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UNITED STATES LAWS.

An act allowing appeals and writs of error from the decisions in the District Court in the northern District of New York, in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That appeals and writs of error shall be from decisions in the District Court for the Northern District of New York, when exercising the powers of a Circuit Court, and from decisions which may be made by the Circuit Court for the Southern District of said State, in cases heretofore removed to said Circuit Court, from the said District Court sitting as a Circuit Court, to the Supreme Court of the United States, in the same manner as from Circuit Courts.

JOHN W. TAYLOR, Speaker of the House of Representatives JOHN C. CALHOUN, Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate. Approved—May 18, 1826. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

An act authorizing the payment of interest due to the State of New York.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury Department be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to liquidate and settle the claim of the State of New York, against the United States, for interest upon loans on moneys borrowed, and actually expended by her, for the use and benefit of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That, in ascertaining the amount of interest, as aforesaid, due to the State of New York, the following rules shall be understood as applicable to, and governing the case, to wit: First, that interest shall not be computed on any sum which New York has not expended for the use and benefit of the United States, as evidenced by the amount refunded or repaid to New York, by the United States; Second, that no interest shall be paid on any sum on which she has not paid interest; Third, that, when the principal, or any part of it, has been paid or refunded by the United States, or money placed in the hands of New York for that purpose, the interest on the sum or sums so paid or refunded, shall cease, and not be considered as chargeable in the United States, any longer than up to the time of the repayment as aforesaid.

An act to compensate the Registers and Receivers of the Land Offices, for Extra Services rendered under the provisions of the act of the second of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-one.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the services rendered by the Registers and Receivers of the several Land Districts, in carrying into effect the act for the relief of the purchasers of Public Lands, prior to the first day of July, eighteen hundred and twenty, passed on the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, and the several acts supplementary thereto, the Secretary of the Treasury, with the approbation of the President, in addition to the fees allowed by the said act and supplementary acts, shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to make such allowance and compensation to each of the said officers, as shall appear to him to be reasonable and just; which allowance shall, in no case, exceed the expenditure incurred in clerk hire, by any Register or Receiver, in consequence of the duties imposed upon those officers by the provisions of the said act, and the act supplementary thereto, and the one-half of one per cent, on the amount of payments made by relinquishments and discounts, calculating the value of the lands relinquished at the rate of two dollars per acre: Provided, That the allowance made on account of percentage, including their annual salary, and including their commission on the money actually paid, shall, in no case, exceed, to any one officer for any one year, the sum of three thousand dollars.

An act making appropriations for the Public Buildings in Washington, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, respectively appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the following purposes, that is to say: For finishing the large room in the President's House; for the purchase of furniture, and for repairs of the House, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars; for finishing the fences, and grading and improving the grounds connected with the President's House, the sum of five thousand eight hundred and sixty-five dollars; for continuing the work on the Capitol, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; for repair of hose for fire engine, the sum of three hundred dollars; for the widow of Giovanni Andrei, four hundred dollars, to defray the expenses of her return to Italy.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That all furniture purchased for the use of the President's House, shall be, as far as practicable, of American or domestic manufacture.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioner of Public Buildings shall hereafter receive the sum of two thousand dollars per annum as his salary, to be paid to him as other salaries are paid, and any law heretofore author-

izing him to employ a clerk in his office shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Approved—May 21, 1826.

An act to provide for paying certain Pensioners at Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to send a Pension Agency at Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, for the payment of pensioners of the United States, resident in the counties of Monroe, Morgan, Perry, Gormey, Belmont, Jefferson, Harrison, Tucker, Holmes, Wayne, Stark, Columbus, Trumbull, Ashland, Geauga, Portage, Cuyahoga, Larkin, Medina, Huron, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wickland, in the State of Ohio, and the counties of Alleghany, Armstrong, Butler, Beaver, Washington, Westmoreland, Indiana, and Jefferson, in the State of Pennsylvania.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to make the necessary arrangements with the Bank of the United States, for paying the before-mentioned pensioners, at the office of Discount and Deposits of said bank, at Pittsburg, as in other cases.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

Resolution directing Surveys and Estimates for Dry Docks.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States cause an examination and accurate survey to be made by skillful engineers, a site for a dry dock, at the Navy Yard at Portsmouth, New-Hampshire; Charleston, Massachusetts; Brooklyn, New-York; and Gosport, Virginia; and that such engineer be required to state the dimensions necessary for such establishment, the objects that apply to either, with a detailed estimate of the expense of a suitable site, and of constructing a dock at each of said places; and that the President be requested to communicate the same to Congress in the first week of the next session.

Approved—May 22, 1826.

An act for improving certain harbours, and the navigation of certain Rivers and Creeks, and for authorizing surveys to be made of certain Bays, Sounds, and Rivers, therein mentioned.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, to be applied under the direction of the President of the United States, to accomplish the purposes herein mentioned, to wit: In the State of Maine, one thousand two hundred dollars, for building a pier, on Steep's Leap, near the Harbour of Belfast.

In the State of Massachusetts, three thousand five hundred dollars, for the preservation of the point of land forming Provincetown Harbour.

In the State of New York, fifteen thousand dollars, for building a pier, and repairing the old one, at the mouth of Buffalo Creek; and three thousand dollars for cleaning out and deepening the Harbour of Sackett's Harbour.

In the State of Delaware, twenty two thousand dollars for building piers, at proper sites in the River Delaware, at New Castle, and three thousand dollars for repairing the old piers at the same place, and deepening the water around them.

In the State of Ohio, five thousand six hundred and twenty dollars, to remove obstructions at the mouth of Grand River; twelve thousand dollars for the same purpose, at the mouth of Ashtabula Creek; two thousand dollars for the same purpose, at the mouth of Cunningham Creek; and five thousand dollars, for the same purpose, in Huron River; and four hundred dollars for making a survey of Sandusky Bay, to ascertain the expediency and expense of constructing piers, to improve the navigation thereof, and of placing buoys therein.

In the State of Maine, two hundred dollars for making a survey to ascertain the practicability and utility of removing obstructions to navigation in Pisquaque River, and the expense of effecting the same.

In the State of Massachusetts, five hundred dollars for making surveys of the following places, to wit: the flat on the north-west side of the Harbour of Edgartown, to ascertain the practicability of building a Light House thereon, and the utility of the same navigation, and of preventing the said harbour from being filled up with sand.

The bar at the mouth of Merrimack River, and the practicability of deepening the channel over the same, and the Harbour of Ayannis, in the Vineyard Sound, to ascertain what improvements can be made in the same for the safe anchorage of vessels, and the expense of effecting severally these objects.

In the State of Connecticut, four hundred dollars for making a survey of Saugatuck River and Harbour, and to ascertain the expediency and expense of removing the obstructions to the navigation thereof, and of facilitating the commercial intercourse between the port of Saugatuck and the City of New York.

In the State of New York two hundred dollars for making a survey of Oswego Bay and Harbour, for ascertaining the expediency and expense of constructing piers, to improve the navigation thereof.

In the State of Pennsylvania, one hundred dollars, to defray the expense of a survey of the public piers at Chester, in the River Delaware, in order to determine the expediency of accepting the cessation thereof made by the State of Pennsylvania, and the expense of repairing the same.

In the State of North Carolina, one thousand dollars for making a survey of the Swash, in Pamptico Sound, near Ocracoke Inlet, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the channel through the same can be deepened; and also one on Cape Fear River, below the town of Wilmington, [Wilmington,] for the same purpose, and also for a survey of Roanoke Inlet and Sound, with the view of ascertaining the practicability of making a permanent ship channel between Albermarle Sound and the Atlantic Ocean, at Roanoke Inlet or elsewhere, and a statement of the costs of effecting, severally, these objects.

moving the obstructions, and deepening the Harbour of Mobile.

In the Territory of Michigan, two hundred dollars for making a survey of La Plaisance Bay, to ascertain the expediency of improving the navigation thereof, and the expense of effecting the same.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the several sums herein appropriated be, and the same are hereby, credited to be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

An act to provide for erecting a Penitentiary in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to appoint three commissioners, whose duty it shall be to select a proper site in the District of Columbia, on which to erect a Penitentiary, for the said District.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That, as soon as the said commissioners shall have selected the said site, and the President of the United States shall have approved thereof, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the Public Buildings to cause to be built thereon, of substantial materials, a Penitentiary for the said District, sufficiently large to contain eighty separate cells, and other necessary apartments, for the residence of the Keeper of the said Penitentiary, and other purposes; and on a plan to be approved by the President of the United States, and enclose the same in a securely walled yard of sufficient dimensions to allow room to employ the convicts who may be there confined at any kind of labour which may be found most profitable.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That, for the purpose of defraying the expense of erecting the said building, there is hereby appropriated the sum of forty thousand dollars, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, to cause the present jail in the city of Washington to be so altered and repaired, as to make it a suitable, convenient, healthy, and comfortable prison for the use of the city and county of Washington, for the making and finishing of which repairs, the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioner shall also select a site in the county of Alexandria, for a county jail, on which it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the Public Buildings to cause a county jail, for the city and county of Alexandria, to be erected and finished on a plan to be approved by the President of the United States. And there is hereby appropriated, for the building of the said jail, the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

An act to extend the width of the Washington Canal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Washington Canal Company be, and are hereby, authorized to increase the width of the Washington Canal, from seventh street west to its western extremity, by removing its southern boundary to a distance not exceeding one hundred and fifty feet from its northern boundary, and also to form a basin on the Canal between sixth and seventh streets, west, according to such plan as shall be approved by the President of the United States.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said Canal Company, within five years from and after the passing of this act, to cause the bed of the said Canal, through its whole length, to the Eastern Branch, to be so constructed as to contain water at least one foot in depth at ordinary low tide.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

An act making appropriations to defray the expense of negotiating and carrying into effect certain Indian Treaties.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the objects hereinafter mentioned, that is to say: To carry into effect sundry stipulations of treaties with the Cherokees, Creeks, Sacks, and Foxes, loways, Quapaws, and Choctaws, namely: For the payment of the annuity provided for by the second article of the Cherokee treaty, of twenty-fourth of October, eighteen hundred and four, an-

usually, forever, one thousand dollars.— For payment of the fifth and last installment, due in the present year, on the claims of the citizens of Georgia, against the Creek nation, under the fourth article of the treaty with said nation, of the eighth January, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, twenty-three thousand dollars.

For the annuity of the Sack and Fox Indians, provided for by the third article of the treaty with them, of fourth August, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, annually, for nine years, one thousand dollars.— For the annuity of the loways, provided for by the second article of the treaty with them, of fourth August, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, annually, for nine years, five hundred dollars.

For the expense, annually, of supporting blacksmiths, furnishing farming utensils and cattle, and employing persons to aid the Sacks and Foxes and loways, in agriculture, as provided for by the fourth and fifth articles of the aforesaid treaties with them, three thousand dollars.

For the annuity of the Quapaws, provided for the second article of the treaty with them, of fifteenth November, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, annually, for ten years, one thousand dollars.

For the annuities provided for by the second and third articles of the treaty of twentieth January, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, with the Choctaw nation, (six thousand dollars annually, for fifteen years, and six thousand dollars, annually, forever,) and by the tenth article of said treaty, of one hundred and fifty dollars, for Robert Cole, a Choctaw Chief, during life, twelve thousand one hundred and fifty dollars.

For the payment of the annuity due to the Chickasaw nation, for the year eighteen hundred and twenty-one, under the several treaties with them, which has remained unpaid in consequence of the delinquency of the late agent, Robert C. Nicholas, and against whom suit has been instituted for the recovery of the amount, thirty-five thousand one hundred dollars.

To carry into effect the treaties with the Osages, of the second, and with the Kansas, of the 3d June, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, namely: For surveying the lands reserved to said Indians by said treaties, ten thousand dollars.

For the payment of the annuities to the Osage and Kansas Indians, as provided for by the third article of said treaties, of seven hundred dollars in lieu of all former annuities, to the former, and three thousand five hundred dollars to the latter, annually, for twenty years, ten thousand five hundred dollars.

For the purchase of cattle, hogs, and other domestic animals, as stipulated for by the fourth articles of said treaties, including the expense of transportation and delivery of the same, fourteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

For the expense of building four houses for Osage Chiefs, as stipulated for by the said fourth article of the treaty with them, and one for the principal Kansas Chief, (as estimated for by General Clark,) ten thousand dollars.

For carrying into effect the provisions of the aforesaid treaties, relative to agents, blacksmiths, agriculturists, and other persons to be employed for the benefit of said Indians, including the expense of erecting the necessary buildings for the accommodation of such persons, for tools, and all other expenses connected with said provisions, fourteen thousand one hundred and fifty dollars.

For payment of the debts due by the Kansas Indians to Francis G. Chouteau, and by the Osages to Augusta P. Chouteau, Paul Baillio, and William S. Williams, as provided for by the eighth and thirteenth articles of said treaties, two thousand dollars.

For payment of claims of citizens for depredations committed by the Kansas and Osage Indians, as provided for by the seventh and ninth articles of the aforesaid treaties, eight thousand dollars.

For the expense incurred under the ninth article of the treaty with the Kansas, and eighth and twelfth articles of the treaty with the Osages, and all other expenses attending the negotiation of said treaties, eighteen thousand three hundred and six dollars and seventy cents.

To carry into effect the treaty with the Shawnees, of seventeenth November, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, namely: For surveying the lands granted to the Shawnees, by the second article of said treaty, one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.— For the payment of the sum stipulated for, and by same article of said treaty, for the improvements abandoned by the Indians, on the lands ceded by them, and the inconveniences of removal, fourteen thousand dollars.— For payment of the claims of the Shawnees against citizens of the United States,

as provided for in the fourth article of said treaty, eleven thousand dollars.— For carrying into effect the provision of the said fourth article, relative to a blacksmith, including the expense of tools, iron, and the erection of the necessary buildings for the blacksmith's quarters and shop, two thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

For expenses incurred in the negotiation of said treaty, one thousand six hundred dollars.— To carry into effect a stipulation contained in the treaty concluded at Prairie du Chien, nineteenth August last, with certain tribes of Indians, for holding two general Councils with the Indians, on Lake Superior, and Green Bay, (as per accompanying copy of a detailed estimates [estimate] for these, and the other objects which follow, furnished by Governor Cass,) twenty-seven thousand dollars.

For carrying into effect the stipulation of the fourth article of the treaty with the Miamies, of sixth October, eighteen hundred and eighteen, providing for a gunsmith, the annual sum of six hundred dollars.— To carry into effect the provision of the same article of said treaty, for the delivery of one hundred and sixty bushels of salt, annually, to the Miamies, the annual sum of three hundred dollars.

To carry into effect the provision of the third article of the treaty with the Delawares, Shawnees, Pottawatomies, Miamies, Kickapoo, Eel Rivers Weas, Piankeshaws, and Kaskaskias, of seventh June, eighteen hundred and three, for the delivery of one hundred and fifty bushels of salt, annually, to said Indians, the annual sum of three hundred dollars.

For arrearages of salt due to the Indians, under the provisions of the treaty aforesaid, six hundred and forty dollars.— For the payment of the annuity secured to the Christian Indians, so called, in consideration of the relinquishment of their title to three sections of land, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, by the agreements entered into with Governor Cass, for that purpose, filed in the General Land Office and by the act of Congress of twenty-sixth May, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, (seventh section,) the annual sum of four hundred dollars.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

An act further to amend the Charter of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Levy Court of Washington County, in the District of Columbia, shall not possess the power of assessing any tax on real or personal property within the limits of the Corporation of Georgetown, nor shall the Corporation of the said town be obliged to contribute in any manner towards the expenses or expenditures of said Court, except for the one-fourth part of the expenses incurred on account of the Orphan's Court, the office of Coroner, the jail of said county, and one half of the expenses for the opening and repairing of roads in the county of Washington, west of Rock Creek, and leading to Georgetown: Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the said Court, or the Collector by them appointed, from collecting all taxes which have been levied by the said Court on real and personal property within the limits of Georgetown, before the passage of this act, and of appropriating the same according to present existing laws; but that it shall be the duty of the said Court, and they are hereby authorized and directed to use all the powers which they are now invested, for collecting the said tax: And provided further, That all laws now in force, which make it the duty of the said Court to provide for the support of the poor residing within the limits of Georgetown, be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and that henceforth it shall be the duty of the said Court to provide for the support of such only of the poor of the county as reside out of the limits of Washington.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the said Corporation may, for the general purposes mentioned in the charter of said town, and for the support of the poor annually, lay a tax on all real and personal property within the limits of Georgetown, not exceeding seventy cents in the hundred dollars, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That this act shall commence and be in force from and after the passage thereof.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

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ENTERED on the Ranger's book in Burke county, by Absalom Strutton, living on Lower Creek, a bright sorrel horse, about fourteen hands high, with a blaze in his forehead extending to the end of his nose.

JACOB FORNEY, Ranger. June 19th, 1826. 2621