

stead thereof be commenced and held the second Monday in November, annually. That the circuit courts of the United States for the district of North Carolina shall be held at Raleigh on the Monday preceding the first Monday in December, and after the year eighteen hundred and forty-five on the second Monday in March. That the spring term of said court shall be held in and for the district of South Carolina at Charleston, on the Wednesday preceding the fourth Monday in March, after the ensuing term shall have been held at the time now appointed by law. That the spring term of said court shall be held in [and] for the district of Georgia at Savannah, on the second Monday in April after the ensuing term shall have been held at the time now appointed by law. That the circuit court of the United States for the southern district of Alabama, shall commence its spring term at Mobile, on the second Monday of April in each and every year after the ensuing spring term of said court shall have been held at the time now appointed by law. And the circuit court for the district of Louisiana shall commence its spring term at New Orleans on the fourth Monday of April in each and every year, after the ensuing spring term of said court shall have been held at the time now appointed by law. And all actions, suits, appeals, recognizances, processes, writs and proceedings whatever, pending, or which may be pending in said courts, or returnable thereto, shall have day therein, and be heard, tried, proceeded with, and decided, in like manner as if the time of holding said courts or sessions had not been hereby altered.

APPROVED, March 1, 1845.

Circuit courts
in N. Carolina.

S. Carolina.

Georgia.

Southern district
of Alabama.

Louisiana.

Process re-
turnable, how.

CHAP. XLL.—*An Act renewing certain naval pensions for the term of five years.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the pensions for the period of five years, which have been heretofore granted out of the naval pension fund, to the widows of officers, seamen, and marjines, who have been killed or died by reason of a wound received in the line of their duty, or who have died by reason of disease contracted, or of a casualty, by drowning or otherwise, or of injury received while in the line of their duty, and which pensions have ceased in consequence of the expiration of the period for which they were originally granted, or for which they were subsequently renewed, shall be continued for another period of five years, to such of the said widows as have remained unmarried; to commence from the day on which such pensions, respectively, terminated; and to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, That every pension hereby renewed shall cease on the death or intermarriage of the widow to whom the same is hereby granted.

APPROVED, March 3, 1845.

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Pensions heretofore granted to widows continued.

Proviso.

CHAP. XLII.—*An Act to grant certain lands to the State of Indiana, the better to enable the said State to extend and complete the Wabash and Erie canal from Terre Haute to the Ohio river.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and hereby is, granted to the State of Indiana, for the purpose of aiding said State in extending and completing the Wabash and Erie canal from Terre Haute, in the county of Vigo, in said State, to the Ohio river, at Evansville, in said State, as the course thereof has been established and surveyed by the authority of said State, one moiety of the public lands, (remaining unsold, and not otherwise disposed of, encumbered or appropriated,) in a strip five miles in width on each side of said canal; to

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Act of Feb. 27,
1841, ch. 12.

Lands granted
on the canal.

Lands reserved.

Chart of the canal to be reported to Gen'l Land Office.

Lands granted in Vincennes district.

Their selection.

Lands selected to be reported to the register.

Disposal of the lands granted by 1st and 2d sections of this act.

Sale of lands in Vincennes district suspended.

U. S. to have use of the canal free.

Canal to be completed in 15 years, or land to revert to the United States.

Price of the lands limited.

be selected by an agent or agents to be appointed by the Governor of said State, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States; reserving to the United States each alternate section, (or other proper subdivision of said land,) from one end of said canal to the other; and before the selection, to be made as aforesaid by such agent or agents, shall be deemed to have been made and perfected, a chart or charts, showing the courses and distances and points of termination of said canal, shall be reported, or caused to be reported by the Governor of Indiana, or by some person or persons by him appointed to the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, for the purpose hereinbefore mentioned, there be, and hereby is, granted to the said State, in addition to the grant hereinbefore provided for, one moiety of all the other lands in the Vincennes land district, in said State, and which remain, as aforesaid, unsold, and not otherwise disposed of, encumbered or appropriated, to be selected under the authority and by the direction of the Governor of said State: *Provided*, That, in the selection of the lands by this section provided for, no lands shall be comprehended which, in and by the first section of this act, are (in alternate sections or other proper subdivisions) directed to be reserved as aforesaid; and the lands so selected shall be reported, or caused to be reported, by the Governor of said State, to the register of the land office at Vincennes, before such selection shall be deemed to be made and completed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all the lands, by the first and second sections of this act granted as aforesaid, shall, after the selections thereof shall have been made and completed as aforesaid, be subject to be disposed of by the General Assembly of said State, for the purpose aforesaid, and no other; and the President shall direct the further sales of the public lands, in the Vincennes land district aforesaid, to be suspended until the Governor of said State shall have caused the selections aforesaid to be made and perfected as aforesaid, and shall have notified the Secretary of the Treasury thereof: *Provided*, That such suspension shall not continue longer than twelve months from and after the passing of this act.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said canal when completed, shall be and forever remain a public highway for the use of the Government of the United States, free from any toll or other charge whatever, for any property of the United States, or persons in their service, passing through or along the same; and shall be completed within fifteen years from and after the passing of this act, or the State shall be holden to pay to the United States the amount of the price or prices for which any and all of said land which may have been disposed of by said State may have sold; and such of said lands as may not have been thus disposed of shall, from and after said fifteen years, if said canal should not then have been completed, revert to and again become the property of the United States: *Provided always*, That it shall not be competent for the said General Assembly to dispose of said lands, or any of them, at a price lower than, for the time being, shall be the minimum price of other public lands.

APPROVED, March 3, 1845.

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After 1st July next, members of Congress may, during recess, receive letters free.

CHAP. XLIII.—*An Act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, from and after the first day of July next, members of Congress and delegates from Territories, may receive letters, not exceeding two ounces in weight, free of post-