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BY AUTHORITY.

AN ACT to enable the people of the Illinois Territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States of America in Congress assembled, That the inhabitants of the territory of Illinois be, and they are hereby authorized to form for themselves a constitution and state government, and to assume such name as they shall deem proper; and the said state, when formed, shall be admitted into the Union, upon the same footing with the original states, in all respects whatever.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said state shall consist of all the territory included within the following boundaries, to wit: Beginning at the mouth of the Wabash river, thence up the same, and with the line of Indiana, to the north west corner of said state; thence east, with the line of the same state, to the middle of Lake Michigan; thence north, along the middle of said lake, to north latitude forty-two degrees thirty minutes; thence west, to the middle of the Mississippi river, and thence down along the middle of that river, to its confluence with the Ohio river, and thence, up the latter river, along its northwestern shore, to the beginning: *Provided,* That the convention hereafter provided for, when formed, shall ratify the boundaries aforesaid; otherwise they shall be, and remain, as now prescribed, by the ordinance for the government of the territory northwest of the river Ohio: *Provided also,* That the said state shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the state of Indiana, on the Wabash river, so far as said river shall form a common boundary to both; and also concurrent jurisdiction on the Mississippi river, with any state or states, to be formed west thereof so far as said river shall form a common boundary to both.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all white and male citizens of the United States, who shall have arrived at the age of twenty one years, and have resided in said territory six months previous to the day of election, and all persons having in other respects the legal qualifications to vote for representatives in the general assembly of the said territory, be, and they are hereby, authorized to choose representatives to form a convention, who shall be apportioned amongst the several counties as follows:

From the county of Bond, two representatives:

From the county of St. Clair, three representatives:

From the county of Monroe, two representatives:

From the county of Randolph, two representatives:

From the county of Jackson, two representatives:

From the county of Johnson, two representatives:

From the county of Pope, two representatives:

From the county of Gallatin, three representatives:

From the county of White, two representatives:

From the county of Edwards, two representatives:

From the county of Crawford, two representatives:

From the county of Union, two representatives:

From the county of Washington,

two representatives:

And from the county of Franklin, two representatives:

And the election for the representatives aforesaid shall be holden on the first Monday of July next, and the two following days, throughout the several counties in the said territory and shall be conducted in the same manner, and under the same regulations as prescribed by the laws of the said territory regulating elections therein, for the members of the House of Representatives.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the members of the convention, thus duly elected, be, and they are hereby, authorized to meet at the seat of government of the said territory, on the first Monday of the month of August next, which convention, when met, shall first determine, by a majority of the whole number elected, whether it be, or be not expedient at that time to form a constitution and state government for the people within the said territory, and if it be expedient, the convention, shall be and is hereby authorized to form a constitution and state government; or, if it be deemed more expedient, the said convention shall provide by ordinance for electing representatives to form a constitution or frame of government; which said representatives shall be chosen in such manner and in such proportion, and shall meet at such time and place as shall be prescribed by the said ordinance, & then form for the people of said territory a constitution and state government: *Provided,* That the same, whenever formed, shall be republican, and not repugnant to the ordinance of the thirteenth July, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, between the original states and the people and states of the territory northwest of the river Ohio; excepting so much of said articles as relate to the boundaries of the states therein to be formed; *And provided also,* That it shall appear, from the enumeration directed to be made by the legislature of the said territory, that there are within the proposed state no less than 44,000 inhabitants.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That until the next general census shall be taken, the said state shall be entitled to one representative in the House of Representatives of the U. States.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the following propositions be, and the same are hereby offered to the convention of the said territory of Illinois, when formed, for their free acceptance or rejection, which if accepted by the convention, shall be obligatory upon the United States and the said state.

First. That section numbered sixteen in every township, & when such section has been sold or otherwise disposed of, other lands equivalent thereto, & as contiguous as may be, shall be granted to the state for the use of schools.

Second. That all salt springs within such state, and the land reserved for the use of the same, shall be granted to the said state, for the use of the said state, and the same to be used under such terms and conditions, and regulations, as the legislature of the said state shall direct: *Provided,* The legislature shall never sell, nor lease the same, for a longer period than ten years, at any one time.

Third. That five per cent. of the nett proceeds of the lands lying within such state, and which shall be sold by Congress, from and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, after deducting all expences incidental to the same, shall be reserved for the purposes following, viz. two-fifths to be disbursed, under the direction of Congress, in making roads leading to the state; the residue to be appropriated by the legislature of the state, for the encouragement of learning, of which one-sixth part shall be exclusively bestowed on a college or university.

Fourth. That thirty-six sections, or one entire township, which shall be designated by the President of the United States, together with

the one heretofore reserved for that purpose, shall be reserved for the use of a seminary of learning, and vested in the legislature of the said state, to be appropriated solely to the use of such seminary by the said legislature: *Provided always,* That the four foregoing propositions, herein offered, are on the conditions that the convention of the said state shall provide by an ordinance, irrevocable without the consent of the United States, that every and each tract of land sold by the U. States, from and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred & nineteen, shall remain exempt from any tax laid by order, or under any authority of the state, whether for state, County, or township, or any other purpose whatever, for the term of five years from and after the day of sale: *And further,* That the bounty lands granted, or hereafter granted, for military services in the late war, shall while they continue to be held by the patentees, or their heirs remain exempt from all taxes, for the term of three years from and after the date of the patents respectively, and all the lands belonging to the citizens of the United States, residing without the said state, shall never be taxed higher than lands belonging to persons residing therein.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That all that part of the territory of the United States lying north of the state of Indiana, and which was included in the former Indiana territory, together with that part of the Illinois territory which is situated north of and not included within the boundaries prescribed by this act, to the state thereby authorized to be formed, shall be, and hereby is, attached to, and made part of the Michigan territory, from and after the formation of the said state, subject, nevertheless, to be hereafter disposed of by Congress, according to the right reserved in the fifth article of the ordinance aforesaid, and the inhabitants therein shall be entitled to the same privileges and immunities, and subject to the same rules and regulations, in all respects, with the other citizens of the Michigan territory.

H. CLAY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN GAILLARD,

President of the Senate pro tempore.

April 18, 1818.—Approved.

JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT concerning Navigation.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the thirtieth of September next, the ports of the United States shall be and remain closed against every vessel owned wholly or in part by a subject or subjects of his Britannic Majesty, coming or arriving from any port or place in a colony or territory of his Britannic Majesty, that is or shall be, by the ordinary laws of navigation and trade, closed against vessels owned by citizens of the United States; and such vessels that in the course of the voyage, shall have touched at, or cleared out from, any port or place in a colony or territory of Great Britain, which shall or may be, by the ordinary laws of navigation and trade aforesaid, open to vessels owned by citizens of the United States, shall nevertheless, be deemed to have come from the port or place in the colony or territory of Great Britain, closed as aforesaid, against vessels owned by citizens of the U. States, from which such vessel cleared out and sailed before touching at and clearing out from an intermediate and open port or place as aforesaid; and every such vessel, so excluded from the ports of the United States, that shall enter or attempt to enter the same, in violation of this act, shall, with her tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with the cargo on board such vessel, be forfeited to the United States.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That from and after the aforesaid thirtieth of September next, the own-

er, consignee, or agent, of every vessel owned wholly, or in part, by a subject or subjects of his Britannic Majesty, which shall have been entered in any port of the U. States, and on board of which shall have been there laden for exportation any article or articles of the growth, produce, or manufacture of the United States, other than provisions and sea stores necessary for the voyage, shall before such vessel shall have been cleared outward at the custom-house give bond in a sum double the value of such articles, with one or more securities, to the satisfaction of the collector, that the article or articles so laden on board such vessel for exportation, shall be landed in some port or place other than a port or place in a colony or territory of his Britannic Majesty, which, by the ordinary laws of navigation and trade, is closed against vessels owned by citizens of the United States; and any such vessel that shall sail, or attempt to sail from any port of the United States, without having complied with the provision aforesaid, by giving bond as aforesaid, shall, with her tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with the article or articles aforesaid, laden on board the same as aforesaid, be forfeited to the United States: *Provided always,* that nothing in this act contained shall be so deemed or construed, so as to violate any provision of the convention to regulate commerce between the territories of the United States and his Britannic Majesty, signed the third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the form of the bond aforesaid shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury, and the same shall and may be discharged, and not otherwise, by producing, within one year after the date thereof, a like certificate, to that required by and under the regulations contained in the eighty first section of the act, "to regulate the collection of duties on imports," passed the second day of March, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, that the articles of the growth, produce and manufacture of the United States laden as aforesaid, were unlaid and landed conformably to the provisions of this act, or, in cases of loss by sea, capture, or other unavoidable accident, by the production of such other proofs as the nature of the case will admit, according to the provisions of the said eighty-first section of the act aforesaid.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all penalties and forfeitures incurred by force of this act, shall be sued for, recovered, distributed, and accounted for; and may be mitigated or remitted, in the manner, & according to the provisions of the revenue laws of the United States.

H. CLAY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN GAILLARD,

President of the Senate pro tempore.

April 18, 1818.—Approved.

JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT directing the manner of appointing Indian agents and continuing the "act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes."

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States of America in Congress assembled, That the superintendent of Indian trade, the agents & assistant agents of Indian trading houses, & the several agents of Indian affairs, shall be nominated by the President of the United States, and appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, from and after the eighteenth instant, no person shall act in either of the characters aforesaid, who shall not have been thus first nominated and appointed. And every agent as aforesaid, before he shall enter upon the duties of his office, shall give bond to the United States, with two or more sufficient securities, in the penal sum of ten thousand

dollars, conditioned faithfully to perform all the duties which are or may be enjoined on them, as agents as aforesaid.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," passed on the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and which was continued in force for a limited time, by an act passed third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, shall be, and the same is hereby further continued in force until the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, & no longer.

H. CLAY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN GAILLARD,

President of the Senate pro tempore.

April 16, 1818.—Approved.

JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT to provide for erecting additional buildings for the accommodation of the several Executive Departments.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioner of the public buildings cause to be erected under the direction of the President of the United States, two buildings, suitable for offices for the Executive Departments, to be placed north of the buildings at present occupied by those departments, and on a line parallel therewith; each of those new buildings to contain forty rooms of convenient size.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That for the purpose of carrying this act into effect, the sum of one hundred and eighty thousand seven hundred and forty one dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any monies in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and to be expended under the direction of the President of the United States.

H. CLAY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN GAILLARD,

President of the Senate pro tempore.

April 20, 1818.—Approved.

JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT to provide for paying to the state of Indiana three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sales of the United States' lands within the same.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall, from time to time, and whenever the quarterly accounts of public monies of the several land offices shall be settled, pay three per cent. of the nett proceeds of the lands of the United States, lying within the state of Indiana, which, since the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, have been, or hereafter may be, sold by the United States, after deducting all expences incidental to the same, to such person or persons as may be authorized, by the legislature of the said state to receive the same; which sums, thus paid, shall be applied to making public roads and canals within the said state, in conformity to the provision on this subject contained in the act, entitled "An act to enable the people of Indiana territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of said state into the union, on an equal footing with the original states," and to no other purpose whatever; and an annual account of the application of the same, shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, by such officer of the state as the legislature thereof shall direct; and in default of such return being made, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby required to withhold the payment of any sum that may then be due, or may thereafter become due, until a return shall be made, as herein required.

H. CLAY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN GAILLARD,

President of the Senate pro tempore.

April 11, 1818.—Approved.

JAMES MONROE.