

To be paid out of the treasury.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the several appropriations herein before made, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 17, 1820.

STATUTE I.

March 17, 1820.

CHAP. XXVI.—*An Act to authorize the President of the United States to appoint a receiver of the public moneys and register of the land office for the district of Lawrence county, in the Arkansas territory. (a)*

The President authorized to appoint a receiver and register for Lawrence county.

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 a receiver of the public moneys and register of the land office for the district of Lawrence county, in the Arkansas territory.

Persons having claim to pre-emption, &c. to make it known to the register six weeks before issuing patents to soldiers of the late army.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That every person having a claim to a right of pre-emption within the said district, shall make known his claim and location, according to the provisions of the laws now in force, to the register, at least six weeks before the time, to be designated by the President of the United States, for issuing patents to the soldiers of the late army entitled to bounty land in said district.

APPROVED, March 17, 1820.

STATUTE I.

March 30, 1820.

CHAP. XXVII.—*An Act establishing a circuit court within and for the district of Maine.*

Act of March 3, 1801, ch. 32.
Act of March 8, 1802, ch. 3.
Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine, the 1st circuit.

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 districts of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine, shall constitute the first circuit; and in addition to the circuit courts now holden in said circuit, there shall be holden annually two circuit courts within and for said district of Maine, by the justice of the Supreme Court residing in said circuit, and by the district judge of Maine, at the times and places following, viz: one session of said court shall commence and be holden at Portland, in said district, on the eighth day of May; and the other at Wiscasset, in said district, on the eighth day of October; and when either of said days shall happen to be Sunday, the session shall commence on the day next following; and when only one of the judges hereby directed to hold the said circuit courts shall be able to attend, such circuit courts may be held by the judge so attending.

Two courts in Maine.
At Portland.
At Wiscasset.

Court may be held by the judge attending.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts and parts of acts, granting said district court of Maine the powers and jurisdiction of a circuit court of the United States, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Circuit court powers of district court repealed.

Circuit court of Maine may decide upon actions, &c. originated in the district court.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the circuit court by this act established in and for the district of Maine, shall have power to, and may, at its first session, take cognisance of, and proceed to act upon, hear, and decide, all actions, causes, pleas, processes, matters, and things which have originated in said district court, and which would, by law, be cognisable, and be heard and determined by the circuit court to be holden in the district of Massachusetts, if this act had never been made and passed.

Causes depending in the circuit court of Massachusetts, may be trans-

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That those causes which have originated as aforesaid, in said district court, and have been entered at the circuit court in the district of Massachusetts, and are now pending therein, on error, appeal, or otherwise, shall be transferred to the circuit

(a) See note of the acts of Congress relating to public lands in Arkansas, Act of May 26, 1824, ch. 154.

court by this act established, and entered on the docket of the same at its first session, in order that the said causes may be heard and decided therein, in the manner provided by the third section of this act.

APPROVED, March 30, 1820.

ferred to the circuit court of Maine.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. XXVIII.—*An Act further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands, for failure in completing the payment thereon.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the operation of the sixth condition of the fifth section of the act entitled "An act to amend the act entitled "An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States north-west of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river," be, and the same is hereby suspended until the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, in favour of the purchasers of public lands, at any of the land offices of the United States: Provided, That the benefit of this act shall not be extended to any one purchaser for a greater quantity than six hundred and forty acres.

APPROVED, March 30, 1820.

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Act of March 3, 1819, ch. 74.
Act of May 10, 1800, ch. 55.
Forfeiture of lands for non-payment suspended till 31st March, 1821.
Proviso; benefit limited to purchasers within 640 acres.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. XXXIX.—*An Act for apportioning the representatives in the seventeenth Congress, to be elected in the state of Massachusetts and Maine, and for other purposes. (a)*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, in the election of representatives in the seventeenth Congress, the state of Massachusetts shall be entitled to choose thirteen representatives only; and the state of Maine shall be entitled to choose seven representatives, according to the consent of the legislature of said state of Massachusetts, for this purpose given by their resolve passed on the twenty-fifth day of January last, and prior to the admission of the state of Maine into the Union.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That if the seat of any of the representatives in the present Congress, who were elected in and under the authority of the state of Massachusetts, and who are now inhabitants of the state of Maine, shall be vacated by death, resignation, or otherwise, such vacancy shall be supplied by a successor, who shall, at the time of his election, be an inhabitant of the state of Maine.*

APPROVED, April 7, 1820.

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Act of March 3, 1820, ch. 19.
Massachusetts to choose only 13 representatives in the 17th Congress.
And Maine, 7 representatives.
In case of the vacation of the seat of a representative in the 16th Congress, elected for Massachusetts, being an inhabitant of Maine, his successor to be an inhabitant of Maine also.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. XL.—*An Act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, respectively, appropriated; that is to say:

For compensation, granted by law to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, their officers and attendants, three hundred and eighty-four thousand and ten dollars.

For the expenses of stationery, fuel, printing, and all other contingent and incidental expenses, of both Houses of Congress, forty-five thousand dollars.

April 11, 1820.

Sums appropriated, for—

Members of Congress, &c.

Contingent expenses.

(a) See note to act of December 21, 1811, ch. 9, vol. ii. 669, referring to the acts apportioning the representatives in Congress according to the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, conforming to the returns of the census.