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[No. 51.]

AN ACT for altering the time for holding the Courts of the United States in the Western District of Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Courts of the United States in the Western District of Virginia, shall be hereafter held on the days herein provided for, instead of the times now provided for by law, that is to say, at Clarksburg on the first Mondays in April and September; at Lewisburg, on the first Wednesday after the second Mondays in April and September; at Wytch Court House, on the first Wednesday after the third Mondays in April and September; and at Staunton, on the first Wednesday after the fourth Mondays in April and September; and all matters in said Courts, returnable, or continued to the terms heretofore provided for, shall be taken to be returnable, and continued to the terms herein provided for. This act to take effect from and after the first day of July next.

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 20, 1826.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

[No. 52.]

AN ACT concerning the Seat of Justice in Gallatin County, in the State of Illinois.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the State of Illinois is hereby authorized to give or sell, in fee simple, to the County of Gallatin, in that State, for the purposes of locating and fixing the Seat of Justice in said County, a tract not exceeding one hundred acres of the tract of land, situate in said County, and granted to said State, for the use thereof, by act of the eighteenth of April, eighteen hundred and eighteen, entitled "an act to enable the people of the Illinois Territory to form a Constitution and State Government and for the admission of such State into the Union, on an equal footing with the original States," any restriction in the said act of Congress notwithstanding.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

[No. 53.]

AN ACT to enable the President to hold Treaties with certain Indian Tribes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, shall be and the same hereby is, appropriated, to defray the expense of holding treaties with the Miami and Pottawattami tribes of Indians, and any other tribes claiming Lands in the States of Indiana.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

[No. 54.]

AN ACT allowing fees to the District Attorney of Missouri.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be allowed to the Attorney of the United States, for the District of Missouri, a fee of six dollars in each case now pending, or hereafter to be by him prosecuted on behalf of the United States, to be paid by the unsuccessful party, in addition to the salary and compensation allowed by law. Provided, That the fees herein provided for shall not be taxed on any suit now commenced, or to be commenced, or any petition filed in relation to the confirmation of land claims in Missouri, under the provisions of the act of the twenty-sixth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That as a compensation to the said District Attorney, in all cases in which he has already prosecuted suits, for the United States, to judgment, he shall receive the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid to him by the proper officer of the Treasury Department.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

[No. 55.]

AN ACT to extend the time for locating Virginia Military Land Warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on the continental establishment, their heirs or assigns, entitled to bounty lands within the tract of country reserved by the State of Virginia, between the Little Miami and Sciota Rivers, shall be allowed until the first day of June, eighteen hundred and twenty-nine, to obtain warrants, and until the first day of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, to complete their locations, and until the first day of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, to return their surveys and warrants, or certified copies thereof, to the commissioner of the General Land Office, and to obtain patents: Provided, That no location shall be made by virtue of any warrant obtained after the first day of June, eighteen hundred and twenty-nine, and no patent shall issue in consequence of any location made after the first day of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-two: And provided also, That no patent shall be obtained, on any such warrant, unless there be produced, to the Secretary of War, satisfactory evidence that such warrant was granted for services which, by the laws of Virginia, passed prior to the cession of the North-western Territory, would have entitled such officer, or soldier, his heirs or assigns, to bounty lands; and also a certificate of the Register of the Land Office of Virginia, that no warrant has issued from the said Land Office for the same services.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That no patent shall be issued, by virtue of the preceding section, for a greater quantity of land than the rank, or term of service, of the officer or soldier to whom or to whose heirs or assigns such warrant has been granted, would have entitled him to, under the aforesaid laws of Virginia; and whenever it appears, to the Secretary of War, that the survey made by virtue of any of the aforesaid warrants, is for a greater quantity of land than the officer or soldier is entitled to for his services, the Secretary of War shall certify, on each survey, the amount of such surplus quantity, and the officer or soldier, his heirs or assigns, shall have leave to withdraw his survey from the office of the Secretary of War, and re-survey his location, excluding such surplus quantity, in one body, from any part of his re-survey, and a patent shall issue upon such re-survey, as in other cases.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That no holder of any warrant, which has been, or may be located, shall be permitted to withdraw or remove the same, and locate it on any other land, except in cases of eviction, in consequence of a legal judgement first obtained, from the whole or part of the located land, or unless it be found to interfere with a prior location and survey: nor shall any lands heretofore sold by the United States, within the boundaries of said reservation, be subject to location, by the holder of any such unlocated warrant: Provided, That no location shall, after the passage of this act, be made on lands for which patents had previously issued, or which had been previously surveyed, nor shall any location be made on lands lying West of Ludlow's line, and any patent which, nevertheless, may be obtained, contrary to the provisions of this section, shall be null and void.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

[No. 56.]

AN ACT supplementary to "an act providing for the disposition of three several tracts of land in Tuscarawas County, in the State of Ohio, and for other purposes," passed the twenty-sixth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four.

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 to adopt such measures as, in his judgment, the interests of the United States, and the parties concerned, may require, for the purpose of carrying into full and complete effect the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement, and the intentions of Congress, as expressed in said act.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

[No. 47.]

AN ACT to alter the times of holding the District Courts in the District of North-Carolina.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the District Courts of the United States for the District of North-Carolina, shall, after the passing of this act, commence

and be holden on the following days, instead of the times heretofore established by law, that is to say: At Edenton, in and for the District of Albemarle, on the third Monday of April and October; at Newbern, in and for the District of Pamlico, on the Thursday next after the third Monday of April and October; and at Wilmington, in and for the District of Cape Fear, on the fourth Monday of April and October.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That all suits, actions, writs, process, and other proceedings, commenced or to commence, or which shall be now pending in any of the District Courts of the District of North-Carolina, as heretofore established, shall be returnable to, heard, tried, and proceeded with, in the said District Courts, in the same manner as if the time for holding thereof had not been changed.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

[No. 58.]

AN ACT supplementary to the act entitled "an act to incorporate the City of Washington, and to repeal all acts heretofore passed for that purpose," passed fifteenth May, eighteen hundred and twenty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the fifteenth section of the act of the fifteenth of May, eighteen hundred and twenty, to which this is a supplement, shall be so construed as to extend the provisions of said section as well to public open spaces as to public squares or reservations.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

[No. 59.]

AN ACT altering the times of holding the Courts in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Circuit Court for Washington County, in the District of Columbia, shall, hereafter, commence and be held, on the first Monday of December, and first Monday of May, in each year, instead of the days now fixed by law; and the Circuit Court, for the County of Alexandria, in the said District, on the first Monday of November, and the second Monday of April, instead of the days now fixed by law; and that all process whatsoever, now issued, or which may be issued, in the respective counties of Washington and Alexandria, in said District, returnable by law, for each of the said counties, shall be returnable, and returned on the days prescribed by this act; and causes, recognisances, pleas, and proceedings, civil and criminal, returnable to, and depending before, the said Courts, at the respective times of holding the same, as heretofore established, shall be returned and continued, in the same counties, respectively, in the same manner as if the said causes, recognisances, pleas, and proceedings, had been regularly returned or continued to the said respective times appointed by this act for holding the said Courts.

Approved, May 20, 1826.

[No. 60.]

AN ACT to fix the time for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States in the District of Ohio.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Circuit Court of the United States within and for the District of Ohio, instead of the time now fixed by law, shall hereafter be held on the second Monday of July, and the fourth Monday of December, in each year; and the District Court of the United States, in and for said District, shall hereafter be held on the Mondays next succeeding the times herein fixed for holding the Circuit Court; and all suits and matters of every kind returnable to, or pending in, either of said Courts, shall be held to be returnable and continued to the terms of said Courts herein provided for.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

[No. 61.]

AN ACT to aid certain Indians of the Creek Nation, in their removal to the west of the Mississippi.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States will give to each warrior of the nation of Creek Indians, who shall at any time within two years, remove to the west of the Mississippi, according to article six, in the treaty made and concluded at Washington City, on the 26th day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, between the United States and the Creek Indians, one rifle gun and ammunition, a butcher knife, one blanket, one brass kettle, and one beaver trap; and shall further

aid them with provisions on the way, and with transportation across the Mississippi river, and other streams; and furnish them with provisions for their support for one year after their arrival in the country which may be set apart for them, to the westward of the Territory of Arkansas, or State of Missouri; and the United States will pay to all such emigrants, the actual value of all the improvements left by them, and which are of a nature to add to the real value of the land, which is to be ascertained by a Commissioner appointed by the President of the United States for that purpose, and paid for as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the agent to be appointed to accompany and reside with the aforesaid emigrating Creeks, according to article eighth of the treaty last above mentioned, shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That there shall be delivered to the said agent, in each and every year, a fair and full proportion of all the annuities heretofore stipulated to be paid to the Creek Indians according to the number of emigrants who may remove; and to enable the Government to divide the annuities fairly, the agents shall make annual returns of the whole number of such emigrants; and the amount to be paid under the ninth article of the Treaty aforesaid, may be extended to any number of emigrants over and above three thousand persons.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That for the purpose of making known the beneficial objects of the Government, and for carrying into effect the objects of this act, the agent to be appointed to reside with the emigrating Creeks, shall have full liberty, for the space of two years, to go among the Indians of the Creek nation, and explain to them the policy of the Government, and to give to such individuals, families and parties, as may determine from time to time, all the aids which are contemplated by this act; and shall designate a proper place at which the emigrants may cross the Mississippi river, and may establish depots of provisions at one or more places, under the care of suitable persons, to support them on their march.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the sum of sixty thousand dollars, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, shall be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to defray the expense of carrying this act into effect.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

[No. 62.]

AN ACT to allow the transportation of goods, wares and merchandise, to and from Philadelphia and Baltimore, by the way of Lancaster and York, or by the mail route.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any goods, wares, and merchandise, which lawfully might be transported to or from the City of Philadelphia and Baltimore, by the way of Elkton, Bohemia, and Frenchtown, and Port Pen; Appoquinimink, New Castle, Christiana Bridge, Newport or Wilmington, or to and from the City of Philadelphia and Baltimore, by the way of Appoquinimink and Sasfras River, shall, and may be, lawfully transported to and from the City of Philadelphia and Baltimore, by the way of Lancaster and York, or by the mail route, and shall be entitled to all the benefits and advantages, and shall be subject to all the provisions, regulations, limitations and restrictions, existing in the case of goods, wares, and merchandise, transported by any of the routes before mentioned.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

[No. 63.]

AN ACT to enable the President of the United States to hold a Treaty with the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations of Indians.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to defray the expenses of treating with the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations of Indians for the purpose of extinguishing their titles to lands within the limits of the State of Mississippi. The said sum to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That for the purpose of negotiating said Treaty on the part of the United States, the President shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint Commissioners after the adjournment of the present Session of Congress, or at an earlier period, if practicable, and to fix their compensation, so as not to exceed what

has been heretofore allowed for like services.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

[No. 64.]

AN ACT to regulate the summoning of Grand Jurors in the District Courts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the first day of August next, the Clerks of the District Courts of the United States shall not issue a process to summon, or cause to be returned to any session of the said Courts, a Grand Jury, unless by special order of the District Judge.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

[No. 65.]

AN ACT declaring valid and legalizing certain sales of Land in the State of Mississippi.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sale of land lying in Monroe County, in the State of Mississippi, which have been sold at the Land offices of Huntsville and Tuscaloosa, since the thirtieth of October, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, are hereby legalized, and declared valid, as though made at the proper land offices; and that patents be issued for them, in the same manner as for other lands sold at the Land offices at Huntsville and Tuscaloosa.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

[No. 66.]

AN ACT appropriating a sum of money for the repair of the Post Road from the Chatahoocchie to Line Creek, in the State of Alabama.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of six thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, for the repair of the Post Road in the Indian country between the Chatahoocchie and Line Creek, in the State of Alabama, to be expended under the direction of the Postmaster General, and that it be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

[No. 67.]

AN ACT to perpetuate the evidence relating to the sale of dwelling-houses, lots, and lands, for the non-payment of direct taxes due to the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That where sales shall have been made of any dwelling-houses, lots or lands, to satisfy any direct taxes imposed thereon, by virtue of the laws of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury shall, so far as practicable, cause such of the books, and other documentary evidence relating to the assessment of such taxes, and to the advertising and sale of such houses, lots and lands, for the non-payment thereof, as may remain in the hands of the assessors and collectors, or their representatives, to be deposited, for safe keeping, in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the United States, within whose district such houses, lots, and lands may lie.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

[No. 68.]

AN ACT to allow compensation to such witnesses, on the part of the United States, as may be imprisoned to compel their attendance in Court, on account of their inability to give security in a recognizance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Marshals for the several Districts and Territories for the United States, be authorized to pay such persons as may have been, or shall hereafter be, imprisoned on account of inability to give security in a recognizance for their attendance as witnesses on behalf of the United States, the same sum for each day's imprisonment, as is provided by law for witnesses actually attending Court under process: Provided, that the said allowance be first fixed and certified by the proper judge, as in the case of jurors.

Approved—May 20, 1826.

Twenty-five Dolls. Reward.

RUNAWAY from the Subscriber, in Jones County, on the 27th of March last, a Negro Man named NED—nearly six feet high, black complexion, and well built. He has a wife at the Plantation of the late Thomas Murphy, and his father belongs to Mr. Lemuel H. Simmons, of Jones. The above reward and reasonable expences, will be paid for the apprehension and safe keeping of Ned, on application to Mr. Lem. H. Simmons.

JOHN R. FOY.

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