

# ACTS OF THE SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday the thirteenth day of November, 1820, and ended on the third day of March, 1821.*

JAMES MONROE, President; DANIEL D. TOMPKINS, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate; JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore; JOHN W. TAYLOR, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### STATUTE II.

Nov. 27, 1820,

First session to be holden at Mobile, 3d Monday of Feb. 1821.

Stated sessions at Mobile and Cahawba.

Process returnable accordingly.

But one clerk and one set of records.

CHAP. I.—*An Act to alter the terms of the district court in Alabama. (a)*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the first session of the district court for the district of Alabama, shall be holden at Mobile, on the third Monday of February, eighteen hundred and twenty-one; and thereafter, the stated sessions of said court, instead of the times heretofore appointed, shall be holden, annually, as follows: At Mobile, on the first Mondays of January and June; and at Cahawba, on the first Mondays of April and November; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all process which may have issued, or may hereafter issue, returnable to the next succeeding terms, as heretofore established, shall be held returnable, and be returned, to those terms to which they are severally changed by this act.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be but one clerk for the district, who shall keep only one set of records, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, November 27, 1820.

### STATUTE II.

Dec. 12, 1820.

The Secretary of the Treasury to pay three per cent. of the net proceeds of public lands sold in Illinois after 1st Jan., 1819, to the agent of the state.

CHAP. II.—*An Act to provide for paying to the state of Illinois three per cent. of the net proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury shall, from time to time, and whenever the quarterly accounts of public moneys of the several land offices shall be settled, pay three per cent. of the net proceeds of the lands of the United States, lying within the state of Illinois, which, since the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, have been, or hereafter may be, sold by the United States, after deducting all expenses incidental to the same, to such person or persons as may be authorized by the legislature

(a) See notes to the "Act to establish a district court in the state of Alabama," April 21, 1820, ch. 47, for a reference to the acts which have been passed relating to the district court of Alabama.

of the said state to receive the same; which sums, thus paid, shall be applied to the encouragement of learning within said state, in conformity to the provisions on this subject, contained in the act, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Illinois territory 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," approved April eighteenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and to no other purpose; and an annual account of the application of the same shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, by such officer of the state as the legislature thereof shall direct; and in default of such return being made, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby required to withhold the payment of any sums that may then be due, or which may thereafter become due, until a return shall be made, as herein required.

APPROVED, December 12, 1820.

To be applied for the encouragement of learning.

Act of April 18, 1818, ch. 67.

Annual account of the application of the moneys to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, or payment may be withheld.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. III.—*An Act to amend the act, entitled "An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia."*

Dec. 29, 1820.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the act, passed on the eleventh day of May last, to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia, instead of being limited to take effect on the first day of January next, shall have full operation and effect from and after the passing hereof; and that all the writs and process of the circuit court of the District of Columbia, for the county of Washington, shall be returned and continued in like manner as if the said act had taken effect from and after the thirtieth day of July last.

APPROVED, December 29, 1820.

Act of May 11, 1820, ch. 93.

The act of 11th May, 1820, to have full effect from the date of this act.

Writs and process to be returned and continued accordingly.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. VI.—*An Act to alter the time of holding the district court in the district of Mississippi. (a)*

Jan. 11, 1821.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the district court, in the district of Mississippi, heretofore holden on the first Mondays in May and December, shall hereafter hold its regular terms only on the first Monday in January and July; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That every writ, process, subpoena, or recognisance, returnable, according to law, or the tenor thereof, to either of the aforesaid terms, holden on the first Mondays in May and December, shall be returnable to the next succeeding term of said court, to be holden on the first Monday in January and July.

APPROVED, January 11, 1821.

The regular terms to be holden only on the 1st Monday in January and July.

Writs, process, &c., to be returned accordingly.

(a) The acts relating to the district courts in Mississippi are:

An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States, within the state of Mississippi, April 3, 1818, ch. 29.

An act to alter the time of holding the district court in the state of Mississippi, Jan. 11, 1821, ch. 6.

An act to change the time of holding the court of the United States for the district of Mississippi, and the circuit court of the United States in the district of Ohio, May 5, 1830, ch. 89.

An act to change the place of holding the district court of the United States for the district of Mississippi, March 3, 1835, ch. 35.

An act to reorganize the district courts of the United States, in the state of Mississippi, June 18, 1838, ch. 115.