

STATUTE II.

Feb. 27, 1813.

CHAP. XXXV.—*An Act authorizing the appointment of additional officers in the respective territories of the United States.*

Attorneys and marshals to be appointed in the territories.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be appointed in the respective territories of the United States, a person learned in the law, to act as attorney of the United States, who shall, besides the usual fees of office, receive an annual salary of two hundred and fifty dollars, payable quarter yearly, at the treasury of the United States; and there shall also be appointed, in each of said territories, a marshal, who shall receive the same fees and compensation as is allowed by law to the marshal of the district of Kentucky.

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CHAP. XXXVI.—*An Act to establish certain post roads in the State of Louisiana.*

Post roads.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following post roads be established; from Natchez, in the Mississippi territory, by Concordia to Catahoula, and from thence, by Rapids to Nachitoches; from St. Francisville, by St. Helena and St. Tammany to Madisonville.

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CHAP. XXXVII.—*An Act to encourage Vaccination.*

Repealed by Act of May 4, 1822, ch. 50.

Agent to be appointed for preserving the genuine vaccine matter.

It may be sent through the medium of the post-office.

Oath or affirmation to be taken by agent.

He must write to the postmasters and send a copy of this act.

Packets not exceeding half an ounce and relating to vaccination, to go free of postage to and from the agent.

Proviso.

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 appoint an agent to preserve the genuine vaccine matter, and to furnish the same to any citizen of the United States, whenever it may be applied for, through the medium of the post-office; and such agent shall, previous to his entering upon the execution of the duties assigned to him by this act, and before he shall be entitled to the privilege of franking any letter or package as herein allowed, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation, before some magistrate, and cause a certificate thereof to be filed in the general post-office: "I, A. B. do swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I will faithfully use my best exertions to preserve the genuine vaccine matter, and to furnish the same to the citizens of the United States; and also, that I will abstain from every thing prohibited in relation to the establishment of the post-office of the United States." And it shall be the duty of the said agent to transmit to the several postmasters in the United States a copy of this act: and he shall also forward to them a public notice, directing how and where all application shall be made to him for vaccine matter.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all letters or packages not exceeding half an ounce in weight, containing vaccine matter, or relating to the subject of vaccination, and that alone, shall be carried by the United States' mail free of any postage, either to or from the agent who may be appointed to carry the provisions of this act into effect: *Provided always,* that the said agent before he delivers any letter for transmission by the mail, shall in his own proper handwriting, on the outside thereof, endorse the word "*Vaccination,*" and thereto subscribe his name, and shall previously furnish the postmaster of the office where he shall deposit the same with a specimen of his signature; and if said agent shall frank any letter or package, in which shall be contained any thing relative to any subject other than vaccination, he shall, on conviction of every such offence, forfeit and pay a fine of fifty dollars, to be recovered in the same manner as other fines or violations of law establishing the post-office: