

tion to the claims thus filed before the first day of December next, and the claims which have been heretofore filed, but not decided on by the commissioners, as the board of commissioners had by former laws respecting claims filed prior to the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eight, except that all of his decisions shall be subject to the revision of Congress. And it shall be the duty of the said recorder to make to the commissioner of the general land-office a report of all the claims which shall be thus filed before the first day of December next, and of the claims which have been already filed but not decided on by the said commissioners; together with the substance of the evidence in support thereof, with his opinion and such remarks as he may think proper, which report together with a list of the claims which, in the opinion of the said recorder, ought to be confirmed, shall be laid by the commissioner of the general land-office before Congress, at their next session, for their determination thereon. The said recorder in addition to his salary as fixed by law, shall be allowed fifty cents for each claim which has been filed, but not decided on by the commissioners; or which shall be filed according to this act, and on which he shall make a decision, whether such decision be in favour of, or against the claim, and a further allowance of five hundred dollars, which shall be paid after he shall have made his report to the commissioner of the general land-office; which allowance of fifty cents for each claim decided on, and five hundred dollars on the completion of the business, shall be in full compensation for his services, including clerk hire, respecting the claims to be decided on according to this act.

APPROVED, June 13, 1812.

STATUTE I.

June 17, 1812.

CHAP. C.—*An Act authorizing the remission of forfeited recognizances within the District of Columbia.*

President authorized to remit forfeitures, &c. in the District of Columbia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States shall have the power to grant remissions of the forfeitures of all recognizances acknowledged and taken or to be acknowledged and taken, before any court, judge, justice of the peace, or other magistrate within the District of Columbia, either in the course of any criminal prosecution, or for surety of the peace.

APPROVED, June 17, 1812.

STATUTE I.

June 17, 1812.

CHAP. CI.—*An Act authorizing the cutting and making a Canal from the river Potomac around the west end of the dam or causeway from Mason's Island, and for other purposes.*

Common council of Alexandria empowered to appoint agents to lay out and superintend cutting of canal, &c.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the common council of Alexandria shall have power to appoint one or more agents to lay out and superintend the cutting and making a canal from the river Potomac around the west end of the dam or causeway from Mason's island to the western shore of the said river, into that arm of said river which passes around the western side of said island, in the manner and under the restrictions herein after directed; and from the river Potomac along the west side of Alexander's peninsula into said river, below the lower end of said peninsula, and through any other points of land between Mason's island and Alexandria, which may improve the boat navigation of said river; and also that the said common council of Alexandria have power to levy a tax upon the real property of the said town, and upon the personal property and the occupations of the citizens thereof, for the purpose of defraying the expense of cutting and making said canals, and after-

May levy a tax.