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AN ACT for the relief of John Bate.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury in the settlement of the accounts of John Bate, arising under the lease from the United States of the public salt works on the Washash, in the Illinois Territory, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to make such allowance to the said John Bate, for the permanent improvements made at said salt work, as he shall think reasonable and just. And also to make such reduction in the rent stipulated to be paid by the said John Bate, as shall appear just & equitable, in consequence of any deterioration in the quantity, or diminution in the quantity, of water of said saline, as may be proven to his satisfaction; as also such further allowance, as he may think reasonable, for loss sustained in said salt works by the extraordinary inundation of the river Ohio in the months of April and May, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen: Provided, however, that the whole amount of allowance and deduction so made shall not exceed the amount of money which, by the original contract, may be now due to the United States from the said John Bate.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore. April 3, 1818.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT for the relief of Abraham Byington.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Post Master General be, and he is hereby directed to be empowered to remit, in favor of Abraham Byington, of the state of Vermont, the sum of one hundred and thirty-four dollars and thirty cents, being that part of the judgment obtained against him as security for Robert Gilmore, which partake of the nature of a penalty, on account of the said Gilmore.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore. April 3, 1818.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT concerning the bounty or allowance to fishing vessels in certain cases.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States of America in Congress assembled, That where any fishing vessel of the United States has been, since the eighteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, prevented, by illegal capture or seizure, under authority, or pretence of authority, from any foreign government, from fishing, at sea, for any part of the term of four months required by law to be employed by such vessel in fishing in order to entitle the owner of such vessel to the bounty or allowance prescribed by law, the time of the unlawful detention of such vessel shall be computed as a part of the said four months, and such bounty or allowance shall be paid accordingly: Provided, That such vessel has, in all other respects, complied

with the requisites of the laws now in force.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore April 4, 1818.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT for the relief of John Small.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States of America, in Congress assembled, That John Small be, & he is hereby confirmed in his title to a tract of land, containing two hundred and fifty-five acres, situated on Embarass Creek, in the Illinois territory, as the assignee of Nicholas Bayarjon; which tract shall be limited to the quantity aforesaid, & to the boundaries as claimed by said Bayarjon.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore. April 3, 1818.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

RESOLUTION directing the Secretary for the Department of State to prepare an Index to the acts and resolutions of Congress, after the close of the session.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States of America, in Congress assembled, That, after the close of each session of Congress, an alphabetical index of the acts and joint resolutions passed at the preceding session shall be prepared, printed, and distributed therewith, under the direction of the Secretary for the Department of State.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore. April 3, 1818.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of North Carolina for the relief of sick and disabled American seamen.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States of America in Congress assembled, That the assent of Congress be, and hereby is, granted and declared to an act of the legislature of the state of North Carolina, entitled "An act for the relief of sick & disabled American seamen," and passed on the twenty-third day of December last; and the said act is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force for five years, and no longer.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore. April 4, 1818.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT for the relief of Cata Bunnell.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States of America in Congress assembled, That Cata Bunnell, the mother of Alden Turrill, late a soldier in the army of the United States, and who died in said service, be entitled to receive the bounty in land to which the heirs of said Alden would have been entitled, had he left any heirs; and that the proper officers cause a warrant and patent to issue accordingly.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore. April 4, 1818.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT for the relief of Martin Warner.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States of America in Congress assembled, That the collector of the district of Fairfield, in the state of Connecticut, allow and pay to Martin Warner, owner of the schooner Nancy, the regular amount of bounty or

allowance, as established by law, for and on account of the fishing voyage performed by that vessel in the months of August, September, October, and November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore. April 4, 1818.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT for the relief of William Edwards and John G. Stubbs.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the Treasury Department be, and they are hereby directed, on equitable principles, to audit and settle the accounts of William Edwards & John G. Stubbs, for the respective expenses incurred under contracts entered into between Edward Coffin, surveyor general of the U. States, and the said William Edwards and John G. Stubbs, on the 25th day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, for surveying lands in the Illinois territory; & the amount found to be due on such settlement shall be paid, respectively, to the said William Edwards and John G. Stubbs, out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: Provided, that the sum to be allowed shall not exceed six hundred dollars in either case: And provided further, that no allowances shall be made to them or either of them, for personal services by them rendered.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore. April 3, 1818.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT to provide for the erection of a Court House, Jail, and Public Offices, within the County of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall and may be lawful for the levy court of the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to erect, or cause to be erected, a good and sufficient jail for said county; and, whenever the levy court of said county shall transmit to the marshal a certificate, that the jail hereby provided for is so far finished as to be ready for the reception of persons, it shall be the duty of the marshal forthwith to remove to the said jail all prisoners who shall at that time be confined in the present jail of said county.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the said levy court may cause to be erected, if they deem expedient, at the expense of the county, a good and convenient court house, and a fire-proof office for records, to be built of stone or brick, and that it shall be the duty of the said court to cause the jail before provided for, and the said court house and office, when erected, to be kept in a good state of repair. And if it should be considered expedient by the said court, to erect the said court house and office in any other place than the present market square, and the said court is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase, within the limits of the town of Alexandria, a lot of ground not exceeding two acres, for the erection of the said buildings and of the said jail, and for no other use whatever.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the levy court of the county of Alexandria shall, from time to time, as it shall be necessary, levy on the titheables, and other taxable property within the said county, the sums of money which shall be necessary to carry into full effect the several provisions of this act.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore. April 3d, 1818.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT to provide for the execution of the laws of the United States, within the state of Mississippi.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States of America, in Congress assembled, That all the laws of the U. States, which are not locally inapplicable, shall have the same force and effect within the said state of Mississippi as elsewhere, within the United States.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the said state shall be one district, and be called the Mississippi district. And a district court shall be held therein, to consist of one judge, who shall reside in the said district, & be called a district judge. He shall hold, at the seat of government of the said state, two sessions annually, on the first Monday in May and December and he shall, in all things, have and exercise the same jurisdiction and powers which were by law given to the judge of the Kentucky district, under an act, entitled "an act to establish the judicial courts of the United States." He shall appoint a clerk for the said district, who shall reside and keep the records of the court at the place of holding the same; and shall receive, for the services performed by him, the same fees to which the clerk of the Kentucky district is entitled for similar services.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That there shall be allowed to the judge of the said district court the annual compensation of two thousand dollars, to commence from the time of his appointment, to be paid quarterly yearly, at the treasury of the U. States.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That there shall be appointed, in the said district, a person learned in the law, to act as attorney for the United States who shall, in addition to his stated fees, be paid by the United States two hundred dollars, as a full compensation for extra services.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That a marshal be appointed for the said district, who shall perform the same duties, be subject to the same regulations and penalties, and be entitled to the same fees, as are prescribed to marshals in other districts; and shall moreover, be entitled to the sum of two hundred dollars annually, as a compensation for all extra services.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore. April 3d, 1818.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT allowing additional salary and clerk hire to the surveyor for the Illinois and Missouri territories, and for other purposes.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States of America in Congress assembled, That the Surveyor of the lands of the United States in the territories of Illinois, and Missouri shall hereafter be allowed an annual compensation of two thousand dollars, in lieu of the compensation now fixed by law, and shall also be allowed three clerks whose whole compensation shall not exceed two thousand dollars per annum.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the accounting officers of the Treasury Department be authorized to adjust and settle the accounts of William Rector, for his services as principal deputy surveyor, and surveyor of the Illinois and Missouri territories, and to allow him, in addition to his salary as fixed by law, the following fees, that is to say: for examining & recording the surveys executed by any of his deputies, at the rate of twenty-five cents for every mile of the boundary line of the surveys executed under his direction in the offices aforesaid: Provided, the allowance shall not be made on the surveys of private claims in any case where he has received, or is en-

titled to receive, similar fees from individuals.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore. April 3, 1818.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT to regulate the fees of the Public Notaries in the county of Washington, in the district of Columbia.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States of America in Congress assembled, That the public notaries appointed for, and residing in, the county of Washington in the district of Columbia, shall be, and they are hereby, severally authorized to demand and receive, for services required of them in that capacity, such fees as are now allowed to the public notaries of the state of Maryland, by the laws of that state, for similar services.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore. April 4, 1818.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT regulating the staff of the army.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the act "fixing the military peace establishment of the United States," passed the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, as relates to hospital stewards and wardmasters, and so much of the "Act for organizing the general staff, and making further provision for the army of the United States," passed April twenty fourth, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, as relates to hospital surgeons, hospital surgeons' mates, judge advocates, chaplains, and forage, waggon, and barrack masters, & their assistants, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That there shall be one surgeon-general, with a salary of two thousand five hundred dollars per annum, one assistant surgeon general, with the emoluments of a hospital surgeon, one judge advocate, with the pay and emoluments of a topographical engineer, to each division, and one chaplain, stationed at the military academy, at West Point, who shall also be professor of geography, history and ethics, with the pay and emoluments allowed the professor of mathematics; and that the number of post surgeons be increased, not to exceed eight to a division.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That so much of the act of the twenty-fourth April, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, aforesaid, as relates to the quartermaster general of division, shall be repealed, and the quartermaster's department shall consist, in addition to the two deputy quartermasters general, and be four assistant deputy quartermaster-general now authorized, of one quartermaster general, with the rank, pay, and emoluments, of a brigadier general, and as many assistant deputy quartermasters general as the President shall deem proper, not exceeding in the whole number, twelve.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That to each commissioned officer who shall be deranged by virtue of this act, there shall be allowed and paid, in addition to the pay and emoluments to which they will be entitled, by law, at the time of their discharge, three months' pay and emoluments; and that the provisions of this act shall be carried into effect on or before the first day of June next.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the pay and emoluments of the inspector general of divisions, be and are hereby, raised to be equal to the pay and emoluments of the adjutant general of division.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That, as soon as the state of existing contracts for the subsistence of the army shall, in the opinion of the President of the United States, per-