

When this act shall take effect.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect on and after the fifteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine.

APPROVED, March 3, 1849.

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CHAP. CXII.—*An Act to extend the Revenue Laws of the United States over the Territory and Waters of Upper California, and to create a Collection District therein.*

Revenue laws of the U. S. extended over Upper California.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the revenue laws of the United States be, and they are hereby, extended to and over the main land and waters of all that portion of territory ceded to the United States by the "treaty of peace, friendship, and limits, between the United States of America and the Mexican republic," concluded on the second day of February, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-eight, heretofore designated and known as Upper California.

Collection district of U. California established.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all the ports, harbors, bays, rivers, and waters of the main land of the territory of Upper California shall constitute a collection district by the name of Upper California; and a port of entry shall be, and is hereby, established for said district at San Francisco, on the Bay of San Francisco, and a collector of customs shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to reside at said port of entry.

Port of entry established at San Francisco, and collector to be appointed.

Ports of delivery.

Collector to appoint three deputy collectors.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That ports of delivery shall be, and are hereby, established in the collection district aforesaid, at San Diego, Monterey, and at some convenient point within the territory of the United States, to be selected by the Secretary of the Treasury, as near as may be to the junction of the Rivers Gila and Colorado, at the head of the Gulf of California; and the collector of the said district of California is hereby authorized to appoint, with the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury, three deputy collectors, to be stationed at the ports of delivery aforesaid.

Compensation of collector and deputy collectors.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the collector of said district shall be allowed a compensation of fifteen hundred dollars per annum and the fees and commissions allowed by law; and the said deputy collectors shall each be allowed a compensation of one thousand [dollars] per annum, and the fees and commissions allowed by law.

How violation of revenue laws within the district of California shall be prosecuted.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That, until otherwise provided by law, all violations of the revenue laws of the United States, committed within the district of Upper California, shall be prosecuted in the District Court of Louisiana or the Supreme Court of Oregon, which courts shall have original jurisdiction, and may take cognizance of all cases arising under the revenue laws in the said district of Upper California, and shall proceed therein in the same manner and with the like effect as if such cases had arisen within the district or territory where the prosecution shall be brought.

When this act shall take effect.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect from and after the tenth day of March next.

APPROVED, March 3, 1849.

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CHAP. CXIII.—*An Act to settle the Title to certain Tracts of Land in the State of Arkansas.*

Owners of certain Spanish or French claims

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That each and every

owner of a Spanish or French land claim, or any part thereof, in the State of Arkansas, which was submitted for adjudication to the Superior Court of the late Territory of Arkansas, and by that court confirmed, being a *bona fide* subsequent purchaser for a valuable consideration, is hereby authorized to enter, within one year from the passage of this act, the land covered by said claim, or less quantity thereof, to be embraced in any legal subdivision, at the minimum price, under such regulations as the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall prescribe: *Provided, however,* That the owner aforesaid shall be an occupant or cultivator of said land.

authorized to enter the lands covered by said claims.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, after the lapse of two years from the approval of this act, the sale of the lands embraced by the decrees of the Superior Court of Arkansas, which were on bills of review reversed, and which the President was, by the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-two, required to reserve from sale, which may then remain the property of the United States, shall no longer be reserved from sale by the President of the United States, and that the same may be brought into market under the existing laws.

After two years, lands reserved from sale may be sold.

1832, ch. 72.

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CHAP. CXIV. — *An Act for the better Organization of the District Court of the United States within the State of Louisiana.*

March 3, 1849.

1850, ch. 28.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, for the more convenient transaction of business in the courts of the United States within the State of Louisiana, the said State shall be, and the same is hereby, divided into two judicial districts, in the manner following, to wit: the parishes of Sabine, Desoto, Caddo, Natchitoches, Bossier, Rapides, Claiborne, Jackson, Catahoula, Caldwell, Ouachita, Union, Morehouse, Franklin, Carroll, Madison, Tensas, Concordia, St. Landry, Avoyelles, Calcasieu, St. Mary, St. Martin, Vermillion, and Lafayette, shall compose one district, to be called the western district of Louisiana; and all the remaining part of the said State shall compose another district, to be called the eastern district of Louisiana; and all criminal actions or civil suits, either in law or equity, which have arisen in the western district, or against persons residing therein, or concerning lands situated therein, together with all process, writs, recognizances, and records, belonging thereto, shall be transferred to the western district; and all civil suits hereafter instituted against persons residing in said western district, or suits concerning lands situated in the same, in the courts of the United States, shall be in said district; and there shall be held annually in said district one stated session of the court at each of the following places, to wit: at Opelousas, on the first Monday in August, for the parishes of St. Landry, Calcasieu, St. Mary, St. Martin, Vermillion, and Lafayette; at Alexandria, on the first Monday in September, for the parishes of Rapides, Avoyelles, Natchitoches; at Shreveport, on the first Monday in October, for the parishes of Caddo, Sabine, Desoto, Bossier, and Claiborne; at Monroe, on the first Monday in November, for the parishes of Ouachita, Jackson, Union, Morehouse, Franklin, Catahoula, Carroll, Madison, Tensas, and Concordia; and a person learned in the law, residing in said western district, shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, judge thereof, with a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, payable semi-annually, with the same powers and duties as the district judge of the United States for the district of Louisiana, as it now exists, and such as are conferred on him, or required of him, by this act; who is

State of Louisiana divided into two judicial districts.

Western district.

Eastern district.

Places at which courts shall be held annually for western district.

1850, ch. 28.

Judge for western district to be appointed.

His salary, powers, and duties.