

Nothing in this act to be construed to extend to any court, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to extend to any court of the United States now established, or which may hereafter be established, in the state of Louisiana. (a)

APPROVED, May 19, 1828.

STATUTE I.

May 23, 1828.

CHAP. LXIX.—*An Act to authorize the building of lighthouses, and for other purposes.*

Secretary of the Treasury empowered to provide for building lighthouses, &c.

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, empowered to provide, by contract, for building lighthouses and light vessels, and erecting beacons, and placing buoys, on the following sites and shoals, to wit :

At Dice's Head. On Nobsque point.

In the state of Maine, a lighthouse at Dice's Head.

In the state of Massachusetts, a lighthouse on Nobsque point; one on the Point of Flats, at the entrance of Edgartown harbour; a lighthouse on Dumpling rock, south of the mouth of Aponeganset river.

On Nayat point, &c.

In the state of Rhode Island, a lighthouse on Nayat point; and two pyramids or spindles, to wit: one on a reef of rocks, under water, opposite to Pawtuxet, and one on a reef of rocks, opposite the Punham Rock, in the northern part of Narraganset bay.

Beacon light on Spindle Rock.

In the state of Connecticut, a beacon light on or near the Spindle Rock, at the mouth of Black Rock harbour.

Two lighthouses north of Kinder Hook, &c.

In the state of New York, two small lighthouses, to wit: one on the flats, two miles north of Kinder Hook, upper landing, called the Drowned Lands, and one on the point of the island on the west side of the channel, opposite the lower landing. A lighthouse at a proper site, at or near Portland, on Lake Erie.

Two lighthouses on Little Watt's Island, &c.

In the state of Maryland, two lighthouses; one on Little Watt's Island, at the south-eastern extremity of Tangier Sound; and the other on Clay Island, at the northernmost extremity of the same sound; and a beacon light, or a small lighthouse on Point Lookout, in the Chesapeake bay.

Lighthouse on Smith's point.

In the state of Virginia, a lighthouse on Smith's point, at the mouth of the Potomac, in the Chesapeake bay.

Light vessel to be substituted, &c.

In the state of North Carolina, a light vessel, to be substituted for the lighthouse heretofore directed to be built at the Point of Marsh, at the mouth of Neuse river.

Beacon lighthouse on Pamptico Sound, &c.

A beacon light, or small lighthouse, at a proper site on Pamptico point; and one at the south entrance of Roanoake marshes.

Lighthouse in Mobile bay, &c.

In the state of Alabama, a lighthouse at or near Choctaw point, in Mobile bay; and an iron spindle on Sand island, on the outer bar of Mobile bay.

Two lighthouses, one at Otter creek point, &c.

In the territory of Michigan, two lighthouses; one at Otter creek point, at the head of Lake Erie, and the other on the Island of Bois Blanc, near Michilimacinac.

Lighthouse, St. John's river.

In the territory of Florida, a lighthouse at the mouth of St. John's river.

Sums appropriated to be paid from the treasury.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the following sums of money be appropriated and paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this act into effect, viz :

Lighthouse on Dice's Head.

For building a lighthouse on Dice's Head, five thousand dollars.

Lighthouse on Nobsque Rock, &c.

For the lighthouse on Nobsque point, three thousand dollars; and for the pier and lighthouse at the entrance of Edgartown harbour, five thousand five hundred dollars.

Lighthouse, Dumpling rock.

For a lighthouse on Dumpling rock, four thousand dollars.

(a) See an act to regulate the mode of practice in the courts of the United States in Louisiana, May 26, 1824, ch. 181, and notes to that act.

For a lighthouse on Nayat point, three thousand five hundred dollars; and for two pyramids or spindles, in Narraganset bay, two thousand dollars.

Lighthouse on Nayat point.

For a beacon-light on or near Spindle rock, at the mouth of Black Rock harbour, six thousand two hundred dollars.

Beacon-light on or near Spindle rock.

For two small lighthouses in Hudson river, eight thousand dollars.

Two lighthouses in Hudson river.

For a lighthouse at or near Portland, on Lake Erie, five thousand dollars; and for a beacon-light, for removing obstructions in order to make the light of the lighthouse at the mouth of Genessee river, on Lake Ontario, visible at a distance.

Lighthouse near Portland.

For erecting a tower and placing a bell thereon with machinery, near the lighthouse on Pool's Island, Chesapeake bay, two thousand eight hundred dollars.

A tower, &c., near the lighthouse on Pool's island, &c.

For the lighthouse on Little Watt's island, six thousand five hundred dollars; and for that on Clay island, six thousand five hundred dollars; and for a beacon-light, or small lighthouse, on Point Look Out, four thousand five hundred dollars.

Lighthouse on Little Watt's Island, &c.

For the lighthouse on Smith's point, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

On Smith's point.

For a beacon-light or lighthouse on Pamptico point, five thousand dollars; and for one at the entrance of Roanoke Marshes, five thousand dollars; for a light vessel, to be placed at or near the point of Marsh Shoal, at or near the mouth of Neuse river, six thousand five hundred dollars; this sum to be in addition to the sum already appropriated for building a lighthouse at the point of Marsh, at the mouth of the said river, for which lighthouse the light vessel is substituted.

Beacon-light or lighthouse on Pamptico point, &c.

1827, ch. 47.

For a lighthouse at Otter Creek point, five thousand dollars.

Otter Creek point.

For one on Bois Blanc, five thousand dollars.

On Bois Blanc. St. John's river.

For one at St. John's river, six thousand five hundred dollars; and for one on Choctaw point, six thousand five dollars.

Four buoys in the Hudson river.

For placing four buoys in Hudson river, on the following sites: One on a reef of rocks opposite Van Wee's point; one on a reef of rocks north of Constitution point; one on a reef of rocks, the south point of Conner's Hook island; and one on a wreck of a vessel sunk in Haverstraw bay; three hundred dollars.

Two buoys near the Pea Patch in the river Delaware.

For placing two buoys near the channel, to the eastward of the Pea Patch, in the river Delaware, viz: one on the north-east point of the Pea Patch; and one on a small shoal in the passage, four hundred dollars.

Spindles, &c. Kennebec bay.

For spindles or monuments, and buoys, to render the navigation of Kennebec bay and river safe, fifteen hundred dollars.

For placing a buoy on Killpond bar, in Buzzard's bay, sixty dollars.

Buoy on Killpond bar.

For placing twenty buoys, at proper sites, in the river Teche, in the state of Louisiana, two thousand six hundred dollars.

Twenty buoys in Louisiana.

For an iron spindle on Sand Island, on the bar of Mobile bay, six hundred dollars.

Iron spindle on Sand Island.

For five buoys, in the channel, between Key West and the islands to the westward of it and the main, leading from the Gulf Stream to the bay of Mexico, seven hundred dollars.

Five buoys in the channel between Key West.

For two buoys at the mouth of St. John's river, territory of Florida, one hundred and sixty dollars.

Two buoys at the mouth of St. John's river.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said secretary be empowered as aforesaid, and that the following sums be appropriated and paid as aforesaid, for the purposes hereafter designated, viz:

To build a lighthouse, at a proper site, near St. Mark's harbour, in Florida, the sum of six thousand dollars.

Lighthouse near St. Mark's harbour.

To build a lighthouse on a ledge of rocks, called the Whale's Back, in the harbour of Portsmouth, in the state of New Hampshire, eight thousand dollars, in addition to the former appropriation for that object.

Lighthouse at Portsmouth.

1827, ch. 47.

Lighthouse near the mouth of Duck creek.

Salaries of the respective keepers of lighthouses.
Proviso.

Appropriation.

To build a lighthouse near the mouth of Duck creek, adjoining Delaware bay, the sum of four thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, from and after the passage of this act, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to regulate and fix the salaries of the respective keepers of lighthouses, in such manner as he shall deem just and proper: *Provided*, The whole sum allowed shall not exceed an average of four hundred dollars to each keeper.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of five thousand two hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated, to pay the salaries to the several keepers of the lighthouses within the United States; to be applied under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, in conformity to the authority in him vested by the third section of this act.

APPROVED, May 23, 1828.

STATUTE I.

May 23, 1828.

CHAP. LXX.—*An Act supplementary to the several acts providing for the settlement and confirmation of private land claims in Florida.* (a)

Act of May 8, 1822, ch. 129.
Act of March 3, 1823, ch. 29.

The three claims to land in the district of West Florida, contained in the reports of the commissioners, numbered 4, 8, and 10, excluding from the latter the land contained in certificate, and in the plats A. and C., &c., confirmed.

No more than the quantity of acres contained in a league square shall be confirmed within the bounds of any one grant, &c.

All the decisions made by the register, &c., of the district of East Florida, as commissioners under act of Feb. 8, 1827, ch. 9, recommended for confirmation, confirmed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the three claims to land in the district of West Florida, contained in the reports of the commissioners, and numbered four, [4] eight, [8] and ten, [10] excluding from the latter the land contained in certificate, and in the plats A. and C., and the claims contained in the reports of the commissioners of East Florida, and in the reports of the receiver and register, acting as such, made in pursuance of the several acts of Congress providing for the settlement of private land claims in Florida, and recommended for confirmation by said commissioners, and by the register and receiver, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed to the extent of the quantity contained in one league square, to be located by the claimants, or their agents, within the limits of such claims or surveys filed, as aforesaid, before the said commissioners, or receiver and register, which location shall be made within the bounds of the original grant, in quantities of not less than one section, and to be bounded by sectional lines.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That no more than the quantity of acres contained in a league square, shall be confirmed within the bounds of any one grant: and no confirmation shall be effectual until all the parties in interest, under the original grant, shall file with the register and receiver of the district where the grant may be situated, a full and final release of all claim to the residue contained in the grant: and where there shall be any minors incapable of acting within said territory of Florida, a relinquishment by the legal guardian shall be sufficient; and thereafter the excess in said grants, respectively, shall be liable to be sold as other public lands of the United States.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all the decisions made by the register and receiver of the district of East Florida, acting *ex officio*, as commissioners, in pursuance of an act of Congress, approved the eighth of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, authorizing them to ascertain and decide claims and titles to lands in the district aforesaid, and those recommended for confirmation under the quantity of three thousand five hundred acres, contained in the reports, abstracts, and opinions, of the said register and receiver, transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, according to law, and referred by him to Congress, on the twenty-ninth January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-

(a) See notes of the decisions of the Supreme Court upon claims and titles to land in the territory of Florida, vol. iii. 709.