

The two corporations authorized to erect a permanent bridge.

Proceedings to pay for property taken for the bridge.

not related to the said owner, nor in any manner interested, who shall meet on the ground to be valued, at a day to be expressed by the mayor in the said summons, of which ten days' notice shall be given by the mayor to the owner or owners of the said ground, or left at his, her or their place of abode, or given to his, her or their guardian, if an infant, or if out of the county, by publishing notice thereof for six weeks in some newspaper printed in the county, and when the jury shall have met pursuant to the aforesaid summons, each jurymen shall swear or affirm, that he will justly, faithfully and impartially value all the ground held as private property and intended and required to be used or occupied by reason of the contemplated erection of the permanent bridge, and the amount of damages the proprietor or proprietors of said ground will sustain (taking into view at the same time the benefits which the said proprietor or proprietors will derive from the erection of the said bridge) according to the best of his skill and judgment. And the inquisition and valuation thereupon taken, shall be signed by the mayor and seven or more of the said jury, and shall be binding and conclusive upon all parties concerned; and the same shall be transmitted to the clerk of the county, to be by him recorded: and the valuation expressed in the aforesaid inquisition shall be paid or tendered to the owner or owners of the ground so condemned, or his or their legal representatives, by the corporation intending to build such bridge, within thirty days after such valuation shall have been made, and before any work is commenced on the grounds so valued.

APPROVED, July 1, 1812.

STATUTE I.

July 1, 1812.

CHAP. CXVIII.—*An Act giving validity to the sale of certain tracts of Public Lands sold in the western District of the territory of Orleans, now state of Louisiana.*

Sales of lands in the month of January, 1812, made valid.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sale of the several tracts of public lands sold in the month of January, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, at the public sales held under the superintendence of the register of the land-office, and the principal deputy surveyor of the western district of the territory of Orleans (now state of Louisiana,) be, and the same is hereby made good and valid, to all intents and purposes, any law to the contrary notwithstanding: and the purchasers of the said tracts shall severally, on completing the payment of the purchase money, according to law, be entitled to receive a patent or patents for the lands so purchased and paid for, as in case of other lands sold by the United States; the first instalment of the purchase money shall be considered as due and payable at ten days after the receiver of public monies, for the district within which the lands lie, shall have entered on the discharge of the duties of his office.

APPROVED, July 1, 1812.

STATUTE I.

July 1, 1812.

[Obsolete.]
Act of Jan. 2, 1812, ch. 11.

President authorized to raise an additional company of rangers.

CHAP. CXIX.—*An Act supplementary to "An Act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of Rangers for the protection of the frontier of the United States."*

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 be, and he is hereby authorized to raise one additional company of rangers, when he may deem it necessary for the public service under the same provisions, conditions and restrictions of the act to which this is a supplement.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That for defraying the expenses