

This act to be carried into effect as act of 18th April, 1818, ch. 65.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the form of the bond aforesaid shall be prescribed, and the same shall be discharged, and all penalties and forfeitures, incurred under this act, shall be sued for, recovered, distributed, and accounted for, and the same may be mitigated, or remitted, in the manner, and according to the provisions, of the act to which this act is supplementary.

APPROVED, May 15, 1820.

STATUTE I.

May 15, 1820.

CHAP. CXXIII.—*An Act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned. (a)*

Whereas, by the continuation of the Cumberland road from Wheeling in the state of Virginia, through the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, the lands of the United States may become more valuable—

The President to appoint three commissioners, not citizens of Ohio, Indiana, or Illinois, to examine the country between Wheeling and a point on the Mississippi, &c. and lay out a road.

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 three impartial and judicious persons, not being citizens of any of the states aforesaid, to be commissioners, and, in case of the death or resignation of any of them, to appoint other and like persons in their place, who shall have power carefully to examine the country, between Wheeling, in the state of Virginia, and a point on the left bank of the Mississippi river, to be chosen by said commissioners, between St. Louis and the mouth of the Illinois river, and to lay out a road from Wheeling aforesaid, to the point so to be chosen on the left bank of the river Mississippi; the said road to be on a straight line, or as nearly so as, having a due regard to the condition and situation of the ground and water-courses over which the same shall be laid out, shall be deemed expedient and practicable. And said commissioners shall have power to employ able surveyors, chain-bearers, and other necessary assistants, in laying out said road; and so much of the lands of the United States as may be included within the same, shall be, and is hereby, reserved and excepted from the sales of the public lands. The said road to be eighty feet wide, and designated by marked trees, stakes, or other conspicuous monuments, at the distance of every quarter of a mile, and at every angle of deviation from a straight line. And the said commissioners shall cause to be made, and delivered to the President of the United States, an accurate plan of said road, so laid out by them as aforesaid, with a written report of their proceedings, describing therein the state lines crossed, and the marks, monuments, courses, and distances, by which the said road shall be designated; describing also, the water-courses, and the nature and quality of the ground over which the same shall be laid out; they shall, moreover, divide said road into sections of not more than ten, nor less than five, miles long, noticing the materials that may be used in making, and giving an estimate of the expense of making, each section of the road aforesaid.

Surveyors, chain-bearers, &c.

Lands for the road reserved from sales.

Road to be 80 feet wide, &c.

A plan of the road to be made out.

Roads to be divided into sections, with notice of materials for making each, and expense.

Commissioners, &c. to take an oath.

Compensation.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners, surveyors, chain-bearers, and other necessary assistants, to be appointed in pursuance of this act, shall severally take an oath, or affirmation, faithfully and diligently to perform their respective duties, and shall receive, in full compensation for their services and expenses, each commissioner six dollars, each surveyor three dollars, and each other necessary assistant one dollar, for each day in which they shall be necessarily employed in the service aforesaid: *Provided always, and it is hereby enacted and declared*, That nothing in this act contained, or that shall be done in pursuance thereof, shall be deemed or construed to imply any obligation on the part of the United States to make, or to defray the expense of making, the road hereby authorized to be laid out, or of any part thereof.

(a) For the acts of Congress relating to the Cumberland road, see vol. ii. p. 357.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That ten thousand dollars, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, be, and are hereby, appropriated to defray the expense of laying out the road aforesaid. 10,000 dolls. appropriated for laying out the road.

APPROVED, May 15, 1820.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. CXXV.—*An Act for the relief of the inhabitants of the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois.*

May 15, 1820.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That every person, or the legal representatives of every person, who claims a lot or lots in the village of Peoria, in the State of Illinois, shall, on or before the first day of October next, deliver to the register of the land office, for the district of Edwardsville, a notice, in writing, of his or her claim; and it shall be the duty of the said register to make to the Secretary of the Treasury a report of all claims filed with the said register, with the substance of the evidence in support thereof; and also his opinion and such remarks respecting the claims as he may think proper to make; which report, together with a list of the claims which, in the opinion of the said register, ought to be confirmed, shall be laid by the Secretary of the Treasury before Congress for their determination. And the said register shall be allowed twenty-five cents for each claim on which a decision shall be made, whether such decision shall be in favour or against the claims; which allowance shall be in full for his services under this act.

Persons claiming lots in Peoria to deliver notice in writing to the register at Edwardsville, before Oct. 1, 1820.

Register to report to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Report, &c. to be laid before Congress.

APPROVED, May 15, 1820.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. CXXVI.—*An Act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels.*

May 15, 1820.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, in lieu of the tonnage duty now paid on French ships or vessels, there shall be paid a duty of eighteen dollars per ton, on all French ships or vessels which shall be entered in the United States, any act to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided, however*, That nothing contained in this act, shall be so construed as to prevent the extension of the provisions of the act, entitled "An act to repeal so much of the several acts imposing duties on the tonnage of ships and vessels, and on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, as imposes a discriminating duty on tonnage between foreign vessels and vessels of the United States, and between the goods imported into the United States in foreign vessels, and vessels of the United States," to French ships or vessels, and the goods imported therein, whenever the government of France shall accede to the provisions of the act above referred to.

[Repealed.]
Act of March 3, 1815, ch. 76.
Act of March 3, 1821, ch. 46.
Act of May 6, 1822, ch. 56.
Act of March 3, 1823, ch. 24.
Eighteen dollars per ton on French ships or vessels, in lieu of present duty.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the tonnage duty laid, and directed to be paid, by this act, shall be collected and paid according to the provisions of the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," passed the second day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

The duty to be collected according to act of 2d March, 1799, ch. 22.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall commence, and be in force, from and after the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

This act in force from 1st July, 1820.

APPROVED, May 15, 1820.