ACTS OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS
OF THE
UNITED STATES,
Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the City of
Washington, in the district of Columbia, on Monday, the 2d day
of December, 1844, and ended the 3d day of March, 1845.

JOHN TYLER, President of the United States. WILLIE P. MANGUM,
President of the Senate, pro tempore. JOHN W. JONES, Speaker of
the House of Representatives.

STATUTE I.

Chap. I.—An Act to establish a uniform time for holding elections for electors of
President and Vice President in all the States of the Union. (a)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the electors of Presi-
dent and Vice President shall be appointed in each State on the Tues-
day next after the first Monday in the month of November of the year
in which they are to be appointed: Provided, That each State may by
law provide for the filling of any vacancy or vacancies which may occur
in its college of electors when such college meets to give its electoral
vote: And provided, also, when any State shall have held an election
for the purpose of choosing electors, and shall fail to make a choice on
the day aforesaid, then the electors may be appointed on a subsequent
day in such manner as the State shall by law provide.

Approved, January 23, 1845.

Chap. II.—An Act to correct a clerical error in the act supplementary to an act to
regulate arrests on mesne process in the District of Columbia, and to amend the
title thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled
"An act supplementary to an act entitled 'An act to regulate arrests
on mesne process in the District of Columbia,'" approved June sev-
teenth, eighteen hundred and forty-four, be corrected, so as to insert,
between the words "and" and "in," in the sixth line, the words "in
cases where the principal of the debt exceeds that amount, no person
shall be imprisoned as aforesaid, except".

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the title of the said act be
amended by adding the words: "and to abolish imprisonment for debt
in the District of Columbia, except in cases of fraud."

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That nothing in the said act pass-
ed the seventeenth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, or in this act, shall be so construed as to extend to any suit or action brought by the corporate authorities of either of the cities of the said District to recover a penalty imposed by any ordinance or by law of such corporation for an infraction of its by-laws and ordinances.

Approved, February 4, 1845.

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STATUTE II.

Feb. 7, 1845.

Act of March 3, 1837, ch. 51.

Act confirmed.

Appendix No. 2, post, 802.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of the Legislature of Virginia, entitled "An act further to amend the act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company," which was passed on the twentieth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, or in this act, shall be so construed as to extend to any suit or action brought by the corporate authorities of either of the cities of the said District to recover a penalty imposed by any ordinance or by law of such corporation for an infraction of its by-laws and ordinances.

Approved, February 4, 1845.

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STATUTE II.

Feb. 13, 1845.

Act of March 3, 1833, ch. 44, repealed.

Actions or suits pending, &c. to be transferred to Dist. Court at New Orleans. 1845, ch. 19.

One term to be held annually for the business of the western district.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act for the better organization of the district court of the United States within the State of Louisiana," approved on the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Approved, February 13, 1845.

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STATUTE II.

Feb. 20, 1845.

Chap. XIII. — An act for the purchase of certain copies of the History of Oregon, California, and the other Territories on the Northwest coast of America.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary

(a) Notes of the acts relating to the District Court of Louisiana, vol. 3, 774.