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(BY AUTHORITY.)

AN ACT to authorize the appointment of Commissioners to lay out the Road therein mentioned.

Whereas by the continuation of the Cumberland road from Wheeling, in the state of Virginia, through the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, the lands of the United States may become more valuable—

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 appoint three impartial and judicious persons not being citizens of any of the states aforesaid, to be commissioners, and, in case of the death or resignation of any of them, to appoint other and like persons in their place, who shall have power carefully to examine the country, between Wheeling in the State of Virginia, and a point on the left bank of the Mississippi river, to be chosen by said commissioners, between St. Louis and the mouth of the Illinois River, and to lay out a road from Wheeling aforesaid to the point to be chosen on the left bank of the River Mississippi; the said road to be on a straight line, or as nearly so as, having a due regard to the condition and situation of the ground and water courses over which the same shall be laid out, shall be deemed expedient and practicable. And said commissioners shall have power to employ able surveyors, chainbearers, and other necessary assistants, in laying out said road; and so much of the lands of the United States as may be included within the same, shall be, and is hereby, reserved and excepted from the sales of public lands. The said road to be eighty feet wide, and designated by marked trees, stakes, or other conspicuous monuments, at the distance of every quarter of a mile, and at every angle of deviation from a straight line. And the said commissioners shall cause to be made, and delivered to the President of the United States, an accurate plan of said road, so laid out by them as aforesaid, with a written report of their proceedings, describing therein the state lines crossed, and the marks, monuments, courses and distances, by which the said road shall be designated; describing, also, the water-courses, and the nature and quality of the ground over which the same shall be laid out; they shall, moreover, divide said road into sections of not more than ten, nor less than five, miles long, noticing the materials that may be used, in making and giving an estimate of the expense of making, each section of the road aforesaid.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the commissioners, surveyors, chainbearers, and other necessary assistants, to be appointed in pursuance of this act, shall severally take an oath, or affirmation, faithfully and diligently to perform their respective duties, and shall receive, in full compensation for their services and expenses, each commissioner six dollars, each surveyor three dollars, and each other necessary assistant one dollar, for each day in which they shall be necessarily employed in the service aforesaid: *Provided always,*

and it is hereby enacted and declared, That nothing in this act contained, or that shall be done, in pursuance thereof, shall be deemed or construed to imply any obligation on the part of the United States, to make, or to defray the expense of making, the road hereby authorized to be laid out, or of any part thereof.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That ten thousand dollars, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, be, and are hereby, appropriated to defray the expense of laying out the road aforesaid.

Approved, May 15, 1820.

AN ACT for the relief of Thomas Leiper.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That here be paid to Thomas Leiper the specie value of four Loan Office Certificates, numbered two thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, two thousand nine hundred and four, two thousand nine hundred and five, two thousand nine hundred and six, and issued by the Commissioner of Loans for the state of Pennsylvania, in the name of Thomas Leiper, on the twenty-seventh day of February, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, for one thousand dollars each; and also the specie value of two Loan Office Certificates, numbered two thousand nine hundred and sixty, two thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, issued by the Commissioner of Loans for the state of Pennsylvania, on the second day of March, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, for one thousand dollars each, which certificates appear to be outstanding on the books of the Treasury, with interest, at six per centum annually out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* That the said Thomas Leiper shall first execute and deliver to the Comptroller of the Treasury a bond of indemnity in such sum, and with such security, as shall be satisfactory to the said Comptroller.

Approved, May 15, 1820.

AN ACT to provide for the expense of surveying certain parts of the coast of North-Carolina, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for carrying into effect a resolution directing a survey of certain parts of the coast of North-Carolina, passed on the nineteenth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the sums respectively necessary to carry into effect the "Act for the relief of certain persons who have paid duties on certain goods imported into Castine," approved the eleventh day of April, in the present year, and also the "Act for the relief of Walter Channing," approved the eleventh day of April aforesaid, shall be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, May 15, 1820.

AN ACT to amend an act "making reservation of certain public lands for naval purposes," passed first March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the first section of the act of Congress passed on the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, entitled "An act making reservation of certain public lands for naval purposes," as empowers the Secretary of the Navy to appoint an agent or agents, and surveyor, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and the duties and services required by said section be performed in future by such surveyors of public lands as may be designated by the President of the United States.

Approved, May 15, 1820.

AN ACT making appropriations for carrying into effect the treaties concluded with the Chippewa and Kickapoo nations of Indians.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of carrying into effect the stipulation contained in the 4th article of the treaty concluded between the United States and the Chippewa nation of Indians, on the twenty-fourth of September, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and which was ratified by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, on the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of one thousand dollars, to be paid in silver, annually, forever, to the said Chippewa nation.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That there be, and hereby is, appropriated, the sum of two thousand dollars, to carry into effect any other stipulations contained in the said treaty.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the sums herein appropriated be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That, for the purpose of carrying into effect the stipulations contained in the third article of the treaty concluded between the United States and the Kickapoo of the Vermillion, on the thirtieth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and which was ratified by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, on the tenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, there be, and is hereby, appropriated the sum of two thousand dollars, to be paid annually, for ten years, out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, May 15, 1820.

AN ACT for the relief of Richard Smyth.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized, in the settlements of the accounts of Richard Smyth late collector of direct taxes and internal revenue, for the territory of Michigan, to credit the said Smyth with the amount of public moneys of which he was robbed in the month of April, eighteen hundred and eighteen: *Provided,* That the amount so credited to him shall not exceed the balance now standing against him on the books of the Treasury.

Approved, May 15, 1820.

AN ACT for the relief of the legal representatives of Tench Francis, deceased.

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 to audit and settle the accounts of Tench Francis deceased, late purveyor of public supplies, in such manner and upon such terms as may appear just and reasonable: *Provided,* That the sum to be credited to said Francis, after charging him with all payments made to any person or persons for his use, shall not exceed the sum standing to his debit on the books of the Treasury.

Approved, May 15, 1820.

AN ACT for the relief of Joshua Newsum, Peter Crook and James Rabb.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officer of the Treasury Department be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to audit and settle the claims of Joshua Newsum, and of Peter Crook, for two horses each, and of James Rabb, for seven horses, alleged to have been impressed into the public service in the Seminole war: *Provided,* That such impressment, and the

value of said horses when impressed, be satisfactorily proved; that said horses were not returned to their owners; and that any compensation which may have been allowed and paid for the service of said horses, after the time of their impressment, be deducted.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the amount thereof when ascertained as aforesaid, be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, May 15, 1820.

AN ACT for the relief of Thomas Hunter.

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 audit and settle the claim of Thomas Hunter late a soldier in the nineteenth regiment of the United States infantry, for retained bounty, pay, and travelling allowances, due him at the time of his honorable discharge; and to pay the amount due him to Sterling Johnson, his attorney in fact, out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury: *Provided,* that the said Sterling Johnson shall make and deliver, to the first Comptroller of the Treasury, a bond, in such sum, and with such surety, as the said Comptroller may direct, to secure the United States against a repayment of the sum which may be allowed and paid as aforesaid.

Approved, May 15, 1820.

AN ACT to continue in force the act, entitled "An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the Supreme Courts," approved the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act, entitled "An act to provide for reports of decisions of the Supreme Court," approved the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, be, and the same is hereby, continued in force for three years, and no longer.

Approved, May 15, 1820.

Piracy and Murder.

We have just received [says the New-York Evening Post] by the morning's mail, a pamphlet of 40 pages, published at Charleston, (S. C.) and entitled "Particulars of the piracies committed by the commanders and crews of the Buenos Ayrean ship *Louisa*, and those of sloop *Mary*, of *Mobile*, and *Lawrence*, of *Charleston*; wherein is accurately described the murder of capt. *Sunley*, and four of the crew of the *British Brig Ann*," &c. This pamphlet ought to be reprinted in every newspaper in the United States for the benefit of that community for whose advantage, it is professed in the preface, to have been written, and more particularly for that of sea-faring men. In presenting the following sheets to the public, (says the preface) we are actuated by an earnest and sincere desire that it may prove beneficial to the community at large, and more especially for that part of it which consists of SEA-FARING PEOPLE." But to our surprise and regret we find, when we arrive at the last page, "Copy right secured, according to law." We are extremely sorry for this because, though we grudge not the profits of the pamphlet to the compiler, (saying nothing at present on the question whether it is a fit subject for copy right) it is very desirable on public considerations, that such facts as are here collected, should circulate as widely and as rapidly as possible. We confine ourselves to one of the atrocities here detailed, with a view as well to put the reader in possession of the interesting intelligence it contains, as to aid the sale of the pamphlet itself. The following is the narrative of the barbarous excesses committed on the captain and crew of the British brig *Ann*, by one Henry H. Neill and his crew, of the sloop *Mary*, and who, we are grieved to say, has hitherto eluded the pursuit of justice, as well as the bloody ringleader of the boat's crew who perpetrated the outrages in person, viz. one Peter Frederick Miller. The story is taken from the confessions of some one who became state's evidence on the trial of those who suffered conviction and death.

On the morning of the 28th, we discovered several sails; one of them proved to be the British brig *Ann*, of *Scarboro'*. We were ordered by the captain to arm ourselves and man the boat. The following men were sent:—Peter Frederick Miller, who was to act as commander, William Smith, John Furlong, James Chase, Thomas Shelton, John Read, S. Chase, and Chamberlain. When they left the sloop, the captain urged them to act bravely. He presented each with a glass of spirits, and gave them the following instructions:—"When you get on board the brig, keep silent as respects your errand. If you should be asked to drink, resolutely refuse. If they should ask you any improper questions, or say that you were known, you must immediately shoot them. After having received these precautions, we sat out upon our expedition to the brig. We came up to her at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The captain hailed us and "desired to know our business?" We answered, "that we would acquaint him when we got on board." After some hesitation, he threw us a rope; we then ascended the brig according to previous arrangement. Peter Frederick Miller took possession of the brig with very little ceremony, as prize-master, and ordered her crew into the fore-castle. Capt. Sunley, the master of the brig, was ordered aft. James Chase was placed as a centinel at the cabin door, to prevent the possibility of a rescue. The men told him that they could not get into the fore-castle, as it was full of coffee and sugar, and that in consequence of this, that they all lived aft. Miller then ordered them down the hold.

The selfmade prize master, Peter Miller, now exercised all the privileges of his office. He assumed the determined authority, and ordered the men about as though they were slaves. Approaching the capt. of the brig, he arrogantly demanded to know where he was from and where he was bound. The capt. with the mildness and good breeding of a perfect gentleman, answered that he was from the Matanzas, bound to Falmouth, (E.) for orders, when he expected to be sent to Havre, or Hamburg. Miller then asked him of what his cargo consisted he replied—coffee, and sugar. Have you any money on board? was another question, which our prize-master thought was of too much importance to omit. Capt. Sunley replied, that he had not any. But, retorted Miller I know better than all that; it is not to be supposed that you would undertake a voyage so extensive, without having some money with you. You must, therefore, tell the truth, or suffer the consequences. The capt. of the brig seemed now to feel all the horrors of his situation. Those dreadful forebodings which frequently agitate the mind and destroy its wonted energies, when under the influence of apprehension, appeared to press heavily upon him. And alas! they were truly the presages of his own lamentable and unhappy fate. He was now in the power of a set of men whose feelings were callous as adamant, and in whose bosoms pity had long since ceased to reside. It was in vain for him to endeavor to save the property of his owners, which seemed to have been the prominent wish of his heart. Nay, after he had informed them of what money he had on board, they still remained unsatisfied, and made their unbelief a plausible pretext for committing crimes of the most horrible nature.

While these things were transacting on board the brig, the sloop came up. The prize master ordered Capt. Sunley and five of his crew to go on board. When the boat arrived within hearing, Capt. Neill hailed them, and, when alongside, they were all ordered on board, which order was immediately obeyed—Neill very haughtily addressed Capt. Sunley, in the following words:—"Pray, sir, are you the Captain of that brig?" "I am, sir," (replied the other.) "Well, sir, you will then go on board and bring your papers, for my inspection." "I have them with me," (answered Sunley.) "O, you have; well, sir, suppose you accompany me into the cabin, where I shall enter into a minute examination of them." They then went into the cabin, where they remained about a quarter of an hour. At the expiration of this time they both came upon deck, when capt. Neill, ordered two of the brig's crew to be confined on board the sloop. He then told capt. Sunley that he might go on board the brig; and gave him instructions to the prize-master (Miller) to the following effect:—"to alter the course of the brig, and to follow the sloop. After Sunley had departed and delivered these orders, the brig hauled her wind, and stood for the sloop. When she came up, capt. Neill ordered them to send the boat on board, which they did. The brig's crew consisting of seven men. Two were now confined on