

STATUTE I.

May 6, 1812.

CHAP. LXXVI.—*An Act to carry into effect an act of the Legislature of the state of Maryland.*

Act of the Maryland legislature declared to be in force.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of the legislature of the state of Maryland, entitled “An act to authorize two lotteries in the city of Washington,” passed at the session of the said legislature, in November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, for the purpose of raising fifty-two thousand and five hundred dollars, be, and the same is hereby declared to be in full force in the district of Columbia; and it shall and may be lawful to carry the same into effect, subject to the alterations, restrictions and provisions herein after mentioned.

Powers heretofore vested in commissioners under the law of Maryland transferred to the Washington Canal Company.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all the rights, power and authority given, in and by the before recited act, to Daniel Carroll of Duddington, Lewis Deblois, George Walker, William M. Duncanson, Thomas Law and James Barry, shall hereafter be vested in, and exercised by the president and directors of the “*Washington Canal Company* :” *Provided,* the said president and directors shall, before the sale or disposal of any ticket or tickets in said lotteries, give bond to the treasurer of the United States, for the time being, in the penalty of one hundred thousand dollars, conditioned that they will truly and impartially exercise the power and authority vested in them by this act; and well and truly apply the monies arising from the sale of the tickets, within two months after the drawing thereof, to the payment of the prizes drawn by the fortunate adventurers in said lotteries, and the necessary expenses incurred in the management thereof, and the residue, to the completing the canal in the city of Washington, and rendering the same navigable, and draining the marshes and low grounds contiguous thereto: *And provided also,* that it shall be lawful for Congress hereafter to create by law additional shares in the stock of said *Washington Canal Company*, for the sole use and benefit of the corporation of the city of Washington, which shares so to be created shall bear the same proportion to the whole shares held by said company, as the money raised by the aforesaid lotteries and actually applied to the completing of the canal in the city of Washington, and rendering the same navigable, shall bear to the monies and interest thereon, which has been or may hereafter be expended by the Washington Canal Company for the purposes aforesaid.

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CHAP. LXXVII.—*An Act to provide for designating, surveying and granting the Military Bounty Lands.*(a)

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

(a) The acts relating to the Military Bounty Lands, appropriated for services in the war between the United States and Great Britain, which commenced in 1812, are :—

An act for completing the existing military establishment, December 24, 1811, chap. 10, sec. 2.

An act to raise an additional military force, January 11, 1812, chap. 14, sec. 12.

An act to provide for designating, surveying, and granting the military bounty lands, May 6, 1812, chap. 77.

An act making provision for military services during the late war, and for other purposes, April 16, 1816, chap. 55.

An act providing for cases of lost military land warrants, and discharges for faithful services, April 27, 1816, chap. 127.

An act to authorize the survey of two millions of acres of the public lands in lieu of that quantity heretofore authorized to be surveyed in the territory of Michigan, as military bounty lands, April 29, 1816, chap. 164.

An act to amend an act entitled, “An act making further provision for military services during the late war, and for other purposes,” March 3, 1817, chap. 107, sec. 3.

An act for extending the time for obtaining military land warrants in certain cases, March 27, 1818, chap. 22.

United States be, and he is hereby authorized to cause to be surveyed a quantity of the public lands of the United States, fit for cultivation, not otherwise appropriated, and to which the Indian title is extinguished, not exceeding in the whole six millions of acres, two millions to be surveyed in the territory of Michigan, two millions in the Illinois territory, north of the Illinois river, and two millions in the territory of Louisiana, between the river St. Francis and the river Arkansas; the said lands to be divided into townships, and subdivided into sections and quarter sections, (each quarter section to contain, as near as possible, one hundred and sixty acres,) in the manner prescribed by law for surveying and subdividing the other public lands of the United States; the same price to be allowed for surveying as is fixed for surveying the other public lands in the same territory. And the lands thus surveyed, with the exception of the salt springs and lead mines therein, and of the quantities of land adjacent thereto, as may be reserved for the use of the same by the President of the United States, and the section number sixteen in every township to be granted to the inhabitants of such township for the use of public schools, shall be set apart and reserved for the purpose of satisfying the bounties of one hundred and sixty acres, promised to the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the United States, their heirs and legal representatives, by the act, entitled "An act for completing the existing military establishment," approved the twenty-fourth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and by the act, entitled "An act to raise an additional military force," approved the eleventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary for the department of War, for the time being, shall, from time to time, issue warrants for the military land bounties to the persons entitled thereto by the two last mentioned acts, or either of them: *Provided always*, that such warrants shall be issued only in the names of the persons thus entitled, and be by them or their representatives applied for within five years after the said persons shall have become entitled thereto; and the said warrants shall not be assignable or transferable in any manner whatever.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That every person in whose favour such warrants shall have been issued, shall, on delivery of the same at the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, or of such other officer as may at the time have, by law, the superintendence of the general land-office of the United States at the seat of government, be entitled to draw by lot in such manner as the officer, at the head of the land-office, under the direction of the President of the United States, may prescribe, one of the quarter sections surveyed by virtue of the first section of this act, in either of the said territories which the person in whose favour such warrant has issued may designate. And a patent shall thereupon be granted to such person, for such quarter section, without requiring any fee therefor.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That no claim for the military land bounties aforesaid shall be assignable or transferable in any manner whatever, until after a patent shall have been granted in the manner aforesaid. All sales, mortgages, contracts, or agreements, of any nature whatever, made prior thereto, for the purpose, or with intent of alienating, pledging or mortgaging any such claim, are hereby declared and shall be held null and void; nor shall any tract of land, granted as aforesaid, be liable to be taken in execution or sold on account of any such sale, mortgage, contract or agreement, or on account of any debt contracted

Lands set apart for satisfying military bounty claims not exceeding six millions of acres in Michigan, Illinois and Louisiana.

Salt springs to be excepted.

Act of Dec. 24, 1811, ch. 10, sec. 2. 1812, ch. 14.

Warrants to be issued by the Secretary of War. Proviso.

Claims to be determined by lot.

A patent to be granted.

Claims for military land bounties not assignable as such.

An act allowing further time to complete the issuing and locating military land warrants, February 24, 1819, chap. 41.

An act to allow further time to complete the issuing and locating military land warrants, May 22, 1824, chap. 177.

An act to revive an act authorizing certain soldiers in the late war to surrender the bounty lands drawn by them, and to locate others in lieu thereof, and for other purposes, May 27, 1840, chap. 9.

prior to the date of the patent, either by the person originally entitled to the land or by his heirs or legal representatives, or by virtue of any process, or suit at law, or judgment of court against a person entitled to receive his patent as aforesaid.

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CHAP. LXXVIII.—*An Act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland in the state of Maryland to the state of Ohio.*

Thirty thousand dollars appropriated, to be reserved out of the fund for making roads in the state of Ohio by the act of April 30, 1802, ch. 40, sec. 7.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in addition to the unexpended balance of the sum heretofore appropriated for laying out and making a road from Cumberland in the state of Maryland to the state of Ohio, the sum of thirty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and to be expended, under the direction of the President of the United States, in making said road between Cumberland in the state of Maryland and Brownsville in the state of Pennsylvania, commencing at Cumberland; which sum of thirty thousand dollars shall be paid out of the fund reserved for laying out and making roads to the state of Ohio, by virtue of the seventh section of an act passed on the thirtieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and two, entitled "An act to enable the people of the eastern division of the territory northwest of the river Ohio, to form a constitution and state government and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and for other purposes."

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CHAP. LXXIX.—*An Act for the relief of the Citizens of Venezuela.*

Appropriation of fifty thousand dollars.

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 cause to be purchased such provisions as he shall deem advisable, and to tender the same in the name of the government of the United States to that of Venezuela, for the relief of the citizens who have suffered by the late earthquake.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into operation this act.

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STATUTE I.

May 11, 1812.

CHAP. LXXX.—*An Act to alter and establish certain Post Roads.*

Post routes discontinued.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following post routes be discontinued:

From Jacksonborough in South Carolina, by Barnwell Courthouse, to Augusta in Georgia. From Rahway to New Providence; and from Baskenridge to Somerset in New Jersey. From Fort Stoddert to Natchez in the Mississippi territory. From Gallipolis to Chilicothe in Ohio. From Salisbury to Lincolnton in North Carolina. From Peytonsburg to Danville. From Salisbury, by Andover, New Chester and Bridgewater, to Plymouth, thence by Holderness, New Hampton and Sandbornton to Salisbury in New Hampshire. From Baltimore, by Queenstown, to Centreville in Maryland. From Buchanon to Beverly in Virginia.