

On failure to comply with provisions of this act, lands to be offered for sale.

All agreements or acts having for object to prevent any one from bidding upon or purchasing public lands, prohibited.

Penalty.

All agreements to the effect that one person shall pay to another, a premium of any kind upon the price at which lands of the U. S. may be bid off by the latter, to be null and void.

Any premium paid in consequence of such agreement may be recovered.

Discovery may be enforced by bill in equity.

Proviso: suit to be commenced within six years.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, on failure to apply for, and show a right of pre-emption, under the second section of this act, within the time allowed therefor; and also on failure to complete the payment on any of the lands, agreeably to the provisions of this act, within the period allowed for that purpose, in either case, the whole of such lands shall be forthwith offered for sale without delay.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons shall, before or at the time of the public sale of any of the lands of the United States, bargain, contract or agree, or shall attempt to bargain, contract, or agree with any other person or persons, that the last named person or persons, shall not bid upon, or purchase the land so offered for sale, or any parcel thereof, or shall by intimidation, combination, or unfair management, hinder or prevent, or attempt to hinder or prevent any person or persons from bidding upon or purchasing any tract or tracts of land so offered for sale, every such offender, his, her, or their aiders and abettors, being thereof duly convicted, shall, for every such offence, be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding two years, or both in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons, shall, before, or at the time of the public sale of any of the lands of the United States, enter into any contract, bargain, agreement, or secret understanding with any other person or persons, proposing to purchase such land, to pay or give to such purchasers for such land, a sum of money, or other article of property, over and above the price at which the land may or shall be bid off by such purchasers, every such contract, bargain, agreement, or secret understanding, and every bond, obligation, or writing of any kind whatsoever founded upon, or growing out of the same, shall be utterly null and void. And any person or persons being a party to such contract, bargain, agreement, or secret understanding, who shall or may pay to such purchasers, any sum of money or other article of property, as aforesaid, over and above the purchase money of such land, may sue for, and recover such excess from such purchasers in any court having jurisdiction of the same. And if the party aggrieved, have no legal evidence of such contract, bargain, agreement, or secret understanding, or of the payment of the excess aforesaid, he may, by bill in equity, compel such purchasers to make discovery thereof; and if in such case, the complainant shall ask for relief, the court in which the bill is pending, may proceed to final decree between the parties to the same; *Provided*, every such suit either in law or equity shall be commenced within six years next, after the sale of said land by the United States.

APPROVED, March 31, 1830.

STATUTE I.

March 31, 1830.

Port of entry changed from Nova Iberia to Franklin.

CHAP. XLIX.—*An Act to change the port of entry from Nova Iberia to Franklin, in the state of Louisiana.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That hereafter, the port of entry in the district of Teche, in the state of Louisiana, shall be at Franklin, instead of Nova Iberia, in said district; and the collector thereof shall hereafter reside at said Franklin.

APPROVED, March 31, 1830.

STATUTE I.

March 31, 1830.

Collector of Burlington.

CHAP. L.—*An Act changing the residence of the collector in the district of Burlington, in the state of New Jersey.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That hereafter, the collector of