

least once in every three months, and as much oftener as they may deem proper. Their first meeting shall be held at the Capital at the expiration of one week after their appointment shall have been made, and three members shall always constitute a quorum for business. They shall elect from their own number a President and a Permanent Secretary; the latter shall reside at the Capital and shall be their executive officer. No member, except the Secretary, shall receive any compensation, but the actual travelling expenses of the members while engaged in the duties of the Board shall be allowed, and paid out of the General Fund.

Compensation.

Secretary, duties of.

Salary.

Expenses limited.

SEC. 5. The Secretary shall perform and superintend the work prescribed in this Act, and shall perform such other duties as the Board may require. He shall also furnish the Legislature, when in session, such information cognate to this Act as from time to time they may deem necessary. An annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars and his office and other necessary expenses, incurred in the performance of his duties, shall be paid to him in the same manner as that of other State officers.

SEC. 6. The expenses of the Board, including the salary of the Secretary, shall not exceed four thousand dollars a year.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

CHAPTER CCXXIX.

An Act to extend an Act entitled an Act concerning District Court Reporters, approved March thirteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, to certain other judicial districts of the State of California.

[Approved March 18, 1870.]

The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Made applicable.

SECTION 1. The provisions of an Act entitled an Act concerning District Court Reporters, approved March thirteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, are hereby extended and made applicable to the Fifth, Fourteenth and Seventeenth Judicial Districts of this State.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

CHAPTER CCXXX.

An Act to prevent the kidnapping and importation of Mongolian, Chinese and Japanese females, for criminal or demoralizing purposes.

[Approved March 18, 1870.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the business of importing into this State Chinese women for criminal and demoralizing purposes has been car-

ried on extensively during the past year, to the scandal and injury of the people of this State, and in defiance of public decency; and whereas, many of the class referred to are kidnapped in China, and deported at a tender age, without their consent and against their will; therefore, in exercise of the police power appertaining to every State of the Union, for the purpose of remedying the evils above referred to and preventing further wrongs of the same character,

The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. It shall not be lawful, from and after the time when this Act takes effect, to bring, or land from any ship, boat or vessel, into this State, any Mongolian, Chinese or Japanese females, born either in the Empire of China or Japan, or in any of the islands adjacent to the Empire of China, without first presenting to the Commissioner of Immigration evidence satisfactory to him that such female desires voluntarily to come into this State, and is a person of correct habits and good character, and thereupon obtaining from such Commissioner of Immigration a license or permit particularly describing such female and authorizing her importation or immigration. Immigration of Chinese females.

SEC. 2. Any master, officer, owner or part owner of any steamship, sailing or other vessel, or any other person violating any of the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars, or imprisonment for a term not less than two nor more than twelve months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Violation of Act.

SEC. 3. Every individual person of the class hereinbefore referred to, transported into this State contrary to the provisions of this Act, shall render the person so transporting liable to a separate prosecution and penalty, and the transportation of each one as aforesaid shall create a separate and distinct offence, and render the person offending liable to the pains and penalties herein provided.

SEC. 4. The Commissioner of Immigration shall reside and keep his office in the City of San Francisco, and perform all the duties assigned to him by this Act, and also all such duties and functions as may devolve upon such Commissioner under the laws now in force. He shall hold his office for the term of four years, and shall be subject to removal by the Governor. Before entering upon his duties, the Commissioner shall take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office, and file in the office of the Secretary of State a bond in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Governor, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties. The office of Commissioner of Immigration, as it now exists, is hereby declared vacant. Commissioner of Immigration.

SEC. 5. All fees and commissions collected or received by the Commissioner of Immigration shall, less twenty per cent. retained as his fees and commissions, be paid by him into the State treasury each month, and a detailed statement of the same, verified by oath, shall be, at the time of each payment, Fees and commission.

filed by him in the office of the Controller of State. Such stationery as he may require shall be furnished to him by the Secretary of State.

County
Courts
to have
jurisdiction.

SEC. 6. The County Courts throughout the State shall each have jurisdiction of prosecutions for offences against the provisions of this Act.

Repealed.

SEC. 7. All Acts and parts of Acts, so far as they may be in conflict with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

CHAPTER CCXXXI.

An Act to prevent the importation of Chinese criminals and to prevent the establishment of Coolie slavery.

[Approved March 18, 1870.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Criminals and malefactors are being constantly imported from Chinese seaports, whose depredations upon property entail burdensome expense upon the administration of criminal justice in this State; and whereas, by the importation of such persons a species of slavery is established and maintained which is degrading to the laborer and at war with the spirit of the age; now, therefore, in the exercise of the police powers appertaining to this State.

The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Mongolian
immigration

SECTION 1. It shall not be lawful, from and after the time when this Act takes effect, to bring or to land from any ship, boat or vessel, into this State, any Chinese or Mongolian, born either in the Empire of China or Japan, or in any of the islands adjacent to the Empire of China, without first presenting to the Commissioner of Immigration evidence satisfactory to him that such Chinaman or Mongolian desires voluntarily to come into this State, and is a person of correct habits and good character, and thereupon obtaining from such Commissioner of Immigration a license or permit, particularly describing such Chinaman or Mongolian and authorizing his importation or immigration.

Violation of
Act.

SEC. 2. Any master, officer, owner or part owner of any steamship, sailing or other vessel, or any other person, violating any of the provisions of this Act, or assisting in such violation, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for a term of not less than two nor more than twelve months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 3. Every individual person of the class hereinbefore referred to, transported into this State contrary to the provisions of this Act, shall render the person so transporting liable to a separate prosecution and penalty, and the transportation of each