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ACTS PASSED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH CONGRESS.

AN ACT authorizing the Postmaster-General to contract, as in other cases, for carrying the mail in Steam-Boats, between New-Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, & Louisville, in the state of Kentucky.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General may, and he is hereby authorized, to contract for the transportation of the mail in steam-boats, between New-Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, and Louisville, in the state of Kentucky, for any term of time, not exceeding four years, in any one contract in the same way, and manner as he lawfully may, for the carriage of it by land; but the whole expense of sending the mail in steam-boats shall not exceed that of transmitting the same by land.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JAS. BARBOUR, President of the Senate, pro tempore. March 3, 1819.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT authorizing the sale of certain Military Sites.

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, under the direction of the President of the United States, to cause to be sold such military sites, belonging to the United States, as may have been found or become useless for military purposes. And the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, on the payment of the consideration agreed for, into the Treasury of the United States, to make, execute and deliver, all needed instruments, contracts and transferring the same in fee; and the jurisdiction, which had been specially ceded to the military purposes, to the United States, by a state over such sites or sites, shall thereupon cease.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JAS. BARBOUR, President of the Senate, pro tempore. March 3, 1819.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT in addition to, and alteration of an act, entitled "An act laying a duty on imported salt, granting a bounty on pickled fish exported, and allowances to certain vessels employed in the fisheries."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from and after the passing of this act, there shall be paid, on the last day of December annually, to the owner of every fishing boat or vessel, or his agent, by the collector of the district where such boat or vessel may belong, that shall be qualified, agreeably to law for carrying on the Bank and other Cod fisheries, and that shall actually have been employed therein, at sea for the term of four months, at least, of the fishing season next preceding, which season is accounted to be from the last day of February to the last day of November in every year, for each and every ton of such boats or vessels, burden according to her admeasurement as licensed or enrolled, if of more than five tons, and not exceeding thirty tons, three dollars and fifty cents; if above thirty tons, four dollars; and if above thirty tons, and having had a crew of not less than ten persons, and having been actually employed in the cod fishery, at sea, for the term of three and one half months, at the least, but less than four months of the season aforesaid, three dollars and fifty cents: *Provided*, that the allowance aforesaid, on any one vessel, for one season,

shall not exceed three hundred and sixty dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That such parts of the fifth and sixth sections of the act hereby amended, as are contrary to the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JAS. BARBOUR, President of the Senate, pro tempore. March 3d, 1819.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT to authorize the Secretary of War to convey a lot, or parcel of land, belonging to the United States lying in Jefferson county, in the state of Virginia.

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 to convey, by deed, in fee simple, to a certain John Peacher, a lot, or parcel of land, with the appurtenances belonging to the same, lying in Jefferson county, in the state of Virginia, called the Keep-Tryst Furnace, and containing two hundred and twenty-one acres, belonging to the United States, upon such terms as he may think most conducive to the interest of the United States; and the money arising from the sale thereof to deposit in the Treasury of the United States.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JAS. BARBOUR, President of the Senate, pro tempore. March 3, 1819.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT to authorize the Secretary of War to appoint an additional agent for paying pensioners of the United States in the State of Tennessee.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from and after the passing of this act, the Secretary for the Department of War be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint an agent, in addition to the one already appointed in the state of Tennessee, under the act of the twenty-fourth of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, for the purpose of paying pensioners of the United States, residing in East Tennessee, whose duties shall be, in all respects, similar to those appointed under the aforesaid act.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JAS. BARBOUR, President of the Senate, pro tempore. March 3, 1819.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT to designate the boundaries of districts and establish land offices, for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That for the sale of the unappropriated public lands in the State of Ohio, to which the Indian title is extinguished, the following districts shall be formed, and land offices therefor established. All the public lands, as aforesaid, lying between the western boundary line of the state of Ohio, and a north and south line, to be drawn at forty-eight miles east of the said western boundary line, and bounded on the south by the Indiana boundary established by the treaty of Greenville and on the north by the northern boundary of the state of Ohio, shall form a district for which a land office shall be established at Lima: And all the public lands, as aforesaid, lying between the above described district and the western limits of the Connecticut reserve, and Canton land district as first established, and bounded on the south by the Indian boundary established by the treaty of Greenville, and on the north by the northern boundary of the state of Ohio, shall form a district, for which a land office shall be established at the town of Delaware. And for the disposal of the unappropriated public land in the state of Indiana, to which the Indian title is extinguished, the following districts shall be formed, and land offices established.— All the public lands as aforesaid, to which the Indian title was extinguished by the treaties concluded at St. Mary's in the month of October, eighteen hundred and eighteen lying east of the range line, separating the first and second ranges, east of the second principal meridian extended north to the present Indian boundary, & north of a line to be run, separating the ninth & tenth tiers of townships north of the base line, shall form a district, for which a land office shall be established at Brookville. And all the public lands, as aforesaid, the Indian title to which was extinguished by the treaties aforesaid, and

lying west of the last described district, shall form a district, for which a land office shall be established at the town of Terre Haute: And all the public lands, as aforesaid, the Indian title to which was extinguished by the treaties aforesaid lying east of the second principal meridian, and south of a line to be run, separating the ninth and tenth tiers of townships north of the base line, shall be, and are hereby, attached to the district of Jeffersonville; and the said lands shall be offered for sale, with the same exceptions, and on terms and conditions, in every respect, both at public and private sales, as is provided for the sale of the lands in the districts aforesaid: *Provided also*, That the President of the United States shall have power, and he is hereby authorized, to remove, whenever he shall judge it expedient so to do, the land office from Jeffersonville, to some central and suitable place within the district.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President is hereby authorized to appoint, by and with the consent and advice of the Senate, for each of the districts aforesaid, a register of the land office and receiver of public moneys; which appointments shall not be made, for any of the aforesaid respective land districts, until a sufficient quantity of public lands shall have been surveyed within such district, as to authorize, in the opinion of the President, a public sale of land within the same; which registers of the land office and receivers of public moneys, when appointed, shall each, respectively, give security, in the same sums, and in the same manner, and whose compensation, emoluments, and duties, and authority, shall, in every respect, be the same, in respect to the lands which shall be disposed of at their offices, as are or may be provided by law in relation to the registers and receivers of public moneys in the several land offices, established for the disposal of the public lands of the United States, in the states of Ohio and Indiana.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all the public lands within the aforesaid several districts, to which the Indian title has been extinguished, & which have not been granted to, or reserved for, the use of any individual or individuals, or appropriated and reserved for any other purpose, by any existing treaties or laws, and with the exception of section numbered sixteen, in each township, which shall be reserved for the support of schools therein, shall be offered for sale, to the highest bidder, at the land offices for the respective districts, under the direction of the register of the land office and receiver of public moneys, on such day or days as shall, by proclamation of the President of the U. States, be designated for that purpose; the sales shall remain open at each place for three weeks and no longer; the lands shall not be sold for less than two dollars an acre, and shall, in every other respect, be sold in tracts of the same size, on the same terms and conditions, as have been, or may be, by law, provided for the sale of the lands of the United States in the states of Ohio and Indiana. All the public lands in the said district, with these exceptions abovementioned, remaining unsold at the close of the public sales may be disposed of at private sale, by the register of the respective land offices, in the same manner, under the same regulations, for the same price, and on the same terms and conditions, in every respect, as are or may be provided by law for the sale of the lands of the United States in the states of Ohio and Indiana.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall have power and is hereby authorized, to remove whenever he shall judge it expedient so to do, any and each of the land offices established by this act, to such suitable place, within the district for which it was established, as he shall judge most proper.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the registers of the land office, and receiver of public moneys, shall receive five dollars for each day's attendance in superintending the public sales in their respective districts.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JAS. BARBOUR, President of the Senate, pro tempore. March 3, 1819.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein.

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 to take possession of, and occupy, the territories of East and West Florida, and the appendages and appurtenances thereof; and to remove and transport the officers and soldiers of the king of Spain, being there, to the Havana, agreeably to the stipulations of a treaty between the United States and Spain, executed at Washington, on the twenty-second day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, providing for the cession of said territories to the United States, and he may, for these purposes, and in order to maintain in said territories the authority of the United States, employ any part of the army and navy of the United States, and the militia of any state or territory, which he may deem necessary.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That until the end of the first Session of the next Congress, unless provision for the temporary government of said territories be sooner made by Congress, all the military, civil, and judicial powers, exercised by the officers of the existing government of the same territories, shall be vested in such person and persons, and shall be exercised in such manner, as the President of the United States shall direct, for the maintaining the inhabitants of said territories in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property, and religion; and the laws of the United States, relative to the collection of the revenue, & the importation of persons of color, shall be extended to the said territories; and the President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby authorized, within the term aforesaid, to establish such districts, for the collection of the revenue, and, during the recess of Congress, to appoint such officers, whose commission shall expire at the end of the next session of Congress, to enforce the said laws, as to him shall seem expedient.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying this act into effect, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and to be applied under the direction of the President of the United States.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect, and be in force, whenever the aforesaid treaty, providing for the cession of said territories to the United States, shall have been ratified by the king of Spain, and the ratifications exchanged, and the king of Spain shall be ready to surrender said territory to the United States, according to the provisions of said treaty.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JAS. BARBOUR, President of the Senate, pro tempore. March 3, 1819.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT concerning the allowance of pensions upon a relinquishment of bounty lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the 2d section of the act making further provisions for military services during the late war, and for other purposes, approved April 16th, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and so much of the act to amend the same, approved March third, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, as relates to the subject of that section, shall be continued in force for the term of three years from and after the passing of this act: *Provided nevertheless*, that no pension shall be granted under the said acts, after the 16th day of April next, unless at the time of relinquishing the bounty land, in the manner therein described, the children, for whose benefit the same may be granted, or one of them, shall be under sixteen years of age: *And provided also*, that the pensions shall commence at the date of the relinquishments respectively.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JAS. BARBOUR, President of the Senate, pro tempore. March 3, 1819.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT granting a Donation of Land to the State of Illinois, for the seat of government of the said state.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That there shall be granted to the state of Illinois four sections of land, or contiguous quarter sections & fractions, not exceeding the quantity contained in four entire sections, for the purpose of fixing thereon the seat of government for the said state; which lands shall be selected in the manner provided by the thirtieth section

of the schedule to the constitution of the said state: *Provided*, that such selection shall be made before the public sale of the adjoining public lands shall have taken place.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JAS. BARBOUR, President of the Senate, pro tempore. March 3, 1819.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT authorizing the purchase of Fire Engines, and for building houses for the safe keeping of the same.

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 requested to cause to be purchased two fire engines, of the first class, with proper copper suction pipes, and six hundred feet of rivet leathern hose, for the purpose of protecting the public and other buildings in the City of Washington from fire.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States cause to be built two good and sufficient houses, for the safe keeping of the said engines; one to be located on the Capitol Hill, near the Capitol, and one near the President's house and public offices.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That for defraying the expenses of the same, the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated, out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JAS. BARBOUR, President of the Senate, pro tempore. March 3, 1819.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT to continue in force an act regulating the currency, within the United States, of the Gold Coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, and the Crowns of France, and Five Franc Pieces.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the gold coins of Great Britain and Portugal, of their present standard, shall be a legal tender in the payment of all debts, at the rate of one hundred cents for every twenty-seven grains, or eighty-eight cents and eight-ninths per pennyweight: The gold coins of France, of their present standard, at the rate of one hundred cents for every twenty-seven and an half grains, or eighty-seven and a quarter cents per pennyweight: The gold coins of Spain at the rate of one hundred cents for every twenty-eight and a half grains, or eighty-four cents per pennyweight: until the first day of November next: And that, from and after that day, foreign gold coins shall cease to be a tender within the U. States, for the payment of debts or demands.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the act entitled "An act regulating the currency, within the United States, of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain," passed on the twenty-ninth day of April, eighteen hundred and sixteen, as relates to foreign silver coins, shall be, and the same is hereby, continued in force two years from & after the twenty-ninth day of April next, and no longer.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JAS. BARBOUR, President of the Senate, pro tempore. March 3, 1819.—Approved, JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the Land Offices.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That in every case of a purchaser of public lands at private sale, having entered, at the land office, a tract different from that he intended to purchase, and being desirous of having the error in his entry corrected, he shall make his application, for that purpose, to the register of the land Office; and if it shall appear, from testimony satisfactory to the register and receiver of public moneys, that an error in the entry has been made, and that the same was occasioned by original incorrect marks made by the surveyor, or by the obliteration, or change, of the original marks and numbers at the corners of the tract of land; or that it has in any otherwise arisen from mistake or error of the surveyor, or officers of the land office; the said register and receiver of public moneys shall report the case, with the testimony, and their opinion thereon, to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall have power to direct, if in his opinion it shall be proper, that the purchaser