EXHIBIT A

CHAP. 345.—An Act To amend section 51 of chapter 4 of the Judicial Code.

September 19, 1922.
[S. 3918.]
[Public, No. 311.]

Judicial Code.
Vol. 36, p. 1101, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 51 of chapter 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to codify, revise, and amend the laws relating to the Judiciary," approved March 3, 1911, be amended so as to read as follows:

District courts.
Venue of suits.

"SEC. 51. Except as provided in the five succeeding sections, no person shall be arrested in one district for trial in another in any civil action before a district court; and, except as provided in the six succeeding sections, no civil suit shall be brought in any district court against any person by any original process or proceeding in any other district than that whereof he is an inhabitant; but where the jurisdiction is founded only on the fact that the action is between citizens of different States, suit shall be brought only in the district of the residence of either the plaintiff or the defendant: *Provided, however,* That any civil suit, action, or proceeding brought by or on behalf of the United States, or by or on behalf of any officer of the United States authorized by law to sue, may be brought in any district whereof the defendant is an inhabitant, or where there be more than one defendant in any district whereof any one of the defendants, being a necessary party, or being jointly, or jointly and severally, liable, is an inhabitant, or in any district wherein the cause of action or any part thereof arose; and in any such suit, action, or proceeding process, summons, or subpœna against any defendant issued from the district court of the district wherein such suit is brought shall run in any other district, and service thereof upon any defendant may be made in any district within the United States or the territorial or insular possessions thereof in which any such defendant may be found with the same force and effect as if the same had been served within the district in which said suit, action, or proceeding is brought. The word 'district' and the words 'district court' as used herein shall be construed to include the District of Columbia and the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia: *Provided further,* That this Act shall be effective for a period of three years only, after which said section 51, chapter 4, as it exists in the present law shall be and remain in full force and effect."

Provisos.
Suits by the Government.

Service of process in any district or in any territorial or insular possessions.

Courts of District of Columbia included.

Amendment effective only for three years.

Approved, September 19, 1922.