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[BY AUTHORITY.]

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

**AN ACT** making provision for the payment of pensions to the widow or children of pensioners, in certain cases, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in case of the death of any invalid pensioner, before the certificate of the continuance of his disability, required by the act entitled "an act regulating the payments to invalid pensioners," passed March third, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, was obtained, it shall be lawful for the Secretary of War, and he is hereby directed, to pay to the legal representatives of such deceased invalid, the arrears of pension due at the time of his death, at the rate at which it was fixed at his last examination: *Provided*, Such last examination was within two years from the time of death.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever any revolutionary pensioner shall die, the Secretary of War shall cause to be paid the arrears of pension due to the said pensioner at the time of his death; and all payments under this act, shall be made to the widow of the deceased pensioner, or to her Attorney, or if he left no widow, or she be dead, to the children of the pensioner, or to their guardian, or his Attorney; and if no child or children, then to the legal Representatives of the deceased.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in all cases of applications for pensions, for wounds received in the Revolutionary war, the testimony to establish the facts may be authenticated in the same manner with those who apply for pensions for wounds received in the late war with Great Britain.

ANDREW STEVENSON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
JOHN C. CALHOUN,  
Vice President of the United States,  
and President of the Senate,  
Approved, 2d March, 1829.

**AN ACT** making appropriations for completing certain Roads, and for making examinations and surveys.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums, and the same are hereby appropriated, to wit: For continuing the road from Detroit to Chicago as far as the boundary line of the State of Indiana, eight thousand dollars. For defraying the expenses incidental to making examinations and surveys under the act of thirtieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, thirty thousand dollars. For completing the road from Detroit to Saganaw, ten thousand dollars. For completing the road to Fort Gratiot, fifteen thousand dollars. For the completion and improvement of the military road recommended by the Quartermaster General, between Pensacola and Blakeley and Mobile Point, three thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the several sums hereby appropriated shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved 2d March, 1829.

**AN ACT** for the construction of the Cumberland Road, westwardly of Zanesville.

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 thousand dollars, of any money not otherwise appropriated, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the purpose of opening and making the Cumberland Road, westwardly from Zanesville, in the State of Ohio; which said sum of one hundred 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 second and third sections of the act, entitled "An act for the continuation of the Cumberland Road," that passed the third of March, eighteen hundred and twenty five, which authorize the appointment, prescribe the duties, and fix the compensation, of a Superintendent of said road, shall be in force, and apply to the construction of the road authorized by this act.

Approved 2d March, 1829.

**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 road located through the State of Indiana, as declared by the act of Congress, entitled, "An act to authorize the appointment of Commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned," approved fifteenth May, eighteen hundred and twenty, and the act entitled "An act for the continuation of the Cumberland Road," approved third March, eighteen hundred and twenty five, the President of the United States shall cause the said road to be opened eighty feet wide, by cutting off the timber, removing it from the road, and digging down the banks preparatory to making a turnpike road, commencing at Indianapolis, cutting and digging as aforesaid, to the eastern and western boundary of the said State.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars, of moneys not otherwise appropriated, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, for the purpose of opening and making the road, as mentioned in the first section of this act; which said sum of 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. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That for the accomplishment of this object, the President shall appoint two fit persons, as the superintendents 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 before mentioned, as well as to receive, disburse, and faithfully account with the Treasury, for all sums of moneys by them received in virtue of this act; that the superintendents, before they enter upon the discharge of the duties enjoined by this act, shall 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 their duties, prescribed by this act; that they shall hold their office at the pleasure of the President, and shall receive, at the rate of eight hundred dollars each, per annum, for their services, during the time they may be employed in the discharge of the duties required by this act.

Approved 2d March, 1829.

**AN ACT** making appropriations for the Indian Department, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

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 the same are hereby, appropriated, to wit:

For pay of the Superintendent of Indian Affairs at St. Louis, and the several Indian Agents, as authorized by law, thirty one thousand dollars.

For pay of Sub Agents, as allowed by law, fifteen thousand one hundred dollars.

For presents to Indians, as authorized by the act of one thousand eight hundred and two, fifteen thousand dollars.

For pay of Indian interpreters and translators, employed at the several superintendencies and agencies, eighteen thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

For pay of gun and blacksmiths, and their assistants, employed within the several superintendencies and agencies for the benefit of the Indians, under treaty provisions, and orders of the Department of War, nineteen thousand four hundred dollars.

For iron, steel, coal, and other expenses attending the gun and blacksmith shops, five thousand dollars.

For expense of transportation and distribution of Indian annuities, nine thousand five hundred dollars.

For expense of provisions for the Indians at the distribution of annuities, while on visits of business with the different superintendents and agents, and when specially assembled on public business, ten thousand dollars.

For expense attending the visits of such Indian deputations to the Seat of Government as it may be deemed necessary to authorize, five thousand dollars.

For expenses incurred by the Marshal of the Michigan Territory, and authorized by the War Department, in conducting the prosecution against the Winnebago Indians at Prairie Du Chien, in one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, one thousand eight hundred dollars.

For contingencies of Indian Department, twenty two thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

For expenses incurred by the exploring party of Indians under the control of Captain Kennerly, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty eight, in addition to the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, heretofore appropriated, the sum of seven thousand one hundred sixty eight dollars and thirteen cents.

For the purpose of purchasing such reservations of land as are yet claimed by Indians, or Indian countrymen, within the limits of the State of North Carolina, by virtue of treaties made by the United States with the Cherokee Indians, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, which sum, or such part thereof as may be found necessary, shall be applied, under the directions of the President of the United States, to the purpose aforesaid, and to no other purpose whatever.

To enable the President of the United States to extinguish the title of the Delaware Indians to their reservations in Ohio, and to aid them in their removal west of the Mississippi, under the provisions of the treaty of St. Mary's in eighteen hundred and eighteen, six thousand dollars.

For compensation to the Indians in Ohio, for depredations committed upon their property by white citizens, under the intercourse law, one thousand five hundred and thirty nine dollars and twenty five cents.

Approved, 2d March, 1829.

**AN ACT** providing for the printing and binding sixty thousand copies of the abstract of Infantry Tactics, including manoeuvres of Light Infantry, and Riflemen, 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 War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed, to contract with Hilliard, Gray & Co. of Boston, or some other person or persons, for printing, binding and delivering, sixty thousand copies of the Abstract of Infantry Tactics, including exercises and manoeuvres of Light Infantry and Riflemen, for the use of the Militia of the United States. Also, five thousand copies of a system of exercise and instruction of Field Artillery, including manoeuvres for Light or Horse Artillery, as reported by the Secretary of War, on the eighth of January, eighteen hundred and twenty seven, agreeably to the proposals of said Hilliard, Gray & Co. made to the Secretary of War, dated on the twenty seventh of October, eighteen hundred and twenty seven, in their specimen marked B—and when so printed, bound and delivered, the Secretary of War is hereby directed to apportion the same among the several States and Territories, and in the District of Columbia, for the use of the militia thereof, according to the number of the Militia in each State and Territory and the District of Columbia; and to forward to the Chief Magistrate of each State and Territory the number allowed to such State and Territory as aforesaid, to be by said Chief Magistrate distributed among the officers of the Militia of such State or Territory for their use, and the use of their successors in office, under such rules and regulations as they may direct. And the Secretary of War will cause the number of copies apportioned to the District of Columbia to be distributed among the officers of the militia in the District, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the President of the United States.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of fourteen thousand seven hundred and ninety dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expense of printing, binding and distributing the same.

Approved 2d of March, 1829.

**AN ACT** to authorize the establishment of a town, on land reserved for the use of Schools, and to direct the manner of disposing of certain reserved quarter sections of land for the seat of Government in Florida.

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 qualified voters in township five, range eleven, north and west, in the county of Jackson, in the Territory of Florida, to elect, in such manner as may be directed by the county Court of said county, three fit and discreet Commissioners, who shall be, and they are hereby, authorized, by and with the consent of the voters of said Township, to be obtained in such manner as the said county Court shall direct, to lay off and establish a town on one quarter or two adjoining eighths of the sixteenth section of the Township and range aforesaid, reserved by law for the use of Schools, and to make sale of one half the lots at public auction; and the money arising from said sales shall be paid into the Territorial Treasury, for the sole use and benefit of common schools in said Township, which said sum shall be subject to such laws as may hereafter be passed, for forming a permanent fund from the said reserved lands, for the support of common Schools; and the said Commissioners shall give bond and security, to the satisfaction of the county Court, for the performance of the duties under this act, and the payment of the money arising from the sale of the lots as aforesaid.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the following quarter sections of land which have been heretofore reserved from sale, to wit: the north east and north west quarters of section thirty six, in township one, of range one, north and west; the northeast, southwest, and southeast quarters of section one, of range one, south and west; and the southwest quarter of section six, in township one, of range one, south and east, shall be granted to the Territory of Florida.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Governor and Legislative Council of Florida, or a majority of them be, and are hereby, authorized to select any two of the aforesaid quarter sections of land, to be reserved for, and vested in, the State, should the Territory of Florida ever be erected into one, in conformity to the provisions of the fourteenth section of the act passed on the eighth of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven; and the residue of the above described quarter sections of

land, or any part thereof, including so much of the Northeast quarter of section one, in township one, of range one, South and West contiguous to the creek and water fall, as shall not be reserved, agreeably to the provisions of the act above mentioned, for the town of Tallahassee, shall be sold in such manner, and at such time, as the Governor and Legislative Council of Florida may deem proper, and the proceeds applied to the erection of public buildings in Tallahassee, any act or acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved 2d March, 1829.

**AN ACT** confirming the Reports of the Register and Receiver of the Land Office for the District of St. Stephens, in the State of Alabama, 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 claims to lands and town lots contained in the abstracts denominated A, number one, D, number one, E, number one, F, number one, reported to the Treasury Department by the Register and Receiver of the Land Office for the District of Saint Stephens, in the State of Alabama; under the provisions of the act of Congress of the third of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, be, and the same are, hereby confirmed to the extent therein recommended for confirmation.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all the claims contained in special reports, numbered one to four inclusive, and in a supplementary report of the said Register and Receiver, made as aforesaid, be, and the same are, hereby confirmed.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That every person or persons, or the legal representatives of such person or persons, who, on the fifteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, had, for ten consecutive years prior to that day, been in possession of a tract of land, not claimed by any other person, and not exceeding the quantity contained in one league square; and who were, on that day, resident in that part of Louisiana situated east of Pearl river, and West of the Perdido, and below the thirty first degree of North latitude, and had still possession of such tract of land, shall be authorized to file their claim in the manner required in other cases, before the said Register and Receiver at St. Stephens, for their decision thereon. And it shall be the duty of the said Register and Receiver to hear and record the evidence offered to support such claim; and if the same shall be established by sufficient proof, agreeably to the provisions of this section, the said officers shall, in their report, recommend the confirmation of the right to such claim, as in other cases: *Provided*, That no more land shall be reported for confirmation, by virtue of this section, than is actually claimed by the party; or than is contained within the acknowledged and ascertained boundaries of the tract claimed; nor shall the provision of this section authorize the confirmation of any land heretofore sold by the United States.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the confirmation of the claims provided for by this act shall amount only to a relinquishment for ever, on the part of the United States, of any claim whatever, to the tracts of land and town lots so confirmed, and that nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the claim or claims of any individual or body politic or corporate, if any such there be.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Register and Receiver of the Land Office at Saint Stephens be, and they are, hereby invested with power to direct the manner in which all claims to lands and town lots, which have been confirmed by this and former acts of Congress, in their District, shall be located and surveyed, having regard to the laws, usages and customs of the Spanish Government on that subject, and also the mode adopted by the Government of the United States, in surveying the claims confirmed by virtue of the second and third sections of an act of Congress, entitled "An act regulating the grants of lands, and providing for the disposal of such lands of the United States, south of the State of Tennessee," approved the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and three; and that so much of the fourth section of the "Act supplementary to the several acts for adjusting the claims to lands and establishing land offices in the District east of the island of New Orleans," approved the eighth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty two, as interferes with the power granted to the Register and Receiver of the Land Office at Saint Stephens, be, and the same is, hereby, repealed.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That certificates of confirmation and patents shall be granted for all lands and town lots confirmed by virtue of the provisions of this act, in the same manner as patents are granted for lands and town lots confirmed under former acts of Congress.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to make such compensation, not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, in addition to the sum already paid, to the present Receiver of the Land Office at Saint Stephens, as to him may seem a just and proper equivalent for the services rendered by him in the discharge of the duties under the

provisions of an act of Congress passed on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven.

Approved, 3d March, 1829.

**AN ACT** to provide for the apprehension and delivery of Deserters from certain foreign vessels in the ports of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on application of a Consul or Vice-Consul of any foreign Government, having a treaty with the United States, stipulating for the restoration of seamen deserting, made in writing, granting that the person herein named has deserted from a vessel of any such Government while in any port of the United States, and on proof by the exhibition of the register of the vessel, ship's roll, or other official document, that the person named belonged, at the time of desertion, to the crew of said vessel, it shall be the duty of any Court, Judge, Justice, or other Magistrate, having competent power, to issue warrants to cause the said person to be arrested for examination; and if, on examination, the facts stated are found to be true, the person arrested, not being a citizen of the United States, shall be delivered up to the said Consul or Vice Consul, to be sent back to the dominions of any such Government, or, on the request, and at the expense, of the said Consul or Vice Consul, shall be detained until the Consul or Vice Consul finds an opportunity to send him back to the dominions of any such Government: *Provided nevertheless*, That no person shall be detained more than two months after his arrest; but at the end of that time shall be set at liberty; and shall not be again molested for the same cause: *And be it provided further*, That if any such deserter shall be found to have committed any crime or offence, his surrender may be delayed until the tribunal before which the case shall be depending; or may be cognisable, shall have pronounced its sentence, and such sentence shall have been carried into effect.

Approved 2d March, 1829.

**AN ACT** to continue the present mode of supplying the Army of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth sections of the act entitled "An act regulating the staff of the army of the United States," passed April the fourteenth, eighteen hundred and eighteen, and the eighth section of the act, entitled "An act to reduce and fix the Military Peace Establishment of the United States," passed March the second, eighteen hundred and twenty one, are hereby continued in force for five years from the passage of this act, and thence to the end of the next session of Congress thereafter, and no longer.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the better to enable the Commissary General of subsistence to carry into effect the provisions of the above specified acts, there be appointed two Commissioners, to be taken from the line of army, one of whom shall have the same rank, pay, and emoluments, as Quartermaster; and the other with the rank, pay, and emoluments of Assistant Quartermaster.

Approved 2d March, 1829.

**AN ACT** for the relief of the Navy hospital fund.

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 twenty five thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to the Navy hospital fund; and that the same be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury, on the requisition of the Commissioners of the said fund, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved 2d March, 1829.

**AN ACT** for the preservation and repair 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 thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby granted, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the purpose of repairing bridges, walls, and other works, on the Cumberland road, East of Wheeling, where the same may be necessary, in the judgment of the Superintendent, for the purpose of putting the said road in repair; and the said Superintendent shall be appointed by the President of the United States, and shall receive the same compensation as the Superintendent of the said road west of Wheeling.

Approved 3d March, 1829.

**AN ACT** to authorize the President of the United States to cause the reserved Salt Springs in the State of Missouri to be exposed to public sale.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he hereby is, authorized at any time that he shall think proper, to cause the reserved Salt Springs and contiguous lands, in the State of Missouri, belonging to the United States, and unclaimed by individuals, to be exposed to sale, in the same manner that other public lands are authorized, by law, to be sold.

Approved 3d March, 1829.