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JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the Public Documents, printed by order of Congress, to be furnished to the Gardiner Lyceum.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That one copy of Seybert's Statistical Annals, and of Pitkin's Statistical View, and also one copy of the public Journals of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, and of the Documents published under the order of the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, which have been, or shall be, published, by virtue of a resolution passed December the twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen; be transmitted to the Executive of the state of Maine, for the use and benefit of the Gardiner Lyceum; in said state.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, March 3d, 1825.—Approved,
JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to direct the completion of entries for the benefit of drawback after the period of twenty days.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the exporter or exporters, entering any goods, wares, or merchandise, for the benefit of drawback, shall not have completed such entry, by taking the oath, giving the bond, required by the existing laws of the United States within the period prescribed by law, but shall offer to complete the said entry, after the expiration of the said period, it shall and may be lawful for the Secretary of the Treasury, upon application to him made, by the said importer or exporters, setting forth the cause of his or their omissions, under oath, and accompanied by a statement of the collector, of all the circumstances attending the transaction within the knowledge of such collector, if he shall be satisfied that the failure to complete the said entry was accidental, or without any intention to evade the law or deplete the revenue, to direct the said entry to be completed, and the certificates or debentures, as the case may be, to issue, in the same manner as if such entry had been completed within the period prescribed by the existing laws of the United States.

Approved—Washington, March 3, 1825.

AN ACT authorizing the subscription of stock in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company.

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 and directed to subscribe, in the name and for the use of the United States, for one thousand five hundred shares of the capital stock of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, and to pay for the same, at such times, and in such proportions, as may be required by the said company, out of the dividends which may grow due to the United States upon their bank stock in the Bank of the United States.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the said Secretary of the Treasury shall make for President and Directors of the said Company, according to such number of shares, and shall receive upon the said stock, the proportion of the tolls which shall, from time to time, be due to the United States, for the shares aforesaid.

Approved: March 3d, 1825.

AN ACT to amend an act, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the District of South Carolina."

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 Circuit Court for the District of South Carolina, at Columbia, South Carolina, shall commence on the fourth Tuesday in November, annually, instead of the third Tuesday, as is now provided for by an act approved the twenty-fifth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That all suits, actions, torts, processes, and other proceedings, which are now pending in said Circuit Court, or which now are, or may hereafter be commenced for, or returnable to, the said Circuit Court at Columbia, at the time heretofore established,

shall be returnable to, heard, tried, and determined in the said Circuit Court, at the time hereby fixed and established.

Approved: March 3d, 1825.

AN ACT authorizing the establishment of a Navy Yard and Depot, on the coast of Florida, in the Gulf of Mexico.

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 select and purchase a site for a Navy Yard and Depot, on the coast of Florida, in the Gulf of Mexico, and to erect such buildings, and make such improvements thereon, as he may judge necessary for the accommodation and supply of the United States' vessels of war in that quarter; and that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be appropriated for effecting that object, out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, March 3, 1825.

AN ACT to authorize the building of Light Houses and Light Vessels, and Beacons, and Monuments, therein mentioned; and for other purposes.

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, empowered to provide by contract, for building Light Houses and Light Vessels, erecting Beacons and Monuments, and placing Buoys, on the following sites or shoals, to wit:—

A light house on a proper site on Moose Peak Islands, in the state of Maine; and a monument on a proper site on Stage Island, in the same state.

A light house on a proper site, at or near the mouth of Burlington Harbor, in the state of Vermont.

A house at the entrance of Nantucket Harbor, for the keeper; with a tower on the same for the lantern, in the state of Massachusetts.

A light house, on Dutch Island, in Narraganset Bay, in the state of Rhode Island; and a small beacon light on Warwick Neck, in the same state.

Three small beacons at the entrance of Mill River Harbor, in the state of Connecticut.

A light house near the Fire Island inlet, on the south side of Long Island, in the state of New York; and a light house on Stony Point, instead of Verplank's Point, as heretofore directed, in the same state.

A light house on Cedar Point, at or near the mouth of Patuxent River, in the state of Maryland, and a small beacon light on Point Look Out, at the mouth of Potomac, in the same state.

A light vessel for Albemarle Sound, in the state of North Carolina, to be placed either at or near south point of Roanoke Island, or at the end of Wade's Point Shoal, at the mouth of Pasquotank River, in the same state.

A light house on Point Defer, in the state of Louisiana.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That there be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the following sums of money, to wit:

For a light house on the Moose Peak Islands, in the state of Maine, four thousand dollars; for a monument on Stage Island, one thousand five hundred dollars; and for placing a buoy in Winter Harbor, in the same state, fifty dollars.

For a light house at the mouth of Burlington Harbor, in the state of Vermont, four thousand dollars.

For the keeper's house at the entrance of Nantucket Harbor, with a tower on the same, in the state of Massachusetts, sixteen hundred dollars.

For a light house on Dutch Island, in Narraganset Bay, in the state of Rhode Island, three thousand dollars; and for a small beacon light on Warwick Neck, in the same state, one thousand dollars.

For three small beacons at the entrance of Mill River Harbor, in the state of Connecticut, two thousand six hundred dollars.

For a light house near Fire Island Inlet, in the state of New York, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars; and for the light house heretofore directed to be built on Throg's Neck, and for the site thereof, in the same state, seven thousand dollars.

For a light house on Cedar Point, in the state of Maryland, six thousand dollars; and for a small beacon light on Point Look Out, in the same state, one thousand eight hundred dollars.

For the light vessel to be placed in Albemarle Sound, in the state of North Carolina, a sum not exceeding five thousand five hundred dollars. For replacing the buoy at Ocracoke Inlet, and for two buoys to be placed, one at Fulcher's Point, and one at Cross Rock, Croatan Sound, in the same state, one hundred and eighty dollars.

For three buoys to be anchored at proper places, at the entrance of the Harbor of Pensacola, in the territory of Florida, one hundred and eighty dollars.

For the light house on Point Defer, in the state of Louisiana, ten thousand dollars.

For completing the work to secure Plymouth Beach, in the state of Massachusetts, five thousand seven hundred and twelve dollars.

For erecting a pier at the mouth of Cayahoga River, in the state of Ohio, five thousand dollars; and for completing the pier at the mouth of Grand River, in the same state, one thousand dollars.

And for survey, to be made under the direction of the President of the United States, for the following purposes, to wit: to ascertain the practicability and necessity of constructing a pier at the mouth of the Harbor of Marblehead, for the security of shipping; and also a pier in the Harbor of Holmes Hole, for the same object, in the state of Massachusetts, the sum of four hundred dollars.

Approved, March 3, 1825.

AN ACT authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow a sum not exceeding twelve millions of dollars, or to exchange a stock of four and one half per cent. for a certain stock bearing an interest of six per cent.

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 borrow, on or before the first day of January next, on the credit of the United States, a sum not exceeding twelve millions of dollars, at a rate of interest, payable quarterly, not exceeding four and one-half per centum per annum, six millions whereof reimbursable at the pleasure of the Government, at any time after the thirty-first day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-eight; and six millions at any time after the thirty-first day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-nine, to be applied, in addition to the moneys which may be in the Treasury at the time of borrowing the same, to pay off and discharge such part of the six per cent. stock of the United States, of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, as may be redeemable after the first day of January next.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Bank of the United States to lend the said sum or any part thereof; and it is hereby further declared that it shall be deemed a good execution of the said power to borrow, for the Secretary of the Treasury, with the approbation of the President of the United States, to cause to be constituted certificates of stock, signed by the Register of the Treasury, or by a Commissioner of Loans, for the whole or any part thereof, bearing an interest not exceeding four and one-half per centum per annum, transferrable and reimbursable as aforesaid, and to cause the said certificates to be sold: Provided, That no stock be sold under part.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That a subscription to the amount of twelve millions of dollars of the six per cent. stock of the year eighteen hundred and thirteen, be, and the same is hereby proposed; for which purpose books shall be opened at the Treasury of the United States, and at the several loan offices, on the first day of April next, to continue open until the first day of October thereafter, for such parts of the abovementioned description of stock as shall, on the day of subscription, stand on the books of the Treasury, and on those of the several loan offices, respectively; which subscription shall be effected by a transfer to the United States, in the manner provided by law for such transfers, of the credit or credits standing on the said books, and by a surrender of the certificates of the stock so subscribed: Provided, That all subscription by transfer of stock shall be considered as part of the said twelve millions of dollars authorized to be borrowed by the first section of this act.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That for the whole or any part of any sum, which shall be thus subscribed, credit shall be entered to the respective subscribers, who shall be entitled to a certificate or certificates, purporting that the United States owe to the holder or holders thereof, his, her, or their assigns, a sum to be expressed therein, equal to the amount of the principal stock thus subscribed, bearing an interest not exceeding four and one-half per centum, per annum, payable quarterly, from the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, transferrable in the same manner as is provided by law for the transfer of the stock subscribed, and subject to redemption, at the pleasure of the United States, as follows: one-half at any time after the thirty-first day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine: Provided, That no reimbursement shall be made, except for the whole amount of such new certificate, not until after at least six months' public notice of such intended reimbursement. And it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be re-transferred to the respective subscribers, the several

sums by them subscribed beyond the amount of the certificates of four and one-half per cent. stock issued to them respectively.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the same funds which have heretofore been, and now are pledged by law for the payment of the interest, and for the redemption and reimbursement of the stock which may be redeemed or reimbursed by virtue of the provisions of this act, shall remain pledged in like manner for the payment of the interest accruing on the stock created by reason of such subscription, and for the redemption or reimbursement of the principal of the same. And it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to cause to be applied and paid, out of the said fund, yearly, and every year, such sum and sums as may be annually required to discharge the interest accruing on the stock which may be created by virtue of this act. The said Commissioners are also hereby authorized to apply, from time to time, such sum and sums out of the said fund, as they may think proper, towards redeeming, by purchase, or by reimbursement, in conformity with the provisions of this act, the principal of the said stock; and such part of the annual sum of ten millions of dollars, vested by law in the said Commissioners, as may be necessary and required for the above purposes, shall be and continue appropriated to the payment of interest and redemption of the public debt, until the whole of the stock which may be created under the provisions of this act, shall have been redeemed or reimbursed.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this act shall be construed in any wise to alter, abridge, or impair the right of those creditors of the United States who shall not subscribe to the loan to be opened by virtue of this act.

Approved: March 3, 1825.

AN ACT to authorize the Register or Enrolment and License to be issued in the name of the President or Secretary of any incorporated Company, owning a steam-boat or vessel.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That enrolments and licenses for steam-boats or vessels, owned by any incorporated company, may be issued in the name of the President or Secretary of such Company; and that such enrolments and licenses shall not be vacated or affected by a sale of any share or shares of any stockholder or stockholders, in such Company.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That registers for steam-boats or vessels, owned by any incorporated company, may be issued in the name of the President or Secretary of such Company; and that such registers shall not be vacated or affected by a sale of any share or shares of any stockholder or stockholders, in such Company.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That upon the death, removal, or resignation of the President or Secretary of any incorporated company, owning any steam-boat or vessel, a new register, or enrolment and license, as the case may be, shall be taken out for such steam-boat or vessel.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That, previously to granting a register, or enrolment and license, for any steam-boat or vessel, owned by any Company, the President or Secretary of such Company shall swear or affirm as to the ownership of such steam-boat or vessel, by such Company, without designating the names of the persons composing such Company; which oath or affirmation, shall be deemed sufficient, without requiring the oath or affirmation of any other person interested or concerned in such steam-boat or vessel.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That, before granting a register for any steam-boat or vessel, so owned by any incorporated company, the President or Secretary thereof, shall swear or affirm that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, no part of such steam-boat or vessel has been, or is then, owned by any foreigner or foreigners.

Approved: March 3, 1825.

AN ACT to authorize the sale of unserviceable Ordnance, Arms, and Military Stores.

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 cause to be sold any ordnance, arms, ammunition, or other military stores, or subsistence, or medical supplies, which, upon proper inspection or survey, shall appear to be damaged, or otherwise unsuitable for the public service, whenever, in his opinion, the sale of such unserviceable stores will be advantageous to the public service.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the inspection or survey of the unserviceable stores shall be made by an Inspector General, or such other officer or officers as the Secretary of War may appoint for that purpose; and the sales shall be made under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

Approved: March 3, 1825.

AN ACT further to amend the act authorizing payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes; passed ninth April, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person having claim for a building destroyed by the enemy during the late war, under the ninth section of the act to which this is an amendment, and of the act to amend the same, passed the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, which shall have been presented to the Commissioner of Claims, appointed under the act first aforesaid, at any time before the tenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and which was not paid under said acts, nor finally rejected by said Commissioner, may, within nine months hereafter, present the same, with the evidence to support it, to the Third Auditor of the Treasury, for examination and adjustment; and if he shall be satisfied the building or buildings for which damages are claimed, was, at the time of its destruction, occupied by order of any agent or officer of the United States, as a place of deposit for military or naval stores or at barracks for the military forces of the United States, he shall proceed to assess the damages, and certify the amount for the payment, in the way pointed out in the act first above referred to, which shall be immediately paid, out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated: Provided, That, if the Auditor shall be satisfied the evidence before him is insufficient to enable him correctly to decide between the United States and the claimant, he may, on giving notice to the claimant, cause other evidence to be taken: And, provided also, That no payment shall be made under the provisions of this act, where the property destroyed was occupied under a contract with the owner, and at the risk of such owner.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the amount which shall appear to have been paid to the owners, as rent, for the use or occupation of their property, shall be deducted from the amount directed to be paid to them under this act.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That, in case the whole amount of the claims presented, and allowed, under this act, shall exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, then, and in that case, the claimants shall, respectively, receive only their rateable proportion of the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be liquidated by the said Auditor in the adjustment of the amount to be received by such claimants, respectively.

Approved: March 3, 1825.

AN ACT for the continuation of the Cumberland Road.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, of moneys not otherwise appropriated, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the purpose of opening and making a road from the town of Canton, in the state of Ohio, on the right bank of the Ohio river, opposite the town of Wheeling, to the Muskingum river, at Zanesville, in said state; which said sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars shall be replaced out of the fund reserved for laying out and making roads under the direction of Congress, by the several acts passed for the admission of the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri, into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That, for the immediate accomplishment of this object, the President, with the advice of the Senate, shall appoint some fit person as the superintendent of said road, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of the President, to divide the same into sections of not more than ten miles each; to contract for and personally superintend the opening and making the said road, as well as to receive, disburse, and faithfully account with the Treasury for all sums of money by him received in virtue of this act.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the superintendent shall not be interested, directly or indirectly, in the avails of any contracts so to be made by him as aforesaid: That he shall, before he enters upon the discharge of the duties enjoined by this act, execute a bond to the United States, with security, to be approved of by the Secretary of the Treasury, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties prescribed by this act: That he shall hold his office during the pleasure of the President, and shall receive at the rate of one thousand five hundred dollars per annum for his services, during the time he may be employed in the discharge of the duties required by this act.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to appoint one impartial and judicious person, not being a citizen of either of the states through which the said road