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Passed at the first session of the twenty-first Congress.

AN ACT to authorize the conveyance of a lot of land to the Mayor and Corporation of the City of New York.

Whereas the Mayor and Corporation of the City of New York, called the North Battery, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, did convey to the United States, a lot of land at the foot of Hubert street, in the City of New York, called the North Battery, so long as the same should be used and applied to the defence and safety of the port of New York, and no longer.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, whenever the President of the United States shall determine that the said lot is no longer useful for the purpose aforesaid, he be, and he hereby is, authorized to cause the same to be re-conveyed to the Mayor and Corporation of New York, the works thereon to be dismantled, and the materials thereof to be disposed of, in such manner as, in his judgment, the public interest may require.

**ANDREW STEVENSON,**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
**JOHN C. CALHOUN,**  
Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.  
Approved, May 10, 1830.

**ANDREW JACKSON.**

AN ACT to alter the time of holding the sessions of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, the Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida shall commence its session on the first Monday in January in each year, instead of the second Monday in October, as now directed by law.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the first and third sections of an act "to amend an act for the apprehension of criminals and the punishment of crimes and misdemeanors," passed by said legislative council the fifteenth day of November, eighteen hundred and twenty nine, be, and the same are hereby annulled.

Approved, May 14, 1830.

AN ACT to quiet the titles of certain purchasers of lands between the lines of Ludlow and Roberts, in the State of Ohio.

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 pay, out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the Virginia military claimants of lands situated between the two lines in the State of Ohio, commonly called Ludlow's and Roberts' lines, and South of the Greenville treaty line, located prior to the twenty sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve, the sum of sixty two thousand five hundred and fifteen dollars and twenty five cents, with interest from the fourth March, eighteen hundred and twenty five, at six per cent. per annum, until paid; being the amount at which said lands were valued, exclusive of improvements, under the act of Congress, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to enter into certain negotiations relative to the lands located under Virginia military land warrants, lying between Ludlow's and Roberts' lines, in the State of Ohio;" Provided, however, That, before the payment of said sum, the said claimant or claimants shall relinquish, by deed or deeds, to the United States, in such manner as the President shall direct, their title or titles to the said lands.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the payments aforesaid shall be made as directed to the said claimants, according to the valuation of their respective tracts of land, made under the above recited act of Congress.

Approved, May 26, 1830.

AN ACT to provide for the final settlement of land claims in Florida.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the claims and titles to land filed before the Register and Receiver of the Land Office, acting as Commissioners in the district of East Florida, under the quantity contained in one league square, which have been decided and recommended for confirmation, contained in the reports, abstracts, and opinions, of said Register and Receiver, transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, according to law, and referred by him to Congress, on the fourteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed, with the exception of such claims as were confirmed by the Spanish Government, subsequent to the twenty-fourth of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, which shall be re-examined and reported, with the evidence by the Register and Receiver, before the next session of Congress, to the Secretary of the Treasury, to be laid before Congress.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That all the conflicting Spanish claims, reported in obedience to the fourth section of the act of Congress, approved May the eighth, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, and recommended for confirmation as valid titles, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed, so far as the United States have any title to the same.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That all claims derived from the former British Government, contained in reports of the Commissioners of East Florida, or the Register and Receiver, acting as such, who did not avail themselves of the provisions of the treaty between Spain and England, signed at Versailles on the 20th of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, by leaving said Province, but who remained in the same, and became Spanish subjects, and whose titles were approved by the Spanish authorities and have been recommended for confirmation by said Commissioners, or Register and Receiver, acting as such, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That all the remaining claims which have been presented according to law, and not finally acted upon, shall be adjudicated and finally settled upon the same condition, restrictions and limitations, in every respect, as are prescribed by the act of Congress, approved twenty third May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts providing for the settlement and confirmation of private land claims in Florida."

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Register and Receiver to deliver over all papers relative to private land claims in East Florida to the keeper of the public archives.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That all confirmations of land titles, under this act, shall only operate as a relinquishment of the right of the United States to the said lands respectively, and shall not be construed either as a guarantee of any such titles, or in any manner affecting the rights of other persons to the same lands.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That so much of the act of twenty-third of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, as directed that the selection of claimants who availed themselves of the first section of said act, by accepting a quantity equal to one league square within their respective grants, which confined the selection to sectional lines, shall not be held to extend to a greater quantity than a section, but the said claimants, who have, or may hereafter select, under the provisions of said law, any quantity equal to the amount granted in bodies larger than a section in the form of any Spanish survey or plat of survey, or where the sections are broken by any river, the said land so selected, or which may be so selected, is hereby confirmed to said claimants; and it shall be the duty of the Surveyor General to make a survey and certificate of all such claims, to return the same to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and thereupon a patent shall issue to the original grantee, or to his assignee, if the land has been sold or transferred to any other person, or to the legal owner by purchase or descent.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That the claimants who are entitled to the provisions of that act, or who may avail themselves of the foregoing provision of this act, by taking a quantity equal to a league square in lieu of the whole grant, shall be, and they are hereby, allowed the further time of one year, from the passage of this act, to execute their relinquishment, and to file their acceptance of the provisions of said law.

Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Registers and Receivers to restore to the claimants the title deeds on which they may have finally rejected the claims.

Approved, May 26, 1830.

AN ACT for the distribution of certain books therein mentioned.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the copies of the Diplomatic Correspondence of the American Revolution, published in pursuance of a resolution of Congress of twenty seventh March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, which have been or may hereafter be received at the Department of State, be distributed and disposed of in manner following, to wit:

To the President and Vice President of the United States, one copy each; to the Heads of Department, five copies each; to the Postmaster General, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and the Superintendent of the Patent Office, one copy each; to each Member and Delegate of the present Congress, one copy; to the Library of the Senate, five copies; to the Library of the House of Representatives, ten copies; to the Attorney General, the Judges of the Supreme Court, and of the other Courts of the United States, each one copy; to each Governor of a State or Territory, for the public library of the State or Territory, one copy; to the Military Academy at West Point, and to each incorporated University, College, Historical or Antiquarian Society, and Athenaeum, one copy; to the Secretary of State, one copy for each American Legation in foreign countries; to the Secretary of the Navy, five copies for the Naval Commanders on different stations; and to each

person who has been President of the United States, one copy.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That, of the edition of the Journals of the House ordered to be printed by a resolution of this House of eighteenth May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, the copies be distributed in the manner following, to wit:

To the President and Vice President of the United States, one copy each; to the Heads of Department, five copies each; to each Member and Delegate of the present Congress, one copy; to the Library of the Senate, five copies; to the Library of the House of Representatives, ten copies; to the Attorney and Post Master General, one copy each; to each Governor of a State or Territory, for the public library of the State or Territory, one copy; to the Military Academy at West Point, and to each incorporated University, College, Historical or Antiquarian Society, and Athenaeum, one copy; and to each person who has been President of the United States, one copy; and that the residue remain in the custody of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, till otherwise ordered by the House.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the books hereby directed to be distributed be properly prepared for transmission, under the inspection of the Clerk of the House of Representatives; and that they be forwarded free of postage, by mail, to the persons hereby authorized to receive them, or delivered to the order of said persons in the City of Washington.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That, of the Copies of the Diplomatic Correspondence of the Revolution which shall remain after the distribution aforesaid, one copy shall be distributed to each new member of each Congress succeeding the present, until all the copies shall have been distributed, with the exception of twenty five, which shall be retained for the library of Congress.

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**ODDS AND ENDS.**  
In *Shortibus Storiis Bestes*.—*REODUS FURNIDUS.*  
*Oi longoi arcioloi treamoi.*  
*CHROMOSANTHOLOGOS.*

*New Dictionary.*—The Augusta Courier gives a specimen of the *Cracker Dictionary* of the definitions:

*Bodaciously*—means corporeously.—*Catawampusly*, obliquely, bias. *Chawed up*, having ear, nose and lip bit off. *Contraction*, *Combustible*, contrivance appendant: born a contrivance and a trapping. *Corn Stealer*, *Tater Grabber*, thumb and four digits. *Fiftified*, subject to fits. *Flugens*, fire and faggots.—*Forked*, how came you so. *Fotch*, did fetch. *Frustrated*, frustrated and prostrated, greatly agitated. *Jimber Jawsed*, having the tongue always moving. *Lambasting*, a very severe licking. *Moccasin*, green whiskey. *To Mosey* to clear out. *Obsquatulate*, to mosey, or to abscond. *Pernickety*, Squeamishly fastidious. *Pyson*, violent in politics on the wrong side, i. e. against us. *Mognatorial Writ*, a process which takes a man as well where he is not, as where he is.—*Ransquaddled*, rowed up salt river. *Ring Tailed Roarer*, a most violent fellow, a Crockett. *Rip-Roarious*, *Rumbunctious*, ripping and tearing; very outrageous. *Scrouger*, a ring-tailed Roarer. *Scrimption*, minutest atom, the little end of nothing sharpened. *To Scauger*, to strut with free negro dignity. *Sockdolager*, in fighting, a lick that tells. *Standadicular*, slanted from perpendicular. *Spontaneousness*, of one's own accord. *Saravari*, legal proceedings of any kind. *Smartie*, one who thinks himself right sharp. *Sweepy*, forked. *Snip-tious*, finally nice. *To Chuck*, to brick bat with chunks; not with stones. *Totally twisted*, confoundedly contorted.

*Sam Patch Outdone.*—A friend gives us the following fact. During the late cruise of the Peacock in the Gulf of Mexico, in a violent gale, one of the sailors was blown off the top-gallant mast royal yard into the sea. He was picked up with much difficulty and brought on board without having sustained any apparent injury. Distance upwards of 150 feet.—*Troy Sentinel.*

*Floating Stone.*—A gentleman arrived in town last evening from Nantucket, bro't with him a floating stone, presented him by Captain Arthur of the ship Sarah, arrived at Nantucket from the South Seas, which he intends presenting to the East India Museum. The following is an extract from Captain Arthur's private journal: "Picked up on the water, floating, a stone, resembling a common building stone, measuring 3 feet 2½ inches long, 18½ broad, 5½ thick, weighing 133 lbs.—*Salem paper.*"

A dutch paper announces that a child has lately been born at Brussels, whose right shoulder bears the impression of the initials, "T. P."—This phenomenon is explained by the fact of the mother having witnessed the branding of an individual condemned to hard labor for life, "*Trauvous Perpetuels*."

**CONUNDRUM.**—The latest and best.—Why is a hot cake like a Caterpillar? Because it makes the Butter fly.

**INTERESTING ANECDOTE.**

The Rochester (N. Y.) Craftsman relates a circumstance attending the death of one of our revolutionary worthies, which is not the least calculated to mitigate the charge so frequently made and often verified of the rank ingratitude of Republics. "Colonel Platt, whose death we have already mentioned, was like most of the gentlemen of the old school, reduced in the decline of life. He was one of the pensioners under the act of 1828. The pensions are drawn every six months, and it is one of the just and generous constructions of the law, that if a pensioner dies any time between the semi-annual days of payment, his widow and children are debarred from drawing what is actually due from the last payment day up to the day of the prisoner's death.—Col. Platt had been declining for a long time—he was aware that death was rapidly approaching him—and his sole prayer for this life was that he might be spared until the 3d of March, the pension day that he might leave his wife the six months' pay. Every morning the feeble old man when he awoke inquired the day of the month, "has the 3d of March come?" When it did come he had himself raised up in the bed, a friend was called in, and the papers instantly prepared.—On attempting to put his signature to them he was too feeble to write his name—he was obliged to make his mark, which was duly attested, and the pension secured, "Thank Heaven," said the veteran and he sunk down exhausted on his pillow. Before the next morning dawned, the old warrior lay stiff in death! That high heroic soul which sustained the frame of the young soldier through seven years of toil and privation upheld the wasted body of the old man until his generous object was accomplished, and then it fled to a purer and a better world."

**THE SKELETON.**

The celebrated living skeleton, *Calvin Edson*, has arrived at New York. He is thus described by a correspondent of the Evening Post:—"I have seen him, and must say that his appearance exceeds my imagination from what I heard of him. From conversation with him and his friends, I in the year 1783 in Stafford, Ct. but removed with his parents, when quite young, to Randolph, (V.) He has been remarkable for strength and activity. Very few men of his size could outrun him, or jump, or throw him by fair wrestling. His height when arrived at manhood was 5 feet 4 inches, and weight 135 pounds. His life has been very active and laborious, and he appears to possess a remarkably strong and healthy constitution. He served as a soldier during the last war, under captain Benjamin Egerton of the 11th reg't, and bore the reputation of a brave and active soldier. He, with the assistance of one of his comrades, captured three British sergeants and marched them into the American camp. He again signalled himself at the battle of Plattsburg and was one among the brave men who volunteered to remove the planks from the bridge to prevent the passage of the enemy, and received a shot through the top of his cap as he was about to remove the last plank.—But much fatigued after the battle, he slept on the ground during the night without covering, and when awoke in the morning by his comrades, was so chilled and benumbed with the cold that he was unable to rise and walk without assistance, yet he recovered the use of his limbs in a very short time.—From this period, 16 years ago, he has been gradually losing his flesh, without any apparent disease, having scarcely been sick one day, or taken any medicine, except one small dose of Lee's pills; he weighs at present but 50 pounds; he lost 7 lbs. last year, but appears to have no more flesh to spare; his appearance is that of a skeleton animated with life, and performing all the actions of life; but still the mere shadow of a man, being, literally speaking, but skin and bones. But what is more remarkable, he enjoys good health, sleeps well, his appetite good, and the digestive functions appear to be perfectly formed. His pulse is good, from 75 to 80 per minute, bodily strength not so much diminished but that he can lift 200 pounds, can dance, and ride on horseback as well as he ever could. His mental faculties are not at all impaired. His voice is rather feeble, but was always so. His lungs appear to be sound and healthy. His hair is more inclined to white than is ordinary for persons of his age. He can bear stimulents as well as he ever could, and has been accustomed to take spirits in moderate quantities.—He is so emaciated that the pulsation of the arteries can be felt in any part of his body; the spinous processes of his back, and the bones in his feet, can be distinctly counted; the latter have even pierced through the skin, and incommode him much when walking or dancing. He has a wife and three children, the youngest a babe of only eleven months old.

We find the following in an eastern paper: "Cow stealers are troublesome in Providence." They are troublesome wherever they are found.