

the records of the circuit and district courts of the northern district of Illinois, destroyed by fire on the ninth of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, under the act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act relating to records of the courts of the United States," the notice required by said act may be served upon any non-resident of said district anywhere within the jurisdiction of the United States, or in any foreign country, the proof of the service of such notice, if made in a foreign country, to be certified by a minister or consul of the United States in such country, under his official seal.

to restore certain lost records of courts in northern district of Illinois, notice to be served on whom, and proof thereof. 1871, ch. 111. Vol. xvi. p. 474.

SEC. 2. That a certified copy of the official return of the district attorney, clerk of the circuit or district court, or the marshal of the northern district of Illinois, made in pursuance of law, and on file in the Department of Justice, relating to any cause in either of said courts to which the United States was a party, the record of which was destroyed in said fire, may be filed in the court to which it appertains, and shall have the same force and effect as if it were an original return made to said court; and in any case in which the names of the parties, and the date and amount of the judgment or decree shall appear from such returns, it shall be lawful for the court in which they are filed to issue the necessary process to enforce such decree or judgment in the same manner as if the original record was before said court.

Certified copies of certain lost official returns to be filed in court and have effect of originals.

When judgments may be enforced.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the district attorney for the northern district of Illinois to take such steps as may be necessary to restore the records and files of the circuit and district courts of said district which were destroyed by fire on the ninth of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and in which the United States is interested, so far as the judges of said courts, respectively, shall deem it essential to the interests of the United States that said records and files be restored; and the judges of said courts, respectively, are authorized to direct such steps to be taken as, in their opinion, shall be deemed advisable to restore the judgment dockets and indices of said courts, and for that purpose, may direct the performance, by the clerks of said courts, and by the United States attorney for said district, of any duty incident thereto, and said clerks and said district attorney shall be allowed such compensation and disbursements for services rendered under this section (in cases where no compensation is now provided by law for such services) as may be allowed by the Attorney-General, and certified to be just and reasonable by the judge of the court in which said services are rendered, and the amount so allowed shall be paid out of the judiciary fund: *Provided, however,* That the sum allowed the clerks of said courts shall not exceed the sum of twelve thousand dollars, and the entire compensation of the United States attorney for such services shall not exceed the sum of six thousand dollars.

District attorney to take steps to restore the records, &c., of said courts under the direction of the judges.

District attorney and clerks to be compensated for services;

allowance not to exceed, &c.

APPROVED, March 18, 1872.

CHAP. LVII. — *An Act to amend Section thirty-five of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce internal Taxes, and for other Purposes."*

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the privileges of an act entitled "An Act to reduce internal taxes, and for other purposes," approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, be, and are hereby extended to the port of Pittsburgh, in the State of Pennsylvania, with the same effect as if it had been inserted in the thirty-fifth section of said act.

Privileges of act 1870, ch. 255, § 35, extended to Pittsburgh. Vol. xvi. p. 211.

APPROVED, March 18, 1872.

CHAP. LVIII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for a Building suited to the Use of the Post-office, the Pension and Revenue Officers, and the judicial Officers of the United States, in the City of Trenton, New Jersey," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.*

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1871, ch. 141. Vol. xvi. p. 587.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the entire cost of the build-

Limit to cost of

public building in Trenton, N. J. ing heretofore authorized to be constructed at Trenton, New Jersey, including the *sight* [site] thereof, be, and the same is hereby, limited to the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated is hereby appropriated for the purpose aforesaid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the said building, instead of being constructed strictly fire-proof, shall have a fire-proof vault extending to each story; and all money heretofore and hereby appropriated shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall cause proper plans and estimates to be made, so that no expenditure shall be made or authorized for the full completion of said building beyond the amount heretofore and hereby appropriated: *Provided*, That no money heretofore or hereby appropriated shall be used or applied for the purpose until a valid title to the land for the site of such building shall be vested in the United States, and until the State shall also duly release and relinquish to the United States the right to tax or in any way assess said site, or the property of the United States that may be thereon, during the time that the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof.

APPROVED, March 18, 1872.

March 18, 1872. CHAP. LIX. — *An Act for the Construction of an Addition to the United States Court-house and Post-office Building in Indianapolis, Indiana, and for the Purchase of additional Ground adjoining the Site of said Building.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and instructed to cause to be erected an addition to the building now owned by the United States in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, to correspond in design to the said building, and suitable for the further accommodation of the United States courts, post-office, local land-offices, and internal revenue and pension offices, at a cost not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars; said addition to be erected on the grounds now owned by the United States.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to negotiate for the purchase of the lot or part of lot lying east of and adjoining the ground on which the United States court-house and post-office building has been erected in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, at a cost to be agreed upon by the owner or owners of said lot or part of lot, and the judges of the circuit and district courts of the United States and the district attorney of the United States for Indiana, and the postmaster at Indianapolis, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided*, That no money which may hereafter be appropriated for this purpose shall be used or expended in the purchase of said lot or part of lot until a valid title thereto shall be vested in the United States, and until the State of Indiana shall cede its jurisdiction over the same, and shall also duly release and relinquish to the United States the right to tax or in any way assess said lot or part of lot, and the property of the United States that may be thereon during the time that the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof.

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March 18, 1872. CHAP. LX. — *An Act to provide for a Building for the Use of the Post-office, Custom-house, Pension-office, United States Circuit and District Courts, and internal Revenue Offices, at Hartford, Connecticut.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be constructed a suitable building at Hartford, Connecticut, for the accommodation of the custom-house, post-office, pension-office, United States circuit and district courts, and internal revenue offices, at a cost not exceeding three hundred