

Time allowed for instituting contempt proceedings.

Invalidity of any clause, etc., not to affect remainder of Act.

same, and all other cases of contempt not specifically embraced within section twenty-one of this Act, may be punished in conformity to the usages at law and in equity now prevailing.

SEC. 25. That no proceeding for contempt shall be instituted against any person unless begun within one year from the date of the act complained of; nor shall any such proceeding be a bar to any criminal prosecution for the same act or acts; but nothing herein contained shall affect any proceedings in contempt pending at the time of the passage of this Act.

SEC. 26. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Act shall, for any reason, be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Approved, October 15, 1914.

October 17, 1914.
[H. R. 11745.]

[Public, No. 213.]

Public lands. Female citizen marrying an alien may receive homestead patent.

CHAP. 325.—An Act To provide for certificate of title to homestead entry by a female American citizen who has intermarried with an alien.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any female citizen of the United States who has initiated a claim to a tract of public land under any of the laws applicable thereto, and who thereafter has complied with all the conditions as to the acquisition of title to such land prescribed by the public-land laws of the United States, shall, notwithstanding her intermarriage with an alien, who is entitled to become a citizen of the United States, be entitled to a certificate or patent to such entry equally as though she had remained unmarried or had married an American citizen.

Approved, October 17, 1914.

October 20, 1914.
[H. R. 12665.]

[Public, No. 214.]

La Junta, Colo. Limit of cost increased, public building at.

CHAP. 328.—An Act To increase the limit of cost of public building at La Junta, Colorado.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the limit of cost of the United States post-office building at La Junta, Colorado, be, and the same is hereby, increased \$10,000.

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[H. R. 13296.]

[Public, No. 215.]

New York City, N. Y. Enlargement of assay office.

Use of balances. Vol. 36, p. 1378; Vol. 37, p. 422.

CHAP. 329.—An Act For the enlargement, and so forth, of the Wall Street front of the assay office in the city of New York.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all unexpended balances of appropriations heretofore made under the authority contained in the Acts of Congress approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and eleven, and August twenty-six, nineteen hundred and twelve, for the enlargement, and so forth, of the Wall Street front of the assay office in New York City, and for vaults therefor, and architectural, engineering, and other technical services in connection therewith, are hereby authorized to be made available for the erection of a new fireproof building on said Wall Street front, in continuation, or extension, of the present assay office building fronting on Pine Street, together with suitable vaults for use of said assay office and the adjoining subtreasury, and, if necessary, an entrance from or

connection with said subtreasury for access therefrom, at a total limit of cost of not exceeding in the aggregate the present limits of cost for building, vaults, connection with the subtreasury, and the architectural, engineering, or other technical services in connection therewith, of \$607,408.

Limit of cost increased.

SEC. 2. That the authority heretofore given to the Secretary of the Treasury to employ, in his discretion, such architectural, engineering, or other technical services as he may deem necessary in connection with the enlargement, remodeling, or extension of the portion of the assay office in New York City fronting on Wall Street, and to pay for such services from the unexpended balance of the appropriation from which the rear portion of said assay office was constructed, is hereby continued with respect to said new building, payment therefor within the limit heretofore fixed to be made from the amounts herein authorized.

Former provisions for technical services continued.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, further authorized to employ in connection with the Supervising Architect's Office, and without regard to the civil-service laws, rules, or regulations for service, either within or without the District of Columbia, such other specially skilled technical, engineering, consulting, and superintending services as he may deem necessary; all such specially skilled technical, engineering, consulting, and superintending services to be exclusively employed in connection with the plans and specifications for said vaults and the foundations of said building and vaults. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to pay for such services mentioned in this paragraph such compensation and such actual necessary traveling and subsistence expenses in connection with such work as he may deem reasonable, from the amounts herein authorized, all such additional services and traveling expenses hereinbefore authorized to be in addition to and independent of the authorizations and appropriations for personal services and traveling expenses in said office otherwise made.

Expert technical services for preparing plans, etc.

Compensation, etc.

Additional to previous authorizations.

And in razing said Wall Street front the Secretary of the Treasury may dispose, by gift or otherwise, of the façade of said present building with a view to the preservation of said façade: *Provided*, That the United States shall not be put to any expense beyond that for said razing.

Disposal of façade.

Proviso.
No expense.

Approved, October 20, 1914.

CHAP. 330.—An Act To provide for the leasing of coal lands in the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes.

October 20, 1914.
[H. R. 14233.]

[Public, No. 216.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to survey the lands of the United States in the Territory of Alaska known to be valuable for their deposits of coal, preference to be given first in favor of surveying lands within those areas commonly known as the Bering River, Matanuska, and Nenana coal fields, and thereafter to such areas or coal fields as lie tributary to established settlements or existing or proposed rail or water transportation lines: *Provided*, That such surveys shall be executed in accordance with existing laws and rules and regulations governing the survey of public lands. There is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of making the surveys herein provided for, to continue available until expended: *Provided*, That any surveys heretofore made under the authority or

Alaska coal lands.
Surveys directed.

Preferences.

Provisos.
Execution under existing laws, etc.
Appropriation.

Use of prior surveys.