

graph of section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act making further provision for a civil government for Alaska, and for other purposes", approved June 6, 1900 (31 Stat. 322), as amended by the Act approved March 2, 1921 (41 Stat. 1204, U. S. C., title 48, sec. 102; Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1933, sec. 1092), is hereby amended to read as follows:

General terms.

"One general term of court shall be held each year at Juneau, and such additional terms at other places in the first division as the Judicial Council for the Ninth Judicial Circuit may direct. One general term of court shall be held each year at Nome, and such additional terms at other places in the second division as the Judicial Council for the Ninth Judicial Circuit may direct. One general term of court shall be held each year at Anchorage, and such additional terms at other places in the third division as the Judicial Council for the Ninth Judicial Circuit may direct. One general term of court shall be held each year at Fairbanks, and such additional terms at other places in the fourth division as the Judicial Council for the Ninth Judicial Circuit may direct. Each of the judges is authorized and directed to hold such special terms of court as may be necessary for the public welfare or for the dispatch of the business of the court at such times and places in their respective divisions as any of them, respectively, may deem expedient, or as the Judicial Council for the Ninth Judicial Circuit may direct; and each shall have authority to employ interpreters and to make allowances for the necessary expenses of his court and to employ an official court stenographer at such compensation as shall be fixed by the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. At least thirty days' notice shall be given by the judge, or the clerk, of the time and place of holding the several terms of the court."

Special terms.

Interpreters; court expenses.

Court stenographers.

Notice of terms.

Approved November 22, 1943.

[CHAPTER 328]

AN ACT

November 28, 1943
[S. 321]
[Public Law 191]

To facilitate and simplify collection procedure in the Department of the Interior.

Department of the Interior.
Leases, etc., collection procedure.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That leases, permits, licenses, contracts, agreements, and other instruments providing for payments to the United States on account of the use of lands or waters under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, or on account of the sale of products of such lands or waters, or on account of other transactions incident to the administration of such lands or waters, including contributions by cooperators, but excluding sales of used equipment, shall be exempt from the provisions of section 3743 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (title 41, U. S. C., sec. 20), when the lease or other instruments do not require payment to the Government in excess of \$300 in any one fiscal year: *Provided, however,* That the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe from time to time regulations requiring that originals or copies of any class or group of documents within the foregoing exemption, in the circumstances and upon the conditions designated by him in such regulations, shall be deposited in the General Accounting Office for audit purposes.

Regulations.

Approved November 28, 1943.

[CHAPTER 329]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to settle certain claims.

November 28, 1943
[S. 364]
[Public Law 192]

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 is authorized to accept the surrender of any lease issued pursuant to any of the provisions of the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437; 30 U. S. C., sec. 181 and the following), or any amendment thereof, where the surrender is filed in the General Land Office subsequent to the accrual but prior to the payment of the yearly rental due under the lease, upon payment of the accrued rental on a pro rata monthly basis for the portion of the lease year prior to the filing of the surrender. The authority granted to the Secretary of the Interior by this Act shall extend only to cases in which he finds that the failure of the lessee to file a timely surrender of the lease prior to the accrual of the rental was not due to a lack of reasonable diligence, but it shall not extend to claims or cases which have been referred to the Department of Justice for purposes of suit.

Approved November 28, 1943.

Secretary of the Interior.
Acceptance of surrender of certain leases.
30 U. S. C., Supp. II, §§ 221-222h, 223.

Limitation.

[CHAPTER 330]

AN ACT

To authorize the transportation of dependents and household effects of personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard under certain conditions, and for other purposes.

November 28, 1943
[S. 1336]
[Public Law 193]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That officers and enlisted men of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and the reserve components thereof when on active duty, of grades entitling them to transportation of dependents and household effects on change of station (a) when on duty at places designated by the Secretary of the Navy as within zones from which their dependents should be evacuated for military reasons or for the purpose of relieving congestion in the vicinity of naval activities or where Government quarters for their dependents are not available; (b) or upon transfer or assignment of such officers and enlisted men to sea duty, as such duty may be defined by the Secretary of the Navy; (c) or upon transfer or assignment of such officers and enlisted men to duty at places where their dependents for military reasons are not permitted to join them or where Government quarters for their dependents are not available, may, upon application of such personnel or their dependents, be allowed, subject to such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe, transportation for their dependents and household effects, including packing, crating, and unpacking thereof, from their stations or places of storage in the United States to any other points in the United States, and from such points to new stations in the United States to which such personnel may be subsequently ordered for duty, and at which their dependents are not restricted from joining them or Government quarters for their dependents are available.

SEC. 2. Whenever the Chief of Naval Personnel, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Commandant of the Coast Guard, or such subordinates as they may designate, certify that the personnel included in (b) and (c) of section 1 hereof have been transferred to sea duty or to duty at places beyond the continental limits of the United States where their dependents for military reasons are not permitted to join

Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.
Transportation of dependents and household effects.

Certificates.