

of the territory eastward of the Lake Michigan; and also for the appointment of a clerk in each county, to act as clerk to the said court therein; and further to prescribe the jurisdiction of said courts, and the powers and duties of the judge or judges holding the same.

courts in each county eastward of Lake Michigan, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the judges of the supreme court of the territory of Michigan have, and may exercise, the right of appointing the clerk of the said court, and of removing him at pleasure.

Clerk of said court to be appointed by the judges.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That no member of the legislative council shall be eligible to any office created, or the fees of which were regulated by a law or laws passed whilst he was a member, during the period for which he was elected, and for one year thereafter.

No member of the legislative council to be eligible to any office, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws, and parts of laws, in so far as the same shall be inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed; and, further, that Congress have the right, at any time, to alter or repeal this act.

All laws, &c. inconsistent with this, repealed.

APPROVED, January 29, 1827.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act making appropriations for the payment of the revolutionary and other pensioners of the United States.*

Jan. 29, 1827.

[Obsolete.]

*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 are hereby, respectively appropriated towards the military service of the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, and for the objects following; that is to say:

Sums respectively appropriated towards the payment of revolutionary pensioners.

For the pensions to the revolutionary pensioners of the United States, one million two hundred and sixty thousand one hundred and eighty-five dollars;

Revolutionary pensioners.

For the invalid and half pay pensioners, three hundred and one thousand and fifty-five dollars;

Invalid pensioners.

For pensions to the widows and orphans, twelve thousand dollars.

Widows and orphans.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said sums, respectively, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sums appropriated to be paid from the treasury.

APPROVED, January 29, 1827.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. VIII.—*An Act to provide for the location of the two townships of land reserved for a seminary of learning in the territory of Florida, and to complete the location of the grant to the Deaf and Dumb Asylum of Kentucky.*

Jan. 29, 1827.

[Obsolete.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the township of land reserved in the district of East Florida, by an act of Congress, approved the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, for a seminary of learning, shall be located east of the Appalachian river, and may be located in sections corresponding with any of the legal divisions into which the public lands are authorized to be surveyed, so as not to interfere with private land claims, or the rights of pre-emption; and the township located west of the Appalachian river, as directed in the aforesaid act, so far as it is covered by the claims of those entitled to the right of pre-emption, by the act approved the twenty-second of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, shall be located in sections upon any unappropriated lands in said district of country, until the amount taken by said interferences shall be satisfied and discharged.

The township of land reserved for a seminary of learning, in the district of East Florida, by act of March 3d, 1823, ch. 28, sec. 11, to be located east of Appalachian river, &c.

April 22, 1826, ch. 29.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the governor and legislative council of said territory shall have power to take possession of the lands granted for the use of schools and for a seminary of learning, and to

Power given to the governor to lease the same.

lease the same from year to year; and the money arising from the rent of said lands shall be appropriated to the use of schools, and the erection of a seminary of learning, in such manner as they may direct; and they shall have power to pass laws for the preservation of said lands from intrusion and trespass until Florida shall be admitted into the Union as a state.

Location of the grant to the Deaf and Dumb Asylum of Kentucky.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the incorporated Deaf and Dumb Asylum of Kentucky shall have the power, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, of locating so much of the township of land granted to the said institution, as has been taken by the claims of those who are entitled to the right of pre-emption in the territory of Florida, under the provisions of the act aforesaid; which shall be located in sections upon any unappropriated and unreserved lands in either of the territories of Florida or Arkansas; which said tracts, when so located, shall be disposed of by the corporation of said Deaf and Dumb Asylum, agreeably to the provisions of an act passed the fifth of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, entitled "An act for the benefit of the incorporated Deaf and Dumb Asylum of Kentucky."

1826, ch. 24.

APPROVED, January 29, 1827.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 8, 1827.

CHAP. IX.—*An Act to provide for the confirmation and settlement of private land claims in East Florida, and for other purposes.*(a)

Decisions made by the commissioners appointed to ascertain claims, &c., to land in East Florida, contained in their reports, &c., transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, confirmed.

*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.

Certain conflicting Spanish claims confirmed.

Act of May 8, 1822, ch. 129, sec. 4.

Proviso.  
Proviso.

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.

Commons in the city of St. Augustine confirmed to the corporation.

Parochial church, &c., confirmed, &c.

Old Episcopal church lot relinquished.

Proviso.

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 Church 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.

Duty of the secretary of the late commissioners.

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

(a) See notes of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States on Florida land claims, act of May 8, 1822, ch. 129.