

CHAP. XV.—*An Act authorizing Persons, to whom Reservations of Land have been made under certain Indian Treaties, to alienate the same in Fee.*

March 9, 1848.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all the reservations to or for any person or persons named in the treaty of the twentieth day of October, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, made at Camp Tippecanoe, in the State of Indiana, between the United States by their commissioners, Jennings, Davis, and Crume, and the chiefs and headmen of the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians of the Prairie and Kankakee, shall be so construed and held to convey to and vest in said reserves, their heirs, and assigns, forever, an estate in fee simple in and to the reservations so made, by said treaty, to or for said reserves respectively.

Reservees under treaty of Oct. 20, 1832, (vol. vii. p. 378,) with the Pottawatomies, to hold their land in fee simple.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said reservees, or their heirs, may sell and convey all or any part of his, her, or their respective reserves; and such sale and conveyance shall vest in the purchaser, his or her heirs and assigns, such title as is described in such deed of conveyance, to such lands so sold and conveyed: *Provided,* That all deeds of conveyance made before the passage of this act shall stand upon the same footing as those made after the passage of this act, and the rights of the parties shall be the same in one case as in the other: *Provided,* That such deed of conveyance for any of said lands, made before or after the passage of this act, shall not be valid for such purpose until the same shall have been approved by the President of the United States.

Said lands may be alienated, and former alienations confirmed

Approval of the alienation by President made essential.

APPROVED, March 9, 1848.

CHAP. XVI.—*An Act granting the Franking Privilege to Louisa Catharine Adams.*

March 9, 1848.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all letters and packets carried by post to and from Louisa Catharine Adams, widow of the late John Quincy Adams, be conveyed free of postage during her natural life.

Franking privilege granted to the widow of J. Q. Adams.

APPROVED, March 9, 1848.

CHAP. XVII.—*An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act in Amendment of the Acts respecting the Judicial System of the United States."*

March 9, 1848.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in case of a vacancy in the office of the clerk of any Circuit Court of the United States in vacation, the judge of the District Court in the district within which such vacancy occurs may appoint a clerk, who shall hold said office until the end of the next term of the Circuit Court for said district, unless the office is sooner filled by an appointment according to existing laws.

A temporary clerk may be appointed for the Circuit Court by the district judge, when a vacancy occurs in vacation.

APPROVED, March 9, 1848.

CHAP. XVIII.—*An Act to make Attachments which are made under Process issuing from the courts of the United States conform to the Laws regulating such attachments in the courts of the States.*

March 14, 1848.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever, upon process instituted in any of the courts of the United States, property

Attachments under mesne process issuing from the courts of the

United States, to be dissolved in the same manner as those under process from the respective State courts.

Proviso saving the priority of the United States.

shall hereafter be attached to satisfy such judgment as may be recovered by the plaintiff in such process, and any contingency occurs by which, according to the laws of a State, such attachment would be dissolved upon like process pending in, or returnable to, the State courts, then such attachment or attachments made upon process issuing from, or pending in, the courts of the United States within such State shall be dissolved, the intent and meaning of this act being to place such attachments in the courts of the States and the United States upon the same footing: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall interfere with any existing or future law giving priority in payments of debts to the United States.

APPROVED, March 14, 1848.

March 14, 1848. CHAP. XIX.—*An Act concerning the Courts of the United States in and for the District of Michigan.*

The courts of the United States in Michigan to be held at Detroit on the third Monday in June and second Monday in October, annually.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the district of Michigan shall continue to be held in the city of Detroit on the third Monday of June and the second Monday of October in every year, any provision in any act of Congress, heretofore passed, to the contrary notwithstanding; and that all writs, pleas, suits, recognizances, indictments, and all other proceedings, civil and criminal, shall be heard, tried, and proceeded with by the said courts in the same manner and at the same place as heretofore.

APPROVED, March 14, 1848.

March 21, 1848.

CHAP. XXII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of John Paul Jones.*

Adjustment of the accounts of the late John Paul Jones.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the accounts of the late Commodore John Paul Jones with the United States be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, to adjust and pay, out of any money or stock of the United States in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, upon the principles of justice and equity, according to acts in similar cases and applicable thereto.

Prize money to be paid to his heirs, and the seamen and officers under his command.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby instructed to pay to the legal representatives of the said John Paul Jones, and the officers, seamen, and marines of the squadron under his command, being citizens of the United States, or their representatives, out of any moneys or stock of the United States in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, their respective proportions of the value, as estimated by Benjamin Franklin, of three prizes captured by the squadron under the command of the said Jones, and delivered up to Great Britain by Denmark, in seventeen hundred and seventy-nine; to be apportioned on the basis of the distribution of a settlement made with the captors for prizes captured by the said squadron, and received from the court of France, and confirmed by Congress in seventeen hundred and eighty-seven; deducting, however, from the share of Captain Peter Landais the sum received by him or his legal representatives under an act of Congress, approved the twenty-eighth of March, eighteen hundred and six: *Provided*, That, in ascertaining the amount due the heirs of said Paul Jones, if any, no interest shall be allowed on such claim.

Deduction from the share of Captain Landais.

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No interest to be paid to heirs of John Paul Jones.

APPROVED, March 21, 1848.