

ings, civil and criminal, arising in or coming from said county and begun and pending at the date of the taking effect of this Act, and of all criminal offenses committed in said county prior to the date this Act goes into effect, the prosecution of which has not been begun, as completely as if this Act were not passed.

Approved, February 7, 1911.

February 9, 1911.  
[S. 9449.]

[Public, No. 346.]

Lincoln Memorial  
Commission created.  
Composition, duties,  
etc.

**CHAP. 42.**—An Act To provide a commission to secure plans and designs for a monument or memorial to the memory of Abraham Lincoln.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That William H. Taft, Shelby M. Cullom, Joseph G. Cannon, George Peabody Wetmore, Samuel Walker McCall, Hernando D. Money, and Champ Clark are hereby created a commission, to be known as the Lincoln Memorial Commission, to procure and determine upon a location, plan, and design for a monument or memorial in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, subject to the approval of Congress.

Employment of  
artists, etc.

**SEC. 2.** That in the discharge of its duties hereunder said commission is authorized to employ the services of such artists, sculptors, architects, and others as it shall determine to be necessary, and to avail itself of the services or advice of the Commission of Fine Arts, created by the Act approved May seventeenth, nineteen hundred and ten.

Commission of Fine  
Arts.  
*Ante*, p. 371.

Selection of site.

**SEC. 3.** That the construction of the monument or memorial, herein and hereby authorized, shall be upon such site as shall be determined by the commission herein created, and approved by Congress, and said construction shall be entered upon as speedily as practicable after the plan and design therefor is determined upon and approved by Congress, and shall be prosecuted to completion, under the direction of said commission and the supervision of the Secretary of War, under a contract or contracts hereby authorized to be entered into by said Secretary in a total sum not exceeding two million dollars.

Construction, etc.

Contracts.  
Cost.

Filling vacancies.

**SEC. 4.** That vacancies occurring in the membership of the commission shall be filled by appointment by the President of the United States.

Appropriation.

**SEC. 5.** That to defray the necessary expenses of the commission herein created and the cost of procuring plans or designs for a memorial or monument, as herein provided, there is hereby appropriated the sum of fifty thousand dollars, to be immediately available.

Annual estimates.

**SEC. 6.** That said commission shall annually submit to Congress an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be expended each year to carry on the work herein authorized.

Inconsistent laws  
repealed.  
Vol. 32, p. 486.

**SEC. 7.** That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved, February 9, 1911.

February 13, 1911.  
[S. 4239.]

[Public, No. 347.]

Oaths in investiga-  
tions.  
R. S., sec. 183, p. 29,  
amended.

**CHAP. 43.**—An Act To amend section one hundred and eighty-three of the Revised Statutes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section one hundred and eighty-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Oaths to witnesses.  
Executive officers  
may administer.

“**SEC. 183.** Any officer or clerk of any of the departments lawfully detailed to investigate frauds on, or attempts to defraud, the Government, or any irregularity or misconduct of any officer or agent of the

United States, and any officer of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue-Cutter Service, detailed to conduct an investigation, and the recorder, and if there be none the presiding officer, of any military, naval, or Revenue-Cutter Service board appointed for such purpose, shall have authority to administer an oath to any witness attending to testify or depose in the course of such investigation."

Approved, February 13, 1911.

**CHAP. 44.**—An Act To provide for the erection of a monument to commemorate the battle of Guilford Court House, North Carolina, and in memory of Major-General Nathanael Greene and the officers and soldiers of the Continental Army who participated with him in the battle of Guilford Court House, North Carolina.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of thirty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the erection of a monument on the battlefield of Guilford Court House, in Guilford County, North Carolina, to commemorate the great victory won there on March fifteenth, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, by the American forces, commanded by Major-General Nathanael Greene, and in memory of Major-General Nathanael Greene and the officers and soldiers of the Continental Army who participated in the battle of Guilford Court House: *Provided,* That the money authorized to be appropriated as aforesaid shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, and the plans, specifications, and designs for such monument shall be first approved by the Secretary of War, with the assistance of the officers of the Guilford Battle Ground Company, before any money so authorized to be appropriated is expended: *And provided further,* That the site for said monument within the limits of said battlefield of Guilford Court House shall be selected by the Secretary of War and donated free of cost to the United States: *And provided further,* That when said monument is erected the responsibility for the care and keeping of the same shall be and remain with the Guilford Battle Ground Company, it being expressly understood that the United States shall have no responsibility therefor; and it being further understood that said Guilford Battle Ground Company shall provide for the public use an open highway thereto.

Approved, February 13, 1911.

**CHAP. 45.**—An Act For the relief of John M. Blankenship.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint John M. Blankenship an ensign in the United States Navy on the retired list.

Approved, February 13, 1911.

**CHAP. 46.**—An Act To provide for the lading or unlading of vessels at night, the preliminary entry of vessels, and for other purposes.

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

**SECTION 1.** That upon arrival at any port in the United States of any vessel or other conveyance from a foreign port or place, either directly or by way of another port in the United States, or upon such arrival from another port in the United States of any vessel or other

Army, Navy, etc., added.

February 13, 1911.  
[S. 5879.]

[Public, No. 348.]

Guilford Court House, N. C.  
Appropriation authorized for battlefield memorial monument.  
*Post*, p. 1402.

*Provisos.*  
Approval of plans.

Donation of site.

Future care.

February 13, 1911.  
[S. 5873.]

[Public, No. 349.]

Navy.  
John M. Blankenship may be appointed ensign, retired.

February 13, 1911.  
[S. 6011.]

[Public, No. 350.]

Customs.  
Lading and unlading vessels, etc., at night.  
Special license for.  
Vol. 34, p. 633.