. v. p. 453.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases where persons purchased such lands from the said State of Missouri, by entry at the State land-office, the title to which lands is still in the United States, such

Purchasers from Missouri of certain land in the Plattsburg