

to the court. Any commissioner shall proceed under such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the court and such orders as the court may make in the particular case, and may have and perform the general duties that pertain to special masters in suits in equity. He may fix the times for hearings, administer oaths, examine witnesses, and receive evidence. Parties to the suit may appear before the commissioner in person or by attorney, produce evidence, and examine witnesses. Subpœnas for witnesses or for the production of testimony before the commissioner may issue out of the court by the clerk thereof and shall be served by a United States marshal in any judicial district to whom they are directed. The rules of the court shall provide for a finding and report of facts by a commissioner, to be filed in court with the testimony upon which the same is based, and for exceptions thereto, in whole or in part, by the parties to the suit, and a hearing thereon within such reasonable time as the court's rules or order may prescribe. Nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent the court from passing upon all questions and findings without regard to whether exceptions were or were not taken at the hearings before the commissioner. Any person appointed as commissioner may be removed at the pleasure of the court.

Procedure.

Finding and report of facts to be filed with testimony.

Authority of court not impaired.

SEC. 2. Each of said commissioners shall devote all of his time to the duties of his office, and receive a salary of \$5,000 per annum, payable monthly out of the Treasury. The commissioners and stenographers authorized by the court shall also receive their necessary traveling expenses and their actual expenses incurred for subsistence while traveling on duty and away from Washington in an amount not to exceed \$7 per day in the case of commissioners and \$4 per day in the case of stenographers. The expenses of travel and subsistence herein authorized shall be paid upon the order of the court.

Salaries and expenses. Post, p. 1335.

SEC. 3. This Act and all appointments made thereunder shall cease and determine three years after the date of its approval by the President.

Termination in three years.

Approved, February 24, 1925.

CHAP. 302.—An Act To authorize the coinage of silver 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Bennington and the independence of Vermont, in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the admission of California into the Union and in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver, State of Washington.

February 24, 1925.
[S. 3895.]
[Public, No. 452.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Bennington and the independence of Vermont there shall be coined in the mints of the United States silver 50-cent pieces to the number of forty thousand, such 50-cent pieces to be of the standard troy weight, composition, diameter, device, and design as shall be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, which said 50-cent pieces shall be legal tender in any payment to the amount of their face value.

Silver 50-cent pieces. Coinage authorized of, to commemorate Battle of Bennington, Vt.

SEC. 2. That in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the admission of the State of California into the Union there shall be coined at the mints of the United States silver 50-cent pieces to the number of not more than three hundred thousand, such 50-cent pieces to be of the standard troy weight, composition, diameter, device, and design as shall be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, which said 50-cent pieces shall be legal tender in any payment to the amount of their face value.

To commemorate seventy-fifth anniversary of admission of California.

Issue to Clearing
House Associations.

The coins herein authorized by section 2 hereof shall be issued only upon the request of the San Francisco Clearing House Association and the Los Angeles Clearing House Association, or either of them, and upon payment by such associations, or either of them, to the United States of the par value of such coins.

To commemorate
one hundredth anni-
versary of the founding
of Fort Vancouver,
Wash.

SEC. 3. That in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver by the Hudson Bay Company, State of Washington, there shall be coined at the mints of the United States silver 50-cent pieces to the number of not more than three hundred thousand, such 50-cent pieces to be of the standard troy weight, composition, diameter, device, and design as shall be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, which said 50-cent pieces shall be legal tender in any payment to the amount of their face value.

Issue to Corporation,
etc.

That the coin herein authorized shall be issued only upon the request of the executive committee of the Fort Vancouver Centennial Corporation, of Vancouver, Washington, and upon payment by such executive committee for and on behalf of the Fort Vancouver Centennial Corporation of the par value of such coins, and it shall be permissible for the said Fort Vancouver Centennial Corporation to obtain said coins upon said payment, all at one time or at separate times, and in separate amounts, as it may determine.

Coinage Laws, etc.,
applicable.

SEC. 4. All laws now in force relating to the subsidiary gold and silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same, regulating and guarding the process of coinage, providing for the purchase of material and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of coins, for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting, for security of the coin, or for any other purposes, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein authorized: *Provided*, That the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for this coinage.

Proviso.
No Government ex-
pense.

Approved, February 24, 1925.

February 24, 1925.
[H. R. 9095.]
[Public, No. 453.]

CHAP. 303.—An Act To incorporate the American War Mothers.

District of Columbia.
American War
Mothers incorporated.
Incorporators.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following-named persons, namely:

Alice M. French, founder, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mable C. Digney, State War Mother, White Plains, New York; Mrs. George Gordon Seibold, Washington, District of Columbia; Mary I. Huntington, State War Mother, Bloomington, Indiana; Edna C. Wilson, State War Mother, Warrensburg, Missouri; Libbie Thomas, State War Mother, Racine, Wisconsin; Virginia Heaen, State War Mother, Frankfort, Kentucky; A. Shanahan, State War Mother, Jersey City, New Jersey; Blanche A. Bellak, State War Mother, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Lydia Burby, State War Mother, Butte, Montana; Estelle T. Wilcox, State War Mother, Omaha, Nebraska; Emile Hendricks, State War Mother, Salem, Oregon; Grace R. Montgomery, State War Mother, Charlotte, North Carolina; Kate C. DeKay, State War Mother, Blackfoot, Idaho; Elizabeth Allen, State War Mother, Loveland, Colorado; Ida McCullough, State War Mother, Ottawa, Illinois; Rose S. Sargent, State War Mother, San Francisco, California; Jessie Monahan, State War Mother, Edmond, Oklahoma; Margaret N. McCluer, Kansas City, Missouri; Carrie R. Root, Gardner, Illinois; Mary E. Spence, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Alice Bronson Oldham, Lexington, Kentucky; Florence A. Latham, Kansas City, Missouri; Mahala