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[No. 26.]

AN ACT supplementary to the several acts for ascertaining titles and claims to lands in the St. Helena and Jackson Court-House Land Districts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of America in Congress assembled, That stracts, A, B, and E, of the report of the Register and Receiver of the Land District of St. Helena Court House, reported to the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of the ninteeenth January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, in obedience to an act of Congress of the hundred and twenty-four, and the claims the Register and Receiver, under date of the fifth of December, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, and which are recommended for confirmation, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed, so far as they may come within the provisions of, and be conformable to, the principles, limitations and restrictions of the act of the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, entitled, " An act for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing Land Offices in the Districts east of the Island of New-Orleans."

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Register and Receiver of said District shall possess the same powers and perform the said duties in relation to the claims confirmed by this act, as are given to and required of them by the act of Congress, of the eighth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, entitled, "An act supplementary to the several acts for adjusting the claims and titles to lands, and establishing land offices in the District east of the island of New-Orleans." Provided, That nothing conto extend further than a relinquishment of all right and title to said lands, on the part of the United States, without prejudice to the interest of third powers.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the Register and Receiver, and Clerk of said Land Office, at St. Helena, shall continue to have and receive, for the term of twelve months from the passing of this act, the same salary for the performance of the duties required of them by this act, and the acts to which this is a supplement, as is now allowed by law, which shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

JOHN W. TAYLOR, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JOHN C. CALHOUN, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate. APPROVED-May 4, 1826 JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

No 27

AN ACT to provide for the apprehension and delivery of deserters from French ships in

the ports of the United States. Consul of France made in writing, stating that the person therein named has desernamed belonged, at the time of deserbe the duty of any court, judge, justice or other magistrate, having competent being a citizen of the United States, shall pointed on its part, for the same obje be delivered op to the Consul or Vice Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That other delivered to the governor of Georthis act shall continue in force, so long as gia.

shall be mutually obligatory on the parties to it, and no longer. APPROVED-May 4, 1286.

INO. 28.7

N ACT for altering the time of holding the session of the Supreme Court of the United Biates, and of the sessions of the Circuit Courts of the United States, for the Districts of Georgia and 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 year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, the session of the Supreme Court, heretofore held on the first Monday of February annually, shall, instead thereof, be held on the second Monday of January annually; and all actions, suits, appeals, recog nisances, processes, writs and proceedof Representatives of the United States ings whatever, pending, or which may be pending in said Court, or returnable thereall the claims to land contained in ab I to, shall have day therein, and be heard, tried, proceeded with, and decided, in like manner as if the time of holding said session had not been altered.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the sixth Circuit Court of the United States, for the District of Georgia, which is by law appointed to be holden on the twenty-sixth of May, one thousand eight fourteenth day of December annually. shall hereafter be holden on the fourth embraced in the supplemental report of Monday in November annually; and that the sixth Circuit Court of the United States, for the District of South Carolina, which is by law appointed to be holden on the fourth Tuesday of November annually, shall hereafter be holden on the second Monday in December annually; and that all process which shall have been issued, and all recognisances returnable, and all suits and other proceedings which have been continued to said Courts respectively, on the days heretofore provided by law for their meeting, shall be returned, and held continued to the said Courts, at the times herein provided for the meeting of the said Courts respectively.

APPROVED-May 4, 1826.

No. 29.]

AN ACT to exempt the Professors, Tutors, Stewards and Students of the different sumi. naries of learning in the District of Columbia, from military duty

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That tained in this act shall be so construed as the President, Professors, Tutors, Stewards and students of the different seminaries of learning, in the District of Columbia, be, and they hereby are, declared to be exempt from the performance of militia duty, except in case of war.

APPROVED-May 4, 1820.

10. 30

AN ACT to authorize the President of the United States to run and mark a line dividing the territory of Florida from the state of Georgia.

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 of America be, and he is hereby authorized. in conjunction with the constituted authorities of the state of Georgia, to cause to be run and distinctly marked, the line dividing the territory of Florida, from the state of Georgia, from the junction of the rivers Chatahoochie and Flint, to the head of St. Mary's river: and for that purpose, he is hereby authorized to appoint a commissioner or surveyor, or both, Be it enacted by the Senate and House as in his opinion may be necessary: Proof Representatives of the United States vided, That the line so to be run and of America in Congress assembled, That marked, shall be run straight from the on the application of a Consul or Vice junction of said rivers Chatahoochie and Flint, to the point designated at the head of St. Mary's river, by the commissionted from a public or private vessel of ers appointed under the third article of the France, while in any port of the United treaty of friendship, limits and navigation, States, and on proof, by the exhibition of between the United States of America the register of the vessel, ship's roll, or and the king of Spain, made at San Loother official document, that the person | renzo el Real, on the seventiand twentieth day of October, one thousand seven tion, to the crew of said vessel, it shall hundred and ninety-five: And provided also, That the compensation to be allowed to the person or persons, so to be appower to issue warrants, to cause the said | pointed by the President of the United person to be arrested for examination; and States, shall not exceed in amount the if, on the examination, the facts stated are compensation allowed by the government found to be true, the person arrested, not of Georgia to the person or persons ap-

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That Consul, to be sent back to the dominions the person or persons to be appointed of France; or, on the request, and at the by the President of the United States, expense of the said Consul or Vice Con- with such as have been or shall be apsul shall be detained, until the Consul or pointed for the same purpose, on the part Vice Consul, finds an opportunity to send of the state of Georgia, after they, in conhim back to the dominions of France s junction, shall have run and distinctly Provided, nevertheless, That no person marked said line, shall make two fair shall be detained more than three drafts or maps thereof, both of which shall months after his arrest, but at the end of be certified by them, one of which shall that time shall be set at liberty, and shall be deposited in the office of the Secretary

the Convention of the twenty-fourth of Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That June, eighteen hundred and swensy-two, for the purpose of carrying this act into

sury, not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED- May 4, 1826.

[No 31] AN ACT to extend the lines of certain Land Districts in the state of Missouri.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House f America in Congress assembled, That the western boundary of the Land District of Cape Girardeau, and of the western district in the state of Missouri, be. and the same is hereby extended to the western boundary of the state of Missouri. APPROVED -May 4, 1326.

No. 32. N ACT making appropriations for carrying into effect the appointment of a Mission at the Congress of Panama.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and they same are in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for carrying into effect the appoint ment of a mission at the Congress of Pal nama; that is to say :

eighteen thousand dollars.

For the salaries for the same, at the rate of nine thousand dollars per year, eighteen thousand dollars: Provided, That it shall not be lawful to pay to either of the said envoys, more than nine thousand dollars for his salary in any one year, in the capacity of public minister abroad.

nama, at the rate of two thousand dollars per anunm, two thousand dollars.

For the contingent expenses of the said mission, two thousand dollars.

Approved-May 4, 1326.

No. 33

N ACT making further provision for the extinguishment of the debt due to the United States, by the purchasers of Public Lands

Be it enacted by the Senate and House f Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the late war with Oceat Britain. the provisions of the act entitled " An act to provide for the extinguishment of the debt due to the United States by the purchasers of public lands, approved May eighteenth, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-tour, and the provisions of the act entitled "Aa act explanatory of an act entitled an act to provide for the extinguishment of the debt due to the United States by the purchasers of public lands," approved May the twenty sixth, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-tour, be, and the same are hereby severally revived and continued in force, in all respects whatsoever, until the fourth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven.

Sec. 2. And be it further encted, That the legal holder of any certificate of lands purchased from the United States, which and has reverted by virtue of the provisions of the act of the second of March. eighteen hundred and twenty-one, or the several acts supplementary thereto; or which, by virtue of the fifth section o the act of tenth of May, one thousand eight hundred; is subject to to be sold for the balance due thereon with interest; or which, under the provisions of the said act, hes become forfeited to the United States, since the first day of July eighteen hundred and twenty, and which has not been sold, shall be permitted to redeem the same at any time previous to the first day of May, one thousand eight hu dred and twenty-seven, on paying the amount of the purchase money due thereon, evclusive of interest, with a deduction

of thirty-seven and a half per cent. Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That f the legal holder of any certificate of further credit extended to purchasers of public lands, by the act of the second of March, eighteen hundred and twenty one, entitled-"an act for the relief of the purchasers of public lands, prior to the first day of July eighteen hundred and twenty, " shall, previous to the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and twenty seven, discharge the amount due on such certificate, by relinquishment or payment, or both, such holder shall be entitled to a remission of all interest due thereon at the day of such discharge, together with a deduction of thirty seven and a half per cent. on the amount actually paid in cash.

Approved-May 4, 1826.

[No. 34.]

N ACT to elter the times of holding the Cirouit Courts of the United States for the District of New-York, and the April Term of the Circuit Court for the District of Con necticut.

the Oty of New-York, on the last Mondays in May and October, instead of the times heretofore established by law .-And the Circuit Courts of the United States for the District of Connecticut holden at New-Haves, April, instead of the time heretofore established by law.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That all indictments, informations, suits or actions and proceedings of every kind, whether of a civil or criminal nature, pending in the said Courts respectively, on the first day of July next, shall thereafter have day in Court, and be proceeded in, heard, tried and determined, on the days herein appointed, for holding the said Courts respectively, in the same manner as they might and ought to have done, had the said Courts been holden respectively on the days heretofore directed by law.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That hereby appropriated, out of any money all writs, suits, actions or recognizanes, or other proceedings, which are or shall be instituted, served, commenced, had or taken to the said Circuit Courts, or either of them, to have been holden as For the outfits of two Envoys Extra, heretofore directed by law, shall be reordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary, turnable to, entered in, heard, tried and have day in Court, in each of the said Courts respectively, to be holden at the times by this act directed, in the same manner as might and ought to have been done, had the said Courts been holden at the times heretofore directed by law.

Approved-May 13, 1826.

No 35.

due to the State of Maryland.

of Representatives of the United States the miseries confined to the wounded of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to liquidate and settle the claim of the State of Maryland against the United States, for | pierced by the northern blast, falls unand benefit of the United States, during

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That in ascertaining the amount of interest, as buman limb or the remains of a scanty aforesaid, due to the state of Maryland, pittance of horse flesh of which he has the following rules shall be understood as just robbed his dying comrade; too hapapplicable to, and governing the case, to wit: First, that interest shall not be computed on any sum which Maryland hysteric laugh to prevail over the dying has not expended for the use and benefit of the United States, as evidenced by the amount refunded, or repaid to Maryland, by the United States; Second, that no in- the bridge into the freezing current of the terest shall be paid on any sum of which | Berezina, or is trampled to death beneath she has not paid interest; Third, that, when the principal, or any part of it, has | crushed beneath the ponderous wheels of been paid or refunded by the United, the retreating artillery; nor to him who States, or money placed in the hands of lay fourteen days and nights-oh, Maryland, for that purpose, the interest how long those nights and days !- expion the sum or sums so paid or refunded, shall cease, and not be considered as chargeable to the United States, any longer than up to the time of the repayment, as aforesaid.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That the amount of the interest, when ascer tained as aforesaid; shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved-May 13, 1826.

No. 36.

AN ACT to auhtorize a subscription for stock, on the part of the United States, in the Louisville and Portland 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 hereby is, authorized and directed to subscribe for, or purchase, in the name, and for the use of the United States, not exceeding one thousand shares, of the capital stock of the Louisville and Portland Canal Company, and to pay for the same at such times, and in such proportions, as may be required of, and paid by other stockholders of said company, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated : Provided, said shares can be procured for a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars each.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall vote for the 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.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That this act shall not go into effect, until one or more competent engineer or engineers. in the service of the United States, shall examine the ground on which caid canal Be it enacted by the Senate and House is proposed to be constructed, and make a of Representatives of the Un t d States report in writing to the Secretary of War, of America in Congress assembed, That that, in his opinion, the plan upon which

between the United States and France, | execution, the sum of five thousand dol- from and after the first day of July next, the canal is to be constructed is practicalars be, and hereby is appropriated, to the Cicuit Courts of the United States ble, and that the sum hereby authorized to be paid out of any money in the Trea- for the District of New-York, shall com- to be vested in the subscription, or purmence and be held at the City Hall of chase of stock, will be sufficient, together with the sums already paid, or to be paid, upon the stock subscribed for; and owned by individuals, to complete the canal, according to said plan.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted. That provisions of this act, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars shall be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury of the United States, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved-May 13, 1826.

Miscellaneous.

From the Salem Gazette.

Messrs. Editors-The following animated, yet not exaggerated remarks ought not to be confined to the narrow limits of the yet very small number of subscribers to peace societies. Thousands not yet aware of the value of these associations, will be forcibly impressed, if not convinced, by the following glowing picture of facts-authenticated facts.

"There is not probably in all our lrappy country, one so hardened as to assert that war is a blessing—that it is not a curse-a most direful calamity. War's greatest apologists universally agree to call it an evil, a tremendous evil. "Since then, all acknowledge war to

be an evil of enormous magnitude, it is unnecessary for me to discant on its horrors and atrocities. Unfortunately, they have been too well exemplified in our day. What pencil can paint, what language can describe the horrors of Boro-For the Secretary of the mission at Pa- AN ACT authorizing the payment of interest | dino, Moscow, Berezina and Waterloo?horrors which have not been equalled Be it enacted by the Senate and House since the sack of Jerusalem. Nor are soldier, consumed, alive, in the burning hospital, amid the shricks and groans of twelve thousand others as wretched as himself;" nor to him who, overcome with hunger and fatigue, and interest upon loans on moneys borrowed, heeded by his companions in misery, and actually expended by her, for the use among the drifted snow which soon covere him ; nor to him who, benumbed with cold, seated on the dead body of his fellow soldier, gnaws a half wasted py, if the excess of his sufferings nas brought on a delirium, which causes his groans of his companions; nor to him who, having escaped these dangers, is tumbled by a fellow soldier's arm from the hoofs of the flying cavalry, or is ring on the field of Waterloo.

Nor is this all-no, nor houseless age, nor starving childhood -no, these do not fill up the picture. In the back ground, obscured from vulgar gaze, the aged parent, robbed by the conscription or impressment, of his last earthly hope-the widowed mother with her defenceless orphan-the betrothed virgin, with all her fond anticipations blasted, and the thousand ramifications of misery, whereever there are hearts to bleed, or bosoms to heave; all these are necessary to make up the scene. And when all these well authenticated facts and ten thousand others are collected, and there is added to them all that the most vivid imagination can conceive, still the picture falls far, very far short of the original Ladd's Address.

Can any one read this vivid, though concise, description of the horrors of Borindo, Mosco, Berezina and Waterloo, without wishing that such scenes may not again occur in christendom? In the address from which the above is quoted, sentiments honorable to human nature, arguments convincing to every candid mind. are conveyed in language strong and impressive. It is hoped that no efforts in the power of those concerned will be wanting to circulate the adress throughout the community. "Probably hity thousand people in this country and Great Britain have already experienced some change in their views of war in consequence of the exertions of peace societies. Let the power of the lever be sufficiently increased, and it will move the world."

* Lebaume's Narrative.

Mr. A. SMYTH, tormerly a Representative in Congress from Virginia, is about to open a Law School at Wythe Court House, in that state-and pledges himself to qualify a student in six months to obtain a licease.