

CHAP. 8.—An Act To present to the city of Nashville, State of Tennessee, the cannon on the gunboat Nashville from which was fired the first shot in the Spanish-American war. February 3, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and directed to condemn and detach from the gunboat Nashville the cannon from which was fired the first shot in the Spanish-American war and to deliver the same to the said city of Nashville, to be placed in some public place in that city, the title to the said cannon to be vested in the said city: *Provided,* That no expense shall be caused to the United States through delivery of said cannon.

Nashville, Tenn. Presentation to, authorized of certain cannon.

Proviso. Expense of delivery.

Approved, February 3, 1900.

CHAP. 9.—An Act Authorizing payment of commutation of ration to the petty officers of the Navy who served on detached duty between March first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and November fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine. February 7, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the petty officers of the Navy who served on detached duty between March first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and November fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, be, and hereby are, allowed commutation of ration for the time they so served.

Navy. Commutation of rations allowed certain petty officers.

Approved, February 7, 1900.

CHAP. 10.—An Act To create a new division in the eastern judicial district of the State of Tennessee. February 7, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a new division of the eastern judicial district of the State of Tennessee, to be known as the northeastern division judicial district of Tennessee, be, and the same is hereby, established, to be composed of the following counties, to wit: Johnson, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, Washington, Greene, Hawkins, Hancock, Cocke, and Hamblen; and said counties be, and the same are hereby, transferred to said northeastern division of said eastern district of Tennessee, but no additional clerk or marshal shall be appointed in or for said district.

Tennessee. Northeastern judicial district established.

—composition.

No additional officers.

SEC. 2. That terms of the circuit court and of the district court of the northeastern division judicial district of Tennessee shall be held at Greeneville, in said State, each year, on the fourth Mondays in August and February, after the passage of this Act.

Terms of court at Greeneville.

SEC. 3. That the clerks of the district and circuit courts for the eastern district of Tennessee, and the marshal and district attorney for said district, shall perform the duties appertaining to their offices, respectively, for said courts of said northeastern division judicial district, and except when court is in session, and a judge present, the clerk's office of the said courts may be at Knoxville, where all records for said courts may be kept as of the same court, and all duties performed as though the clerk were at Greeneville, but should, in the judgment of the district judge and the clerk, the business of said courts hereafter warrant the employment of a deputy clerk at Greeneville, Tennessee, new books and records may be opened for the courts herein created, and kept at Greeneville, and a deputy clerk appointed to reside and keep his office at Greeneville.

Judicial officers.

Clerk's office at Knoxville, etc.

Deputy clerk at Greeneville.

Suits against one or more defendants, where brought.

SEC. 4. That all suits not of a local nature in said circuit and district courts against a single defendant, inhabitant of said State, must be brought in the division of the district where he resides; but if there are two or more defendants residing in different divisions of the district, such suits may be brought in either division.

Jurisdiction of future crimes.

SEC. 5. That all prosecutions for crimes or offenses hereafter committed in either of the divisions of said district shall be cognizable within such division, and all prosecutions for crimes or offenses heretofore committed in the eastern district as heretofore constituted shall be commenced and proceeded with as if this Act had not been passed.

— pending, etc.

Jurors.

Process.

SEC. 6. That all grand and petit jurors summoned for service in each division shall be residents of such division. All mesne and final process subject to the provisions hereinbefore contained, issued in either of said divisions, may be served and executed in either or both of the divisions.

Removal of causes.

SEC. 7. That in all cases of removal of suits from the courts of the State of Tennessee to the courts of the United States in the eastern district of Tennessee such removal shall be to the United States courts in the division in which the county is situated from which the removal is made, and the time within which the removal shall be perfected, in so far as it refers to or is regulated by the terms of the United States courts, shall be deemed to refer to the terms of the United States courts held in said northeastern judicial district.

Court buildings.

SEC. 8. That each of said courts shall be held in a building to be provided for that purpose by the county or municipal authorities and without expense to the United States.

Effect.

SEC. 9. That this Act shall be in force from and after the thirtieth day of June, anno Domini nineteen hundred, and all Acts and parts of Acts so far as inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Approved, February 7, 1900.

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CHAP. 11. An Act Fixing the salary of the postmaster at Washington City, District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Salary of postmaster fixed.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of section four of the Act entitled "An Act to adjust the salaries of postmasters," approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, as fixes the salary of the postmaster at Washington City, District of Columbia, is hereby repealed, and the salary of said postmaster shall hereafter be adjusted, as provided in the cases of other postmasters, under section one of said Act.

Approved, February 7, 1900.

February 8, 1900.

CHAP. 12.—An Act To provide for improvements in the tax departments of the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Improvements in offices of assessor and collector of taxes authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to enable the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to enlarge the rooms now occupied by the assessor and collector of taxes of the District of Columbia, and to rearrange the space so as to better accommodate the public who have occasion to transact business with those offices, and to provide fixtures and pay other necessary expenses incident thereto, and to put in operation the card system for the improvement of the business methods of those offices, including the temporary hire of clerks, the sum of four thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may