

direction of the President, authorized to repair and finish the Great Hotel for the accommodation of the post-office department and patent office.

When these offices are to be removed.

Appropriation.

to repair and finish, in a suitable manner for the accommodation of the post-office department and the patent office, the two stories of the building purchased for the government, by authority of the aforesaid act, being the first and second stories, including also sundry repairs on the outside and in the garret of said building, upon the principles stated in the report of the Postmaster-General, dated January fifteenth, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That as soon as the repairs can be properly made, and before the commencement of the next annual session of Congress, the general post-office and the city post-office shall be removed to said public building.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of completing the aforesaid work, there be appropriated, from any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of thirteen thousand two hundred and forty-seven dollars and sixty-one cents, including the sum of two thousand three hundred dollars, now in the treasury, and also the sum of one thousand three hundred and ninety-three dollars and seventy cents, now in the hands of Thomas Munroe, superintendent of the city of Washington, being unexpended balances of the sum of twenty thousand dollars, authorized by the act of April twenty-eighth, one thousand eight hundred and ten, to which this act is a supplement.

APPROVED, March 7, 1812.

STATUTE I.

March 10, 1812.

[Obsolete.]

Board of commissioners', west of Pearl river, accounts to be settled and paid.

CHAP. XXXVI.—*An Act for the relief of the Board of Commissioners west of Pearl river.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the proper accounting officers at the treasury be, and they are hereby directed to audit and settle the accounts of the board of commissioners west of Pearl river, in the Mississippi territory, and to allow each of them the sum of six dollars per day for every day's actual attendance on the board, subsequent to the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, except for the eighty-four days, already provided for.

APPROVED, March 10, 1812.

STATUTE I.

March 10, 1812.

[Obsolete.]

Appropriation of five hundred thousand dollars in addition to former appropriations.

CHAP. XXXVII.—*An Act making a further appropriation for the defence of our Maritime Frontier.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the sum of five hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, in addition to the sums already appropriated, for the purposes of fortifying and defending the maritime frontier of the United States; and that the same be paid out of any monies in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 10, 1812.

STATUTE I.

March 10, 1812.

Act of Feb. 27, 1813, ch. 38.

Further time given for registering claims in the land-office at Opelousas.

CHAP. XXXVIII.—*An Act giving further time for registering claims to land in the western district of the territory of Orleans.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That every person or persons claiming lands in the western district of the territory of Orleans, who are actual settlers on the land which they claim, and whose claims have not been heretofore filed with the register of the land-office, for the said district, shall be allowed until the first day of November next, to deliver notices in writing, and the written evidences of their claims to the register of the land-office at Opelousas; and the notices and evidences so

delivered within the time limited by this act, shall be recorded in the same manner, and on payment of the same fees, as if the same had been delivered before the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eight; but the rights of such persons as shall neglect so doing within the time limited by this act, shall, so far as they are derived from, or founded on any act of Congress, ever after be barred and become void, and the evidences of their claims never after admitted as evidence in any court of the United States against any grant derived from the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the register and receiver of public monies of the said land-office at Opelousas, shall have the same powers and perform the same duties in relation to the claims thus filed before the first day of November next, as if notice of the same had been given before the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eight, except that their decisions shall be subject to the revision of Congress. And it shall be the duty of the said register and receiver to make to the Secretary of the Treasury, a report of all the claims thus filed with the register of the land-office, together with the substance of the evidence in support thereof, with their opinion, and such remarks thereon as they may think proper; which report, together with a list of the claims, which, in the opinion of the register and receiver, ought to be confirmed, shall be laid by the Secretary of the Treasury before Congress at their next session, for their determination thereon. The said register and receiver shall have power to appoint a clerk, whose duty shall be the same, in relation to the claims filed as aforesaid, as was required of the clerk to the board of commissioners for adjusting claims to land in the said district; and the said register, receiver and clerk, shall each be allowed fifty cents for each claim filed according to this act, and on which a decision shall be made, whether such decision be in favour of, or against the claim; which allowance, of fifty cents, shall be in full compensation for their services under this act.

APPROVED, March 10, 1812.

Duties of the register and receiver of public monies of the land-office at Opelousas.

The reports of the register and receiver to be laid before Congress.

Allowance on claims filed.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. XXXIX.—*An Act to alter the time of holding the Circuit Courts of the United States at Knoxville, in the District of East Tennessee, in the state of Tennessee.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of the first section of an act, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled An act establishing circuit courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the district courts of the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio," passed on the twenty-second day of March, eighteen hundred and eight, as provides that the sessions of the said circuit courts shall be held at Knoxville, in East Tennessee, on the third Monday of October annually, shall be and is hereby repealed; and from and after the passing of this act, the said circuit courts shall be held at Knoxville, in the district of East Tennessee, on the second Monday in October, annually, and continue until all the business therein depending be disposed of; and that all actions, causes, pleas, processes and other proceedings relative to any cause, civil or criminal, which shall be returnable to, or depending in the said circuit court of the United States, to be held at Knoxville, on the third Monday of October next, shall be returned, and held, continued to, and be proceeded upon on the second Monday in October next, in the same manner they would have been if this change had not been made.

APPROVED, March 10, 1812.

March 10, 1812.

Act of March 22, 1808, ch. 38. Sessions of the circuit court changed to the second Monday in October, at Knoxville, in East Tennessee.

1807, ch. 16. 1831, ch. 1.

Process, &c. &c. returnable, &c. &c. accordingly.