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LAW OF THE UNITED STATES, PASSED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH CONGRESS.

AN ACT to provide for the confirmation and settlement of Private Land Claims in East Florida, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the decisions made by the Commissioners appointed to ascertain claims and titles to land in the District of East Florida, and those recommended for confirmation, under the quantity of three thousand five hundred acres, in favour of claimants to lands and lots, contained in the reports, abstracts, and opinions, of said Commissioners, which have been transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, according to law, and referred by him to Congress, on the twenty first of February, eighteen hundred and twenty five, and the twenty first of February eighteen hundred and twenty six, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That all the conflicting Spanish claims, reported in obedience to the fourth section of an act of Congress, approved May the eighth, eighteen hundred and twenty two, entitled "An act for ascertaining claims and titles to lands in the territory of Florida," be, and the same are hereby, confirmed: *Provided*, That this confirmation shall only operate as a relinquishment of the title of the United States: *Provided further*, That nothing in the foregoing sections shall be construed to prevent or bar the judicial decision between persons claiming titles to the lands confirmed.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the commons in the city of St. Augustine be, and the same are hereby, confirmed to the Corporation of said city, to the same extent that they were used, claimed and enjoyed, under the Spanish Government. And the Parochial church and burying ground in possession of the Roman Catholic congregation, are confirmed to them: and the Old Episcopal lot is, hereby, relinquished and confirmed to the Incorporated Episcopal church of St. Augustine: *Provided always*, That the grants in this section specified shall forever inure to the purposes for which they are confirmed, and shall not be alienated without the consent of Congress.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the late Board of Commissioners, to deliver over to the Receiver and Register, to be appointed for the District of East Florida, all records, evidence, and papers, in the possession of said Board, relating to claims and titles to land, in said District: and it shall be the duty of said Receiver and Register, to examine and decide all claims and titles to lands, in East Florida, not heretofore decided by the late Board of Commissioners, subject to the limitations, and in conformity with the provisions of the several acts of Congress providing for the adjustment of private land claims in Florida.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the several claimants to land in the said District, whose claims have not been heretofore decided on or filed, before the late Board of Commissioners, be permitted to file their claims, and the evidence in support of them, with the Register and Receiver of said District, and evidence in support of those filed before said Board, at any time before the first of November next, whose duty it shall be to report the same, with their decision thereon, and those already filed, to the Secretary of the Treasury, on or before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, to be laid before Congress at the next session.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the Receiver and Register shall have power to appoint a Clerk, and prescribe his duties; and the Receiver and Register shall each be entitled to receive the sum of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly, out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, as a full compensation for the performance of their duties as Receiver and Register, and the additional duties required by this act, and shall not be allowed any other fees or commissions whatever; and the Clerk appointed by them shall be allowed the sum of one thousand dollars, to be paid quarterly,

out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That the Keepers of Public Archives of East and West Florida, shall furnish to the Surveyor of Public Lands in Florida, without delay, a description of each claim to land, which shall have been confirmed, which shall specially designate the quantity, locality and connexion of such claim; and, where the confirmation may have been made on a grant or survey, a copy of the courses and distances contained in such grant or survey, and the date of the survey or grant; and it shall be the duty of the Surveyor of the Public Lands in Florida, to cause, under such instruction as he may receive from the Treasury Department, the said claims to be surveyed, and connected with the Township lines of the public surveys, and to give to them their proper township and sectional numbers, agreeably to such descriptions; and he shall make separate plats and certificates of survey of the same, one of which shall be returned to the office of the Register of the Land Office for the District in which the land may lie, and the other shall be delivered to the claimant. But it shall be the duty of the Surveyor to withhold his certificate, if he shall have reason to believe that the lands claimed are other lands than those intended to be confirmed; or if it shall appear that the survey, under which the land is claimed, has been made subsequent to the date of the survey under which the claim was confirmed.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That so soon as the tracts of land shall have been thus surveyed, and the surveys thereof returned to the office of the proper Register, it shall be the duty of the said Register to issue certificates in favor of the claimants entitled thereto; and, if it shall appear, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, that the certificates have been fairly obtained, and corresponds with the transcripts transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, and the plats returned by the Surveyor, patents shall be granted, in like manner as is provided by law for the other Public Lands of the United States.

Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, That the Surveyor of the Public Lands shall designate on the Township plats the claims for which he shall have refused to issue his certificates of survey.

Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, That the expense of surveying all claims founded on surveys or grants, shall be paid by the United States: *Provided*, The same shall not exceed four dollars per mile for every mile actually run and marked.

Sec. 11. And be it further enacted, That no patent shall issue, without the consent of the parties, for lands, the claims to which may have been confirmed on surveys, which interfere with each other, until a legal decision shall have been had on the same.

Sec. 12. And be it further enacted, That the holders of claims over three thousand five hundred acres, which have been filed with the Commissioners, or with the Register and Receiver of the Land Office for West Florida, acting as Commissioners for adjudicating on claims, or of claims which have been filed with the Commissioners for adjudicating claims to lands in East Florida, or which, under the provisions of this act, may be filed with the Register and Receiver of the Land Office for East Florida, and which claims have not been reported against by the said Commissioners, or by the Register and Receiver, shall cause the same to be so connected with the township lines of the public surveys, and shall furnish to the Surveyor of the public lands in Florida such information as will enable him to exhibit, accurately, the said claims on his township plats, and the lands thus claimed shall be reserved from sale: *Provided*, The information required, to enable the Surveyor to exhibit them on the township plats, shall have been furnished to him within one year after the lines of the townships, within which such claims may lie, shall have been run; or, where the township lines have already been run, within one year from the passage of this act.

Sec. 13. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Register and Receiver at Tallahassee, to deliver over to the keeper of the public archives of West Florida, all the records and papers of the late Board of Commissioners for West Florida; and it shall be the duty of the Register and Receiver of the Land Office for East Florida, to deliver to the keeper of the public archives of East Florida, all the records and papers of the late Board of Commissioners for East Florida, relating to claims confirmed by this act.

Sec. 14. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor and Legislative Council to sell one of the reserved quarter sections of land, near Tallahassee, and apply the proceeds to

the erection of public buildings; and it shall be lawful for them to reserve such portion of the quarter section to the town of Tallahassee, contiguous to the creek and water fall, as may, in their opinion, contribute to the health and convenience of the inhabitants; and they shall have power to pass laws for the preservation of, and expulsion from, the other two reserved quarter sections, all intruders, and to abate all nuisances; which said two reserved quarter sections shall be reserved for, and vested in the State, should that territory ever be prected into one.

Sec. 15. And be it further enacted, That the three persons whose improvements were included in the reserves made to certain Indian Chiefs, in the treaty with the Florida Indians, of the eighteenth of September, one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, shall be entitled to a pre-emption to the same quantity of land, in said district, upon the same terms and conditions as other pre-emptions, to be located under the direction of the Receiver and Register, upon the production of proof that they would have been entitled to the provisions of the act granting the right of pre-emption if the reserves had not been made.

JOHN W. TAYLOR,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
NATH'L MACON,  
President of the Senate, pro tempore.  
Approved, 8th Feb. 1827.  
JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

AN ACT making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year eighteen hundred & twenty seven.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for defraying the expenses of the Navy, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, the following sums be, and the same are hereby, respectively, appropriated:

For the pay and subsistence of the officers, and pay of the seamen, other than those at Navy Yards, Shore Stations, and in Ordinary, one million one hundred and twelve thousand three hundred and ninety two dollars and twenty five cents.

For the pay, subsistence, and allowances of officers, and pay of seamen, and others, at Navy Yards, Shore Stations, and in Ordinary, one million one hundred and twenty four dollars and twenty five cents.

For the pay, subsistence, and allowances of officers, and pay of seamen, and others, at Navy Yards, Shore Stations, Hospitals, and in Ordinary, one hundred and seventy-two thousand nine hundred and twenty four dollars and twenty five cents.

For the pay of Naval Constructors, superintendents, and all the civil establishments at the several Navy Yards, fifty eight thousand and thirty one dollars and fifty cents.

For provisions, five hundred and seventy nine thousand one hundred and forty eight dollars, and fifty four cents.

For repairs of vessels in Ordinary, and for the wear and tear of vessels in commission, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For medicines, surgical instruments, hospital stores, and all other expenses on account of the sick, fifty thousand dollars.

For ordnance, and ordnance stores, thirty five thousand dollars.

For repairs and improvements of Navy Yards, two hundred and thirty one thousand seven hundred dollars and seventy two cents.

For defraying the expenses which may accrue during the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, for the following purposes:

For freight and transportation of materials and stores of every description; for warlike and dockage; for storage and rent; for travelling expenses of officers, and transportation of seamen; for house rent or chamber money, and for fuel and candles to officers, other than those attached to Navy Yards and Shore Stations; for commissions, clerk hire, office rent, stationary, and fuel, to Navy Agents; for premiums, and incidental expenses of recruiting; for apprehending deserters; for compensation to Judge Advocates; for per diem allowance for persons attending Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry, and to officers engaged in extra service, beyond the limits of their stations; for printing and for stationary of every description; for books, charts, nautical, and mathematical instruments, chronometers, models, and drawings; for purchase and maintenance of oxen and horses, and for carts, wheels, and workmen's tools of every description; for postage of letters on public service; for pilotage; for cabin furniture of vessels in commission; for taxes on Navy Yards and public property; for assistance rendered to public vessels in distress; for incidental labour at Navy Yards, not applicable to any other appro-

priation; for coal and other fuel for forges, foundries, steam engines, and for candles, oil, and fuel, for vessels in commission and in ordinary; and for no other object or purpose whatever, two hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses for objects arising in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, and not heretofore enumerated, five thousand dollars.

For pay and subsistence of the Marine Corps, one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

For clothing for the same, twenty-eight thousand seven hundred and sixty-five dollars.

For fuel for the same, six thousand dollars.

For contingencies for the same, fourteen thousand dollars.

For medicines for the same, two thousand three hundred and sixty nine dollars.

For barracks for the same, forty one thousand dollars.

For carrying into effect a joint resolution of Congress, of May twenty second, eighteen hundred and twenty six, directing surveys and estimates for dry docks, two thousand seven hundred and seven dollars and twenty seven cents.

For the agency on the coast of Africa, and expenses of supporting in the United States, and transporting to the coast of Africa, those persons who have been released and subject to be transported by the provisions of the act of eighteen hundred and nineteen, thirty-six thousand seven hundred and ten dollars. For arrearages prior to the first of January, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, twenty thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted That the balance of the appropriation for the Navy Department to be carried to the surplus fund on the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, be, and the same are hereby, re-appropriated.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the several sums hereby appropriated, shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, however, that no money appropriated by this act shall be paid to any person, for his compensation, who is in arrears to the United States, until paid into the Treasury all sums for which he may be liable: *Provided*, also, that nothing in this section contained shall be construed to extend to balances arising solely from depreciation of Treasury notes, received by such person to be expended in the public service; but in all cases where the pay or salary of any person is withheld, in pursuance of this act, it shall be the duty of the accounting officer, if demanded by the party, his agent, or a attorney, to report, forthwith, to the agent of the Treasury Department, the balance due: and it shall be the duty of the said agent, within sixty days thereafter, to order suit to be commenced against such delinquent, and his sureties.

Approved 2d March, 1827.

AN ACT concerning the Entry of Vessels at the Port of Fairfield Connecticut.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful to make entry of any foreign ship or vessel, and of the cargo which may be on board the same, and to unlade such cargo, or any part thereof, at the port of Fairfield, in the State of Connecticut, under the regulations in such cases by law approved.

Approved, 22d Feb. 1827.

AN ACT to exempt Swedish and Norwegian Vessels, and the merchandise imported therein, from the payment of discriminating duties of tonnage and impost, for a limited time, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the date of this act, until the termination of the next session of Congress, vessels truly and wholly belonging to the subjects of the King of Sweden and Norway, arriving in the United States, in ballast or with cargoes, shall be exempted from the payment of any other or higher duties or charges whatsoever, than vessels of the United States are required to pay under like circumstances; that merchandise, the produce and manufacture of the Territories of the King of Sweden and Norway, imported in Swedish or Norwegian vessels, shall not be subject to any other or higher duties than are levied on the same kinds of merchandise when imported in American vessels; and that the exemption or privilege allowed by this act shall extend to vessels arriving, and merchandise imported, from the Swedish colony of St. Bartholomew: *Provided*, That the owners of vessels, arriving from said colony, in the United States shall be inhabitants of

that colony, and there established and naturalized, and shall have caused their vessels to be there naturalized.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to cause to be repaid or remitted, all alien or discriminating duties of tonnage or impost, which since the twenty fifth of September last may have been paid, or secured to be paid, on vessels of the description mentioned in the first section of this act, or on merchandise imported in such vessels; for the purpose of which repayment, any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, is hereby appropriated.

Approved, 22d Feb. 1827.

AN ACT to authorize the President of the United States to remove the Land Office in the Choctaw District, 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 it shall and may be lawful for the President of the United States, whenever he shall deem it proper, to remove the Land Office, now located at Jackson, in the Choctaw Land District, in the State of Mississippi, and to locate and establish the same at any other convenient and suitable place within the same Land District. And it shall be the duty of the Register and Receiver of said Land Office, so soon as the removal shall be ordered, and such new location made, by the President, to remove all the records, books, and papers appertaining to said Land Office, to the place designated.

Approved, 22d Feb. 1827.

AN ACT to provide for Reports of the Decisions of the Supreme Court.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That a Reporter shall, from time to time, be appointed by the Supreme Court of the United States, to report its Decisions, who shall be entitled to receive, from the Treasury of the United States, as an annual compensation for his services, the sum of one thousand dollars: *Provided*, nevertheless, That the said compensation shall not be paid, unless the said Reporter shall print and publish, or cause to be printed and published, the Decisions of the said Court, within six months after such Decisions shall be made; and shall deliver eighty copies of the decisions, so printed and published, to the Secretary of State, without any expense to the United States; which copies shall be distributed as follows, to wit; to the President of the United States, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Judges of the District Courts, the Attorney General of the United States, the Secretaries of State, Treasury, War, and Navy, the Comptrollers of the Treasury, and the Judges of the several Territories of the United States, one copy each; five copies for the use of each House of Congress; and the residue of the copies shall be deposited in the Library of Congress: *And provided also*, That the said Decisions shall be sold to the public at large at a price not exceeding five dollars a volume.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That in case of the death, resignation, or dismissal from office, of either of the officers before mentioned, the said copies of the Decisions delivered to them, as aforesaid, shall belong, and be delivered over to their successors in said offices.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That this act shall be and continue in force for three years, and no longer.

Approved 2d March, 1827.

AN ACT in addition to "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of Clerks in the different Offices," passed April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That The Secretary of State be authorized to employ, in the State Department, one additional Clerk, whose compensation shall not exceed sixteen hundred dollars; two additional Clerks, whose compensation shall not exceed one thousand dollars each; and one additional Clerk for the Patent Office, whose compensation shall not exceed eight hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized to employ, in the Treasury Department, one additional Clerk, whose compensation shall not exceed fourteen hundred dollars; in the office of the Fourth Auditor, two additional Clerks, whose compensation shall not exceed one thousand dollars each.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, authorized to employ one additional Clerk, whose compensation shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the War Department be,