

shall be the same as in the United States district courts and all cases coming within the admiralty jurisdiction of said tribunals shall be determined in accordance with the general admiralty laws of the United States of America.

Approved, May 20, 1932.

[CHAPTER 195.]

AN ACT

To authorize the sale of interest in lands devised to the United States under the will of Sophie Chanquet.

May 20, 1932.  
[S. 694.]  
[Public, No. 141.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is hereby authorized to sell all right, title, and interest acquired by the United States under the will of Sophie Chanquet, deceased, in lands situate in the counties of Alameda and San Francisco, State of California, upon such terms and after such public notice by advertisement as he may deem best for the public interest, and to make, execute, and deliver all needful conveyances. The net proceeds of such sale shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.

Sophie Chanquet.  
Sale of interest in  
lands acquired under  
will of, authorized.

Proceeds covered in-  
to Treasury.

Approved, May 20, 1932.

[CHAPTER 196.]

AN ACT

To remove the limitation upon the filling of vacancy of district judge for the district of New Jersey.

May 20, 1932.  
[S. 1335.]  
[Public, No. 142.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a judge to fill a vacancy in the District Court of the United States for the District of New Jersey, occasioned by the death of Honorable William A. Runyon, who was appointed as additional judge in said district under the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act for the appointment of an additional circuit judge for the fourth judicial circuit, for the appointment of additional district judges for certain districts, providing for an annual conference of certain judges, and for other purposes," approved September 14, 1922 (U. S. C., title 28, sec. 3). A vacancy occurring at any time in the office of district judge referred to in this Act is authorized to be filled.

New Jersey judicial  
district.  
Filling vacancy of  
additional judge, au-  
thorized.

Vol. 42, p. 837; U. S.  
C., p. 864, amended.

Vacancy hereafter to  
be filled.

Approved, May 20, 1932.

[CHAPTER 197.]

AN ACT

To authorize the transfer of jurisdiction over public land in the District of Columbia.

May 20, 1932.  
[S. 2498.]  
[Public, No. 143.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Federal and District authorities administering properties within the District of Columbia owned by the United States or by the said District are hereby authorized to transfer jurisdiction over parts or all of such properties among or between themselves for purposes of administration and maintenance under such conditions as may be mutually

District of Colum-  
bia.  
Administration, etc.,  
of public lands.

*Provisos.*  
Recommendation by  
National Capital Park  
and Planning Com-  
mission  
Report to Congress.

Existing laws not  
affected.

agreed upon: *Provided*, That prior to the consummation of any transfer hereunder such proposed transfer shall be recommended by the National Capital Park and Planning Commission: *Provided further*, That all such transfers and agreements shall be reported to Congress by the authorities concerned.

SEC. 2. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to repeal the provisions of any existing law or laws authorizing the transfer of jurisdiction of certain lands between and among Federal and District authorities, but all such laws shall remain in full force and effect.

Approved, May 20, 1932.

[CHAPTER 198.]

AN ACT

To permit the United States to be made a party defendant in certain cases.

May 20, 1932.  
[S. 4148.]  
[Public, No. 144.]

Lenawee County,  
Mich.  
Consent given to  
name United States  
party defendant in  
clearing title, etc., to  
certain lands in.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the consent of the United States is given to be named a party in any suit which is now pending, or which may hereafter be brought in the courts of the State of Michigan having jurisdiction of the subject matter, for the purpose of clearing the title to, and removing liens from, all those pieces or parcels of land situate and being in the county of Lenawee and State of Michigan, described as follows, to wit:

Description.

The west half northwest quarter section 35, township 5 south, range 4 east, containing eighty acres of land, be the same more or less. Also that tract beginning at the northwest corner of Maumee and Boughton Streets in the village of Tecumseh, thence along the west line of said Maumee Street north to the corner of Lave Baxter, junior's, land, thence west along said Baxter's land to the mill pond, thence southwardly along the east side of said mill pond to said Boughton Street, thence along the north line of said Boughton Street to the place of beginning, containing about thirty acres of land, be the same more or less. Also village lot 130; and also that tract of land beginning at the southwest corner of said village lot 130 and on the east line of Mill Street; thence along the east line of said last-mentioned street southwardly to the line between village lots 126 and 127, thence along the said line last mentioned eastwardly to the east line of said lots; thence eastwardly to the line between village lots 139 and 140; thence along said lots to Maumee Street; thence north along the west line of said street to the line between village lots 133 and 134; thence along the south line of said lot 133 and of lots 132, 131, and 130 to the place of beginning, containing about ten acres of land, be the same more or less.

Service of process.

SEC. 2. Service upon the United States shall be made by serving the process of the court, with a copy of the bill of complaint, upon the United States attorney for the eastern district of Michigan, and by sending copies of the process and bill, by registered mail, to the Attorney General of the United States, at Washington, District of Columbia. The United States shall have thirty days after service as above provided, or such further time as the court may allow, within which to appear and answer, disclaim, plead, or demur.

Notice to Attorney  
General.

Force and effect of  
court decree.

SEC. 3. The final judgment or decree of the court in any suit brought under this Act shall have the same effect respecting the discharge of a purported mortgage given by Joseph W. Brown and Cornelia T. Brown, his wife, of the first part, to United States of America of the second part, dated November 21, 1835, and recorded on December 30, 1835, in the register of deeds' office of Lenawee County, Michigan, in Liber B of Mortgages, at page 447, as may be provided with respect to such matters by the law of the State of Michigan.