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Laws of the United States: Passed at the First Session of the 21st Congress.

AN ACT for the relief of certain officers and soldiers of the Virginia line and Navy, and of the continental Army, during the Revolutionary war.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the officers and soldiers, sailors and marines, who were in the service of Virginia on her own State establishment during the Revolutionary war, and who were entitled to military land bounties, by the laws and resolutions of that State, their heirs and assigns, shall be, and they are hereby authorized to surrender, to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, such of their warrants for the said land-bounties as shall remain unsatisfied in whole or in part, and to receive certificates or scrip for the same, at any time before the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, which certificates or scrip shall be issued by the said Secretary, and signed by him, and countersigned by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, in the following manner, that is to say: There shall be a separate certificate or scrip for such sum as shall, at the time of issuing the same, be equal to the then minimum price of each quantity of eighty acres of land due by such warrant; and remaining unsatisfied at the time of such surrender, and like certificate or scrip for such sum as, at the time, shall be equal to the minimum price of the quantity that shall so remain unsatisfied, of any such warrant after such subdivisions of the amount into quantities of eighty acres. And where any such warrant shall have been lost or mislaid, by time and accident, it shall and may be lawful for the party desiring to surrender the same, to surrender an official copy thereof, certified under the seal of the land office of Virginia, with the affidavit of the party endorsed upon, or accompanying the same, stating that such warrant has been lost or mislaid, and that the original hath not been sold or transferred, to the knowledge or belief of the party so surrendering, or his or her guardian.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to request the Executive of Virginia, to furnish him with a statement of all such warrants, within the purview of this act, as have already issued, showing the number and date of each warrant, and the quantity of acres granted by each, and also a monthly statement of the same description, showing the number, date, and quantity, of such warrants as shall hereafter be granted. And no warrant shall be taken to be within the provisions of this act, which shall hereafter be granted, unless the Executive of Virginia shall cause a certificate to be endorsed thereon, signed by some proper officer, stating that the party to whom such warrant shall be so granted, his, her or their ancestor or devivor, was entitled thereto by some law or resolution of the said State, in force at the time of the deed of cession, by the State of Virginia, to the United States.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That before the Secretary of the Treasury shall issue the scrip required by the provisions of this bill, the applicants shall produce to him the certificate of the Surveyor of the Register of the Land Office in Kentucky, and the certificate of the Surveyor of the military lands of the Virginia line that the warrants (when the original is presented, or the copy, when the original has been lost or destroyed) has not been located, surveyed, or patented, in Kentucky, attested by the seal of his office.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the certificates or scrip to be issued by virtue of this act, shall be receivable in payment for any after the same shall have been offered at public sale, and shall remain unsold at any of the Land Offices of the United States, established, or to be established, in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. And all such certificates or scrip as shall be issued by virtue of this

act, shall be assignable, by endorsements thereon, attested by two witnesses: *Provided,* That all certificates or scrip to be issued, in virtue of any warrant hereafter to be granted, shall be issued to the party originally entitled thereto, or his heir or heirs, devisee or devisees, as the case may be.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That the provisions of this act shall be deemed and taken to extend to all such officers, soldiers, sailors, marines, chaplains, musicians, surgeons and surgeon's mates, in the land or sea service of the State of Virginia during the Revolutionary war, and generally, to every person to whom the State had engaged to pay a land bounty for services in that war, of any description, by any law or resolution passed before, and in force at the date of the said deed of cession; except only such persons as are mentioned in, and provided for by the reservation contained in the said deed of cession in favor of the officers and soldiers of the State on continental establishment: *Provided,* That no scrip issued under the provisions of this act, shall entitle the holder to enter or purchase any settled or occupied lands, without the written consent of such settlers or occupants, as may be actually residing on said lands at the time the same shall be entered or applied for: *And provided, also,* That the amount of land thus located shall not exceed two hundred and sixty thousand acres.

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That the provisions of the first and fourth sections of this act, shall extend to and embrace owners of military land warrants issued by the United States, in satisfaction of claims for bounty land for services during the Revolutionary war; and that the laws, heretofore enacted, providing for the issuing said warrants, are hereby revived and continued in force for two years.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That the provisions of this act shall also be deemed and taken to extend to all the unsatisfied warrants of the Virginia army, on continental establishment: *Provided,* That the quantity thereof shall not exceed fifty thousand acres, in addition to the two hundred and sixty thousand acres heretofore authorized to be located by their State line.

A. STEVENSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
J. C. CALHOUN,
Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.
Approved, May 31, 1830.
ANDREW JACKSON,

An Act making appropriations for examinations and surveys, and also for certain works of Internal Improvement.

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 as may be considered practicable.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is, hereby appropriated for the purpose of opening, grading, and making the Cumberland road, westwardly of Lanesville, in the State of Ohio; and that the sum of sixty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of opening, grading, and abridging the Cumberland road, in the State of Indiana, commencing at Indianapolis, and progressing with the work to the eastern and western boundaries of said State; and that the sum of forty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of opening, grading, and abridging the Cumberland road, in the State of Illinois; which said sums shall be paid out of any money not otherwise appropriated, and replaced out of the fund reserved for laying out and making roads, under the direction of Congress, by the several acts passed for the admission of the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri, into the Union, on an equal footing with the original States.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That for the immediate accomplishment of these objects, the superintendents heretofore appointed or hereafter to be appointed in the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, shall, under the direction of the President of the United States, faithfully execute the work, and disburse the money, giving bond and security as he shall direct, and receiving such compensation as in his opinion shall be equitable and just, not exceeding to each that heretofore allowed by law to the Superintendent of the Cumberland road in the State of Ohio.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby granted, for claims due and remaining unpaid at the Treasury, on account of the Cumberland road, east of Wheeling, to be paid out of

any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

ANDREW STEVENSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
J. C. CALHOUN,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
I approve this bill, and ask a reference to my communication to Congress of this date, in relation thereto.
ANDREW JACKSON.
Approved, May 31, 1830.

From the Southern Religious Telegraph.
THE BIBLE CAUSE.
To the friends of the Bible throughout North Carolina.

It is generally known, that the American Bible Society, at its annual meeting in May, 1829, adopted the resolution of supplying, in two years, all the destitute families in the United States with the Holy Scriptures. The Society did not adopt this memorable resolution without solemn deliberation, without being fully aware of the magnitude of the enterprise which they were about to undertake, and without having received numerous pledges of valuable assistance from distinguished friends of the Bible cause, in different sections of the country. Such an enterprise needs only to be mentioned, in order to commend itself to the patriotism, the philanthropy, and the piety of this whole nation. The speedy introduction of the sacred writings into "eight hundred thousand families," which have been hitherto "unblessed" with the oracles of God, must exert an influence on our population and be attended with results which no finite mind can estimate. This great Society, which is truly national in its views and labors, and which numbers amongst its warm friends and liberal patrons the most excellent characters of various denominations in the United States, printed or purchased, the past year, 308,000 copies of the Holy Scriptures, averaging nearly 1,000 copies per day. In the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland, the work is already accomplished. In the six New England States and in the State of New York the supply is so far effected, that a few months will probably cause its completion. In Virginia, twelve agents are now in the service of the State Society, about 18 counties have already been supplied, and strong expectations are entertained that the remainder will also be supplied before the next anniversary.

"In the other States, and in the territories the work is less forward, but many extensive districts, especially in Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia, have been supplied, and almost every where much preparatory labor has been performed; and the Board think that the work of supplying all the destitute families in the United States with the Bible in two years from May last, is still practicable, if the friends of the institution will all co-operate. With prompt and energetic effort on the part of all, the means may be raised, and the Board wish it to be distinctly understood, that without great effort both on the part of the old States and the new, the work cannot be done. If many of those societies which have purchased books on credit do not pay for them within a few months, the work cannot be done. If those societies which have pledged donations, do not in some good measure redeem their pledges, the work cannot be done. If those counties which are yet to be supplied, do not enter on the supply at once, the work cannot be done. The great danger as to the failure in this enterprise is from "the thief of time," procrastination: Conquer this enemy and the work is done, every family has its Bible by May, 1831."

Permit us now to invite your attention more particularly to the Bible cause in North Carolina. Extensive operations were not commenced in this State at as early a period as in several other sections of the Union, since November, however, fifteen or sixteen thousand Bibles and Testaments have been procured by our different Bible Societies. Of these, 8,000 Bibles and 1,000 Testaments were procured by the North Carolina Bible Society, and forwarded to the following places, viz: 1,500 to Edenton, 500 to Plymouth, 1,500 to Washington, 1,500 to Newbern, 1,500 to Wilmington, 500 to Fayetteville, and 1,000 to Raleigh. It was expected that nearly all these Bibles would have been distributed during the winter and spring. But the society has been greatly disappointed in their efforts to obtain the services of a sufficient number of well qualified agents. The consequence is, that a large proportion of the books have not yet been distributed. The work of distribution will be prosecuted even in the low country to some considerable extent during the summer, and be finished next winter. In Iredell, Caswell, Granville, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington counties, the

good work has already been accomplished. In Beaufort, Craven, Robeson, Wake, Person, Rowan, Cabarrus and Guilford, it is expected the supply will in a few weeks be completed. Agents have either commenced, or are soon to begin their operations in Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Wilkes, Surry, Orange, Franklin, Nash, Warren, Halifax, Northampton, Cumberland, Richmond, Chowan, Perquimons, Pasquotank, and perhaps a few other counties. Preparatory measures have been already adopted for extensive operations, and the general agents propose to visit with as little delay as possible many other counties in different parts of the State. One of them will probably proceed as far east as Camden and Currituck, the other, as far west as Haywood and Macon.

A few counties have formed societies, and commenced with a good degree of zeal the benevolent work of supplying their destitute families with Bibles without waiting to be visited by an agent. The field which we are called to occupy is very extensive, and the time allotted us to accomplish a great work is short, we hope other counties will exhibit equal zeal in this glorious cause. Even half a dozen cordial friends might form a society, procure Bibles either on credit or as a donation from the parent society of N. Y. and speedily furnish every destitute family in their country with a copy of the sacred volume. The object is surely worthy of special efforts, of uniring zeal, and liberal pecuniary assistance. Whilst in other States during the past year many have contributed to the Bible cause their twenties, their thirties, their fifties, their hundreds, and a few even their thousands, there have not been wanting in North Carolina instances of commendable zeal and liberality. Washington county was chiefly supplied by a few benevolent persons, some of whom contributed \$20 each. Iredell having at considerable expense provided for its own wants, has purchased 600 Bibles and procured an agent for an adjacent county. To obtain the necessary funds, a subscription was commenced to ascertain how many persons could be found in the county, who would give \$10 each. Twelve \$10 subscriptions were soon obtained, and it was expected the number would be increased twenty or more. Rowan County Bible Society has voted to use its endeavors to raise during the present year \$1,000. One person immediately subscribed \$25, and ten others \$10 each. No doubt was entertained but many persons not present at the meeting would subscribe liberally. In Caswell, one lady has given her gold watch, another \$20. Granville Bible Society having supplied its own numerous destitute families, has voted to raise \$2000. Several persons subscribed \$30 each, others \$20, \$25, &c. This Society has recently purchased 2,000 Bibles for the purpose of assisting in supplying five neighboring counties. In Wake, the friends of the Bible have voted to raise \$1,000, and one person in Raleigh has subscribed 100 dollars. We could mention gentlemen in other counties who have given their tens and their fifties, and Thomas Biewitt, of the Baptist denomination, in Richmond county in this State, has just made a donation of one thousand dollars to the American Bible Society.

These are praiseworthy examples, and might easily be imitated by thousands in North Carolina. Should the friends of the Bible in this State generally exhibit an equal degree of zeal and liberality in this good work, we would soon have the necessary means for supplying "our thirty thousand destitute families" with the bread of life. But it ought not to be concealed that whilst we have procured nearly 20,000 copies of the Holy Scriptures, payment as yet has been made for only a small proportion of them. Should the glorious author of the Bible graciously smile on our humble efforts, ten thousand copies, more of the sacred writing will be procured in the course of this year, and the supply of our whole State be completed by April, 1831.

If this great work shall be accomplished, (and who would not regret its failure) it is much to be feared there will be a deficiency of funds to the amount of several thousand dollars. This consideration will afford some apology, if any be needed, for our earnestness and personal address.

Reader! have you done any thing for "the special Bible effort?" Any thing for your town, your country, your State, or your nation?—any thing corresponding with your means, and worthy of the God-like object? If so, we congratulate you on having lent your assistance to carry forward one of the noblest enterprises of this age. A gentleman, who has seen as much of this religious world as almost any other man living, writes from Greece, in reference to the present attitude of the Bible cause in the United States. "This is an example worthy to be held up to

the view of christianized Europe, and of all nations." "It will appear noble even to those who shall behold the Millennial glory." But have you as yet done anything? The present is a most favorable time for you to perform your part; and your prompt and generous assistance and cordial co-operation with other friends is greatly needed to place the oracles of God in every family in your community—in your State. If you put forth no efforts and make no sacrifices—if you remain idle spectators, whilst others perform all the labor and sustain all the expense, and glorious rewards, pertaining to the accomplishment of this sublime enterprise. They will belong to others, and not to you.

P. W. DOWD, Agents of the American Bible Society, Raleigh, May, 1830.
P. S. Money for the Bible cause in N. C. may be sent by mail, or otherwise, to either of the following gentlemen in Raleigh, viz: William Hill, Esq. Joseph Gates, Esq. or the Rev. Wm. McPheeters, D. D.

The BIBLE Cause, in Davidson County, N. C. Lexington, June 26th, 1830.

Agreeably to appointment, a number of persons assembled this day, in the Court-House, for the purpose of erecting the BIBLE Society in this place, a few weeks previous. The meeting was commenced by singing an appropriate Hymn, and by an address to the throne of Grace. The Rev. Mr. Gould, agent of the American Bible Society, for North Carolina, then explained the object of the meeting, and the nature and importance of the work proposed to them. Rev. Mr. Reck, then followed with a suitable address upon the subject, and after him, Rev. Mr. Rosenmiller also addressed the meeting.

The subject being thus plainly laid before the minds of the people, they proceeded to business and appointed Rev. Mr. Reck, Chairman, and Mr. J. Foster, Secretary, of the meeting. The following Resolutions were then proposed and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, 1st. That this meeting deeply feel the importance and necessity of having every family in the United States, supplied with a copy of the Bible, agreeably to the resolution of the American Bible Society, and that we will accordingly unite our exertions in endeavouring to accomplish this work in Davidson county.

Resolved, 2ndly. That we now proceed to form a Bible Society for this county, as the most convenient and efficient plan for accomplishing this work amongst us.

The meeting then proceeded to nominate and appoint officers for a Bible Society. A cordingly James Wiseman, Esq. was appointed President: Dr. Wm. Holt, Messrs. A. Caldwell, David Mock, and Joseph Conrad, Vice Presidents; Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller Corresponding Sec'y; Mr. J. Foster, Recording Secretary; and Mr. H. R. Dusenbury, Treasurer. In addition to these officers, there were also nine Directors of the Society appointed. The Society being thus duly organized, it was,

Resolved, That the corresponding Secretary be authorized to write to the Agent of the American Bible Society, for 500 Bibles, to supply this county, fifty of which shall be in the German, and the other in the English language.

Resolved, That Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller, Dr. Charles L. Payne, Messrs. B. D. Rounsaville, A. Caldwell and J. Conrad be appointed as a committee to draft a suitable constitution for this society and report accordingly at the next meeting.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to the Editors of the Salisbury papers, with the request that they be published.

The society then, after having united with Rev. Mr. Gould in tendering their thanks to the God of the Bible for his goodness and their prayers to him for his blessing upon the future labours in this good work, then adjourned to meet again in the same place, on Monday the fifth of July at 10 o'clock, A. M. This the good work of placing the Bible in every family, has been commenced in Davidson county, and every circumstance tends to confirm us in the belief that