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(BY AUTHORITY.)

AN ACT to designate the boundaries of a Land District, and for the establishment of a Land Office, in the state of 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 lands in the state of Indiana, to which the Indian title is extinguished, the following district shall be formed, and a land office 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, and north of a line to be run separating the tiers of townships numbered twenty and twenty-one, commencing on the old Indian boundary, in range thirteen east of the said principal meridian, in Randolph county, and the said district to be bounded on the east by the line dividing the states of Ohio and Indiana, shall form a district, for which a land office shall be established at Fort Wayne.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President is hereby authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for the aforesaid district, a Register of the Land Office, and a Receiver of Public Moneys; which appointments shall not be made, for the aforesaid land district, until a sufficient quantity of public lands shall have been surveyed within the said district, as to authorize, in the opinion of the President, a public sale of land within the same; which Register of the Land Office, and Receiver 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 district, and which have not been granted to, or secured 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 use of schools therein, shall be offered for sale to the highest bidder, at the land office for the said district, 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 United States, be designated for that purpose: the lands shall be sold in tracts of the same size, on the same terms and conditions, and in every other respect, as provided by the act, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands;" approved April twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, 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 aforesaid, to such suitable place, within the said district, as he shall judge most proper.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the Register of the Land Office, and Receiver of Public Moneys, shall, each, receive five dollars for each day's attendance in superintending the public sales, in the said district.

APPROVED—MAY 8, 1822.

AN ACT requiring surveyors general to give bond and security for the faithful disbursement of public money, and to limit their term of office.

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, every surveyor general, commissioned by the authority of the United States, shall, before entering on the duties of his office, and every surveyor general now in commission, shall, on or before the thirtieth day of September next, execute and deliver to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, a bond, with good and sufficient security, for the penal sum of thirty thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful disbursement, according to law, of all public money placed in his hands for disbursement, and for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the commission of every Surveyor General, now in office, shall, unless sooner vacated, by death, resignation, or removal from office, cease and expire on the first day of February next; and the commission of every Surveyor General, hereafter commissioned by the authority of the United States, shall cease and expire, unless sooner vacated, by death, resignation, or removal from office, in four years from the date of the commission.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States shall, and he is hereby authorized, whenever he may deem it expedient, require any Surveyor General of the United States to give new bond and additional security, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, for the faithful disbursement, according to law, of all money placed in his hands for disbursement.

APPROVED—MAY 7, 1822.

RESOLUTION providing for the security in the transmission of letters, &c. in the public mails.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the Postmaster General to introduce, as soon as conveniently may be, on one or more of the most exposed routes, Richard Imlay's plan of copper cases, secured in iron chests, with inside locks and sliding bars, in such a way as to test its efficacy in preventing robberies of the mail: Provided, The extra expense for each mail carriage shall not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars.

APPROVED—APRIL 26, 1822.

AN ACT in addition to the act concerning navigation, and also to authorize the appointment of deputy collectors.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, on satisfactory evidence being given to the President of the United States that the ports in the islands or colonies in the West Indies, under the dominion of Great Britain, have been opened to the vessels of the United States, the President shall be, and hereby is, authorized to issue his proclamation, declaring that the ports of the United States shall thereafter be opened to the vessels of Great Britain employed in the trade and intercourse between the United States, and such islands or colonies, subject to such reciprocal rules and restrictions as the President of the United States may, by such proclamation, make and publish, any thing in the laws, entitled "An act concerning navigation," or an act, entitled "An act supplementary to an act concerning navigation," to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That, in the event of the signature of any treaty or convention concerning the navigation or commerce between the United States and France, the President of the United States be, and is hereby, authorized, should he deem the same expedient, by proclamation, to suspend, until the end of the next session of Congress, the operation of the act, entitled "An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes;" and also to suspend as aforesaid, all other duties on French vessels, or the goods imported in the same, which exceed the duties on American

vessels, and on similar goods imported in the same.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the aforesaid first and second sections of this act shall continue in force to the end of the next session of Congress, and no longer.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted: That the third, fourth, and seventh sections of the act passed the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, entitled "An act to continue in force an act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, passed the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and for other purposes;" be, and the same are hereby, revived and made perpetual.

APPROVED—MAY 6, 1822.

AN ACT for the relief of certain insolvent debtors.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the seventeenth section of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors within the District of Columbia," approved the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and three, as declares that the provisions of the said act shall not be construed to extend to any debtor who has not resided in the District of Columbia one year next preceding his application for relief under said act, shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed: Provided, That no discharge under this act, or the act to which it is amendatory, shall operate against any creditor residing without the limits of the District of Columbia, except the creditor at whose instance the debtor may be confined. This act shall commence and be in force from & after the passing thereof.

APPROVED—MAY 6, 1822.

AN ACT to amend an act, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," approved thirtieth March, 1802.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the seventh section of the act, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and from and after the passing of this act, it shall be lawful for the superintendent of Indian affairs in the territories, and Indian agents, under the direction of the President of the United States, to grant licences to trade with Indian tribes; which licences shall be granted to citizens of the United States and to non-others, taking from them bonds, with securities, in the penal sum, not exceeding five thousand dollars, proportioned to the capital employed, and conditioned for the due observance of the laws regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes; and said licences may be granted for a term not exceeding seven years, for the trade with the remote tribes of Indians beyond the Mississippi, and two years for the trade with all the other tribes. And the superintendents and agents shall return to the Secretary of War, within each year, an abstract of all licences granted, showing by and to whom, when, and where granted, with the amount of the bonds and capital employed, to be laid before Congress, at the next session thereof.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the President of the United States, in execution of the power vested in him by the twenty-first section of the act of the thirtieth of March, one thousand eight hundred and two, aforesaid, to which this is an amendment, to direct Indian agents, governors of territories acting as superintendents of Indian affairs, and military officers, to cause the stores and packages of goods of all traders, to be searched upon suspicion or information that ardent spirits are carried into the Indian countries by said traders, in violation of the said twenty-first section of the act to which this is an amendment; and if any ardent spirits shall be so found, all the goods of the said traders shall be forfeited, one half to the use of the informer, the other half to the use of the government, his licence cancelled, and his bond put in suit.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That all purchases for, and on account of, Indians, for annuities, presents, and otherwise, shall be made

by the Indian agents and governors of territories, acting as superintendents within their respective districts; and all persons, whatsoever, charged or trusted with the disbursement or application of money, goods, or effects, of any kind, for the benefit of Indians, shall settle their accounts, annually, at the War Department, on the first day of September; and copies of the same shall be laid before Congress at the commencement of the ensuing session, by the proper accounting officer, together with a list of the names of all persons to whom money, goods, or effects, had been delivered, within the said year, for the benefit of the Indians, specifying the amount and object for which it was intended, and showing who are delinquent; if any, in forwarding their accounts according to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That, in all trials about the right of property, in which Indians shall be party on one side, and white persons on the other, the burden of proof shall rest upon the white person, in every case in which the Indian shall make out a presumption of title in himself, from the fact of previous possession and partnership.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the President of the United States, from time to time, to require additional security, and in larger amounts, from all persons charged or trusted, under the laws of the United States, with the disbursement or application of money, goods, or effects, of any kind, for the benefit of the Indians.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, may appoint a superintendent of Indian affairs, to reside at St. Louis, whose powers shall extend to all Indians frequenting that place, whose salary shall be fifteen hundred dollars per annum; and one agent for the tribes within the limits of East and West Florida, with a salary of fifteen hundred dollars.

APPROVED—MAY 6, 1822.

AN ACT to continue in force "An act declaring the consent of Congress to acts of the state of South Carolina, authorizing the City Council of Charleston to impose and collect a duty on the tonnage of vessels from foreign ports; and to acts of the state of Georgia, authorizing the imposition and collection of a duty on the tonnage of vessels in the ports of Savannah and St. Mary's."

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 declaring the consent of Congress to acts of the State of South Carolina, authorizing the City Council of Charleston to impose and collect a duty on the tonnage of vessels from foreign ports; and to acts of the state of Georgia, authorizing the imposition and collection of a duty on the tonnage of vessels in the ports of Savannah and St. Mary's," passed the twenty-ninth of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, shall be, and the same is hereby, continued in force for three years, and to the end of the next session of Congress thereafter: Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the City Council of Charleston, and of the Collectors of the ports of Savannah and St. Mary's, to transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury an annual account of the sums collected, and of the application of the same for the purposes aforesaid.

APPROVED—MAY 7, 1822.

AN ACT making appropriations for Public Buildings.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for continuing the work on the Centre Building of the Capitol, and other improvements on the President's House, the following sums of money be, and hereby are appropriated:

For continuing the work on the Centre Building, the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

For constructing a culvert to the President's House, painting, and necessary repairs of the same, the sum of three thousand three hundred dollars.

For improving the grounds around the Capitol, twelve hundred and fifty dollars.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the several sums of money be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: Provided, however, That no money appropriated by this act shall be paid to any person for his compensation or perquisites, who is in arrears to the United States, until such person shall have accounted for, and paid into the Treasury, all sums for which he may be liable.

APPROVED—MAY 4, 1822.

150 DOLLARS REWARD

HAVING a Mulatto man run away, who I understand is in the neighborhood of General Duran's March and Mr. Gaston's Plantation, I will give the above reward to any one who will apprehend and deliver him to me or my agent, at Lake Phelps, Tyrell County, or One Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars if he is confined in Newbern Jail so that I get him. His name is DAVIS, of middle size, and about twenty-four years of age.

E. PETTIGREW.

June 5th, 1822—'20 ff.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RANAWAY, from the Subscriber, on the 8th of April last, a Negro Man named BACCHUS, (calls himself Bacchus Hill,) of light complexion, about 30 years of age, five feet six or seven inches high, and by trade a Carpenter.

Fifty Dollars will be paid for his apprehension and delivery, if taken out of the State, Twenty-five Dollars if taken in the State but out of the County, and Twenty Dollars if taken in the County.

Masters of vessels are cautioned against carting away or harbouring the said runaway, as the law will be rigidly enforced against them.

ABNER PASTEUR.

June 11, 1822—'21 ff.

TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS REWARD.

RANAWAY from the Subscriber's Plantation, in Onslow County, on the 12th of March last, a Mulatto Man by the name of

LINKFIELD;

about five feet seven inches high, 25 years of age, and as likely as is commonly seen. It is expected he is lurking about Newbern of Wilmington. The above Reward will be given to any person who will apprehend and confine him in any Jail so that I get him again, and all reasonable expenses will be paid.

Masters of vessels and others are hereby forwarded from harbouring, employing or carrying him away, under the penalty of the law.

LEWIS T. OLIVER.

May 29th, 1822—'19 ff.

NOTICE

AT April Term of Lenoir County Court, the Subscribers qualified as Executors to the estate of THOMAS ALDRIDGE, Senr. late of said County. They request all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against it, will present them within the time prescribed by law, or they will be barred of payment, agreeably to act of Assembly.

WM. Y. ALDRIDGE, } Ex'rs.  
RICHD. M. ALDRIDGE, }  
Lenoir County, May 25th—'19 4w.

NOTICE

THE Subscriber having qualified as Executor to the last Will and Testament of VALENTINE RICHARDSON, dec'd. requests those who are indebted to said estate to come forward and make payment; and those having claims against the estate, to present the same, properly authenticated, within the time limited by law, or payment will be barred.

ANDREW H. RICHARDSON,  
Executor.

May 15th, 1822.—'17.

NOTICE

PURSUANT to a Resolution of the President and Directors of the CLUBFOOT & HARLOWS CREEK CANAL COMPANY, the Fourth Instalment of TWENTY DOLLARS on each Share, is required to be paid to P. ARENDELL, Esqr. Treasurer, or his agent, on or before the 10th day of July next.—By Order,

E. WHITEHURST, Sec'y,  
Beaufort, June 5th—'20 4w.