

Columbia, and known on the ground plan of said city as lots numbered three, four, and five in square numbered nine hundred and seventy-nine, and when satisfied by sufficient proof that the said Todd has the equitable title to said lots, or in being satisfied that said Todd, or the parties under whom he claims, has paid all taxes, general and special, levied against said lots for a period of fifty years, then he, the said Secretary, shall release and convey to said Todd, his heirs or assigns, all the title of the United States in and to said lots: *Provided*, That the said Thomas H. G. Todd pay to the proper officer of the District of Columbia all taxes, both general and special, now unpaid and standing against said property.

Approved, April 28, 1904.

Conveyance to  
Thomas H. G. Todd.  
*Provided*.  
Taxes.

**CHAP. 1796.**—An Act To amend section twenty-three hundred and twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to lands.

April 28, 1904.  
[H. R. 13298.]

[Public, No. 225.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section twenty-three hundred and twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Public lands.  
R. S., sec. 2327, p. 427,  
amended.

“**SEC. 2327.** The description of vein or lode claims upon surveyed lands shall designate the location of the claims with reference to the lines of the public survey, but need not conform therewith; but where patents have been or shall be issued for claims upon unsurveyed lands, the surveyors-general, in extending the public survey, shall adjust the same to the boundaries of said patented claims so as in no case to interfere with or change the true location of such claims as they are officially established upon the ground. Where patents have issued for mineral lands, those lands only shall be segregated and shall be deemed to be patented which are bounded by the lines actually marked, defined, and established upon the ground by the monuments of the official survey upon which the patent grant is based, and surveyors-general in executing subsequent patent surveys, whether upon surveyed or unsurveyed lands, shall be governed accordingly. The said monuments shall at all times constitute the highest authority as to what land is patented, and in case of any conflict between the said monuments of such patented claims and the descriptions of said claims in the patents issued therefor the monuments on the ground shall govern, and erroneous or inconsistent descriptions or calls in the patent descriptions shall give way thereto.”

Description of mining vein or lode claims.

Patents to conform to official monuments.

Monuments to govern descriptions.

Approved, April 28, 1904.

**CHAP. 1797.**—An Act To change and fix the time for holding the district and circuit courts for the northern division of the eastern district of Tennessee.

April 28, 1904.  
[H. R. 14583.]

[Public, No. 229.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the term of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the northern division of the eastern district of Tennessee, held at Knoxville, Tennessee, shall commence on the first Monday in March of each year instead of the second Monday in March, as is now provided by law; and said term shall continue as long as the presiding judge may deem it necessary.

United States courts, Tennessee, eastern district.  
R. S., secs 572, 658, pp. 101, 122.  
Terms at Knoxville. Vol. 23, p. 39; Vol. 30, p. 814.

**SEC. 2.** That no action, suit, proceeding, information, indictment, recognizance, bail bond, or other process in either of said courts shall abate or be rendered invalid by reason of the change of time in the holding of the term of said courts, but the same shall be deemed to be returnable to, pending and triable at the term herein provided for.

Pending causes.

**SEC. 3.** That all laws and parts of laws conflicting with this Act be, and are hereby, repealed.

Repeal.

Approved, April 28, 1904.

April 28, 1904.  
[H. R. 14588.]  
[Public, No. 230.]

Red River, La.  
Shreveport Bridge  
and Terminal Compa-  
ny may bridge.  
Act revived.  
Vol. 32, p. 181.

**CHAP. 1798.**—An Act To revive and amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Shreveport Bridge and Terminal Company to construct and maintain a bridge across Red River, in the State of Louisiana, at or near Shreveport."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act of Congress approved April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and two, entitled "An Act to authorize the Shreveport Bridge and Terminal Company to construct and maintain a bridge across Red River, in the State of Louisiana, at or near Shreveport," which Act has expired by limitation, be, and is hereby, revived and reenacted.

**SEC. 2.** That section ten of said Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Time for construc-  
tion extended.  
Vol. 32, p. 188,  
amended.

"**SEC. 10.** That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and four."

Approved, April 28, 1904.

April 28, 1904.  
[H. R. 14590.]  
[Public, No. 231.]

Choctawhatchee  
River, Ala.  
Houston and Dale  
counties may bridge  
at Trawicks Landing.

**CHAP. 1799.**—An Act To authorize the courts of county commissioners of Houston and Dale counties, Alabama, to construct a bridge across the Choctawhatchee River between Houston and Dale counties, Alabama.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the courts of county commissioners of Houston and Dale counties, in the State of Alabama, be, and are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Choctawhatchee River, at or near Trawicks Landing, between said counties of Houston and Dale in said State.

Secretary of War to  
approve plans, etc.

**SEC. 2.** That said bridge shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation as the Secretary of War may prescribe; and to secure that object the said courts of county commissioners shall submit for his examination designs and drawings of the bridge and maps of the location, and until the said plans and location are approved by him the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any changes be made in said bridge, before or after completion, such changes shall be likewise subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Changes.

Aids to navigation.

Lights, etc.

**SEC. 3.** That the said bridge shall be so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels and other craft through or under the same; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge from sunset to sunrise, at the expense of the owners thereof, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe. And any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary, and order in the interests of navigation, shall be made by the owners thereof at their own expense.

Time of construc-  
tion.

**SEC. 4.** That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the said bridge be not commenced in one year and completed in three years from the date hereof.

Amendment.

**SEC. 5.** That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, April 28, 1904.

April 28, 1904.  
[H. R. 14673.]  
[Public, No. 232.]

United States courts.  
Iowa southern judi-  
cial district.  
Davenport division  
created.  
R. S., sec. 537, p. 90,  
amended.  
Vol. 22, p. 172.

**CHAP. 1800.**—An Act To create a new division of the southern judicial district of Iowa, and to provide for terms of court at Davenport, Iowa, and for a clerk for said court, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the counties of Scott, Muscatine, Washington, and Keokuk shall constitute a division of the southern judicial district of Iowa, to be known as the Davenport division of said court.