

Proviso.
—court accommodations.

Suits against residents of different divisions, etc.

of each year: *Provided, however,* That suitable rooms and accommodations are furnished for the holding of said courts free of expense to the Government of the United States.

SEC. 2. That all civil suits which shall hereafter be brought against a defendant or defendants who reside in said northwestern division of said district shall be brought in said northwestern division; but if there are two or more defendants residing in different divisions of said district, such suit may be brought in either division of said district in which any defendant or defendants reside, and all mesne and final process subject to the provisions of this Act issued in either of the divisions of the northern district of Georgia may be served and executed in either or all of the divisions.

Prosecution of crimes.

Proviso.
—pending cases.

SEC. 3. That all crimes and offenses against the laws of the United States committed within the counties comprising the northwestern division of said district shall be prosecuted, tried, and determined at the terms of the circuit and district courts herein provided for: *Provided, however,* That all prosecutions begun and pending at the taking effect of this Act shall be proceeded with and finally determined as if this Act were not passed.

Appointment of deputy clerks at Rome.

Proviso.
—approval of, etc.

SEC. 4. That the clerks of the circuit and district courts for said northern district shall each appoint a deputy, who shall reside and maintain an office at the city of Rome, each of whom, in the absence of the clerks, shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of his principal within the division for which he shall be appointed: *Provided,* That the appointment of such deputies shall be approved by the court for which they shall be respectively appointed, and they may be removed by such court at pleasure.

Jurors

SEC. 5. That all the grand jurors and all jurors for the trial of civil and criminal causes in the division hereby created shall be selected from citizens residing in the division created by this Act.

Effect.

Repeal.

SEC. 6. That this Act shall take effect 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day of June, anno Domini nineteen hundred, and all Acts and parts of Acts so far as inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved, April 12, 1900.

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CHAP. 186.—An Act To attach the county of Foard, in the State of Texas, to the Fort Worth division of the northern district of Texas, and providing that all process issued against defendants residing in said county shall be returned to Fort Worth.

Texas northern judicial district.
Foard county attached to Fort Worth division of.—process.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Foard, in the State of Texas, be, and the same is hereby, assigned to the Fort Worth division of the northern judicial district of the State of Texas, and that all process issued against defendants residing in the said county of Foard shall be returned to Fort Worth.

Approved, April 12, 1900.

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CHAP. 187.—An Act Declaring certain trestles of the Washington County Railroad Company to be lawful structures.

Washington County Railroad.
Certain trestles belonging to, declared lawful structures.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the trestle on the Eastport Branch of the Washington County Railroad, being the property of the Washington County Railroad Company, and running from the extreme point of land south of Pleasant Point, in the town of Perry, county of Washington and State of Maine, to the extreme northern end of Carlows Island, in the town of Eastport, in said county and State; and a certain other trestle, also the property of said railroad

company, in the East Machias River, in said county of Washington and State of Maine, at the extreme end of said river, near the village of East Machias, in said county and State, be, and both of said trestles hereby are, declared to be lawful structures: *Provided*, That such modifications are made in their present position, condition, and elevation as the Secretary of War may order in the interests of navigation.

Proviso.
—changes of position, etc.

Approved, April 12, 1900.

CHAP. 188.—An Act To amend an Act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, governing the immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement.

April 12, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the privileges of the Act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, governing the immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement, be, and the same are hereby, extended to the ports of Laredo, Eagle Pass, and El Paso, Texas, and Nogales, Arizona.

Laredo, Eagle Pass, and El Paso, Tex., and Nogales, Ariz.
Immediate transportation privileges, etc., extended to.
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Approved, April 12, 1900.

CHAP. 189.—An Act Permitting the building of a dam between Coon Rapids and the north limits of the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota, across the Mississippi River.

April 12, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Twin City Rapid Transit Company, its successors or assigns, to construct across the Mississippi River, at any point between Coon Rapids and the north line of the limits of the city of Minneapolis, a dam, canal, and works necessarily incident thereto, for water-power purposes. The said dam shall be so constructed that there can, at any time, be constructed in connection therewith a suitable lock for navigation purposes: *Provided, also*, That the Government of the United States may at any time take possession of said dam and appurtenant works and control the same for purposes of navigation by paying the said company the value not exceeding the actual cost of the same, but shall not do so to the destruction of the water power created by said dam to any greater extent than may be necessary to provide proper facilities for navigation: *Provided further*, That the works shall be constructed so as to provide for the free passage of saw logs. The said Twin City Rapid Transit Company shall make such change and modification in the works as the Secretary of War may from time to time deem necessary in the interests of navigation, at its own cost and expense: *Provided further*, That in case any litigation arises from the obstruction of the channel by the dam, canal, or appurtenant works, the case may be tried in the proper Federal court of the United States in which the works are situated.

Twin City Rapid Transit Company may dam Mississippi River at Coon Rapids, etc.

Provisos.
Government control.

Passage of saw logs. Changes.

Litigation.

SEC. 2. That the right to amend, alter, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved: *And provided further*, That suitable fishways, to be approved by the United States Fish Commissioner, shall be constructed and maintained at said dam by the Twin City Rapid Transit Company, its successors or assigns.

Amendment.
Proviso.
Fishways.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall become null and void unless the dam herein authorized be commenced on or before the first day of July, nineteen hundred and one, and be completed within three years thereafter.

Commencement and completion.

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