

or owner or custodian of or person having control over such cattle or other live stock within such infected district, who shall knowingly violate the provisions of section six of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Penalty.

SEC. 8. That whenever any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease affecting domestic animals, and especially the disease known as pleuro-pneumonia, shall be brought into or shall break out in the District of Columbia, it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of said District to take measures to suppress the same promptly and to prevent the same from spreading; and for this purpose the said Commissioners are hereby empowered to order and require that any premises, farm, or farms where such disease exists, or has existed, be put in quarantine; to order all or any animals coming into the District to be detained at any place or places for the purpose of inspection and examination; to prescribe regulations for and to require the destruction of animals affected with contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, and for the proper disposition of their hides and carcasses; to prescribe regulations for disinfection, and such other regulations as they may deem necessary to prevent infection or contagion being communicated, and shall report to the Commissioner of Agriculture whatever they may do in pursuance of the provisions of this section.

Pleuro-pneumonia in District of Columbia.

Duties of Commissioners of District of Columbia.

SEC. 9. That it shall be the duty of the several United States district attorneys to prosecute all violations of this act which shall be brought to their notice or knowledge by any person making the complaint under oath; and the same shall be heard before any district or circuit court of the United States or Territorial court holden within the district in which the violation of this act has been committed.

Duty of district attorneys under violations of act.

SEC. 10. That the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be immediately available, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

Appropriation.

SEC. 11. That the Commissioner of Agriculture shall report annually to Congress, at the commencement of each session, a list of the names of all persons employed, an itemized statement of all expenditures under this act, and full particulars of the means adopted and carried into effect for the suppression of contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases among domestic animals.

Commissioner of Agriculture to report annually to Congress.

Approved, May 29, 1884.

CHAP. 62.—An act to extend the duration of the Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims, and for other purposes.

June 3, 1884.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the existence of the Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims, re-established by the act entitled "An act re-establishing the Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims, and for the distribution of the unappropriated moneys of the Geneva award", approved June fifth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, be, and the same is hereby, continued and extended to the thirty-first day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, with the same effect, and no other, as if said last-named day had been named in the said act for the termination of the powers of said court; and said act is hereby continued in force during the period of extension hereby authorized.

Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims.

22 Stat., 98.

Existence of court extended to Dec. 31, 1885.

SEC. 2. That the powers of the clerk of said court are hereby extended for an additional period, not to exceed four months from and after the termination of the existence of said court, for the purpose of closing up

Clerk; powers of, etc.



Certain disbursements to be made under the Secretary of State.

Claims.

First class.

List of judgments to be reported to Secretary of State; also to Secretary of Treasury.

Payments to be made out of unexpended balance of Geneva award.

Appropriation.

the business of his office, and depositing the records, documents, and all other papers of the court or its officers in the office of the Secretary of State, as provided in said act and the act therein referred to; and all disbursements made by said clerk during this additional period shall be under the direction of the Secretary of State.

SEC. 3. That the Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims shall proceed with all convenient dispatch to the final adjudication of all claims of the first class as designated in the fifth section of the aforesaid act approved June fifth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two; and as soon as the said court shall be satisfied that the aggregate of all the judgments of the first class, with interest added at four per centum from the time the loss occurred to the thirty-first of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, will not exceed the unappropriated amount of the Geneva award remaining in the Treasury after the deduction of all lawful expenses, the said court shall report a list of the several judgments of the first class then rendered, to the Secretary of State, who shall thereupon transmit the same, or a copy thereof, to the Secretary of the Treasury; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall, out of the unexpended balance of said award, without unnecessary delay, proceed to pay the said judgments of the first class so reported and transmitted, with interest as aforesaid, upon such notice and in such manner as he shall prescribe. And the said court shall from time to time thereafter report such other judgments of the first class, if any, as may be rendered, to the Secretary of State, to be by him transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, and paid in the same manner and upon like notice as hereinbefore provided, until the whole of said judgments of the first class shall be paid. And so much money as may be necessary to pay said judgments of the first class, with interest thereon as aforesaid, is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury received from said award not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, June 3, 1884.

June 3, 1884.

CHAP. 63.—An act to provide for the muster and pay of certain officers and enlisted men of the volunteer forces.

16 Stat., 385.

Officers to be considered of the grade named therein from date commissioned whether receiving commission or not.

Proviso.

Prisoners of war, etc., in case of vacancy in grade to which commissioned entitled to pay, etc.

Proviso; to apply to cases where commission is prior to June 20, 1863, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the joint resolution approved July eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy, entitled "Joint resolution amendatory of joint resolution for the relief of certain officers of the Army," approved July twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, is hereby so amended and shall be so construed that in all cases arising under the same any person who was duly appointed and commissioned, whether his commission was actually received by him or not, shall be considered as commissioned to the grade therein named from the date when his commission was actually issued by competent authority, and shall be entitled to all pay and emoluments as if actually mustered at such date: *Provided,* That at the date of his commission he was actually performing the duties of the grade to which he was so commissioned, or, if not so performing such duties, then from such time after the date of his commission as he may have actually entered upon such duties: *And provided further,* That any person held as a prisoner of war, or who may have been absent by reason of wounds or in hospital by reason of disability received in the service in the line of duty, at the date of his commission, if a vacancy existed for him in the grade to which so commissioned, shall be entitled to the same pay and emoluments as if actually performing the duties of the grade to which he was commissioned and actually mustered at such date: *And provided further,* That this act and the resolution hereby amended shall be construed to apply only in those cases where the commission bears date prior to June twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, or after that date when their com-