

# ACTS OF THE TWELFTH CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the fourth day of November, 1811, and ended on the sixth day of July, 1812.*

JAMES MADISON, President; GEORGE CLINTON, Vice President, of the United States and President of the Senate; WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD, President of the Senate pro tempore, from the 26th of March, 1812; HENRY CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### STATUTE I.

CHAPTER I.—*An Act to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage.*

Nov. 18, 1811.

[Obsolete.]

Documents may be sent free of postage.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the members of Congress, the secretary of the Senate, and the clerk of the House of Representatives be, and they are hereby respectively authorized to transmit, free of postage, the several messages of the President of the United States of the fifth and seventh days of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and the documents accompanying the same, printed by order of the Senate and by order of the House of Representatives, to any post-office within the United States and territories thereof, to which they may direct, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, November 18, 1811.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. II.—*An Act to alter the time of holding one of the terms of the District Court in the district of Maine.*

Nov. 28, 1811.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the passing of this act, the district court of the United States for the district of Maine, shall be holden at Wiscasset, within said district, on the second Tuesday of September, annually, instead of the first Tuesday of said month, any thing, in any former act, to the contrary notwithstanding. (a)

APPROVED, November 28, 1811.

District court to be held at Wiscasset, on the second Tuesday of September annually.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. III.—*An Act making a further appropriation for the support of a Library.*

Dec. 6, 1811.

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

[Obsolete.]

(a) By the act of March 3, 1813, chap. 60, the time for holding the sessions of the district court at Wiscasset, was changed from the first Tuesday of March, to the last Tuesday of February.

By the act of April 3, 1812, chap. 9, the district court of Maine, before holden on the last day of May in each year, shall be holden at the same place on the first Tuesday of June in each year.

Appropriation of one thousand dollars.

balance of the former appropriations made to purchase books for the use of Congress, there shall be appropriated the sum of one thousand dollars yearly for the term of five years; to be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and expended under the direction of a joint committee, to consist of three members of the Senate and three members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed every session of Congress, during the continuance of this appropriation.

APPROVED, December 6, 1811.

STATUTE I.

Dec. 12, 1811.

[Obsolete.]

Further time allowed for opening land-offices.

Act of Feb. 15, 1811, ch. 14.

Land-offices to be opened on such days as may be designated by the President.

CHAP. IV.—*An Act extending the time for opening the several Land-offices established in the territory of Orleans.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of the sixth section of an act, entitled "An act providing for the final adjustment of claims to lands and for the sale of the public lands in the territories of Orleans and Louisiana, and to repeal the act passed for the same purpose and approved February sixteenth, one thousand eight hundred and eleven," as directs that the several land-offices established in the territory of Orleans shall be opened on the first day of January and on the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said land-offices shall, respectively, be opened on such day or days as the President of the United States shall, by proclamation, designate for that purpose; and the public land shall, in every other respect, be offered for sale at the said offices in the same manner as is directed by the aforesaid act.

APPROVED, December 12, 1811.

STATUTE I.

Dec. 12, 1811.

[Obsolete.]

Purchasers allowed until the first of January, 1813, to complete their payments.

CHAP. VI.—*An Act allowing further time for completing the payments on certain lands held by right of pre-emption, in the Mississippi territory.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all the purchasers of public lands, by right of pre-emption in the Mississippi territory, who have made payment of their first instalment of the purchase money, be allowed until the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, to complete the payments on their lands, respectively, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, December 12, 1811.

STATUTE I.

Dec. 12, 1811.

[Obsolete.]

Act of April 16, 1816, ch. 53.

Road from the rapids of the river Miami of Lake Erie to western line of Connecticut reserve.

Commissioners' report to be made to the President.

CHAP. VIII.—*An Act to authorize the surveying and marking of certain roads, in the state of Ohio, as contemplated by the treaty of Brownstown in the territory of Michigan.*

*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 hereby is authorized to appoint three commissioners, who shall explore, survey and mark, by the most eligible course, a road from the foot of the rapids of the river Miami of Lake Erie, to the western line of the Connecticut reserve, and a road to run southwardly from Lower Sandusky to the boundary line established by the treaty of Greenville, which said road shall be sixty feet in width; and the said commissioners shall make out accurate plats of such surveys, accompanied with field notes, and certify and transmit the same to the President of the United States, who, if he approves of said surveys, shall cause the plats thereof to be deposited in the office of the treasury of the United States; and the said roads shall be considered as established and accepted, pursuant to the treaty held at Brownstown, in the terri-