

return of surveys on other warrants; and that the surveys shall be returned to the general land office: *Provided*, That no locations, as aforesaid, in virtue of this or the preceding section of this act, shall be made on tracts of lands for which patents had previously been issued, or which had been previously surveyed; and any patent, which may nevertheless be obtained for land located contrary to the provisions of this act, shall be considered null and void.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That no holder of any warrant which has been, or may be, located, shall be permitted to withdraw or remove the same, and locate it on any other land, except in cases of eviction, in consequence of a legal judgment first obtained, or unless it be found to interfere with a prior location and survey; nor shall any lands heretofore sold by the United States, within the boundaries of said reservation, be subject to location by the holder of any such unlocated warrant.

APPROVED, March 1, 1823.

Proviso.

Holders of warrants not permitted to remove location.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. XL.—*An Act granting to the state of Alabama the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land.*

March 3, 1823.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That there be granted to the state of Alabama, at the minimum price for which public lands of the United States are sold, the right of pre-emption to one quarter section of land, in, or near, the centre of each of the counties of Marengo, Perry, and Decatur, of the state aforesaid, in trust for said counties, respectively, for the establishment of seats of justice therein: *Provided*, That the proceeds of the sale of each of said quarter sections shall be appropriated for the purpose of erecting public buildings in the county for which it is located, after deducting therefrom the amount originally paid for the same: *And provided further*, That the seat of justice for said counties, respectively, shall be fixed and continued on the lands so located and selected.

Alabama allowed the right of pre-emption of lands for seats of justice.

Proviso.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1823.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. XLI.—*An Act altering the time of holding the circuit court in the districts of Maine (a) and New Hampshire. (b)*

March 3, 1823.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the terms of the circuit court, which are now directed by law to be holden annually in the district of Maine, at Portland, on the eighth day of May; and at Wiscasset, on the eighth day of October: and in the district of New Hampshire, at Ports-

Days of holding the terms of the circuit court of Maine and New Hampshire changed.

(a) *Circuit courts in Maine:*

An act for altering the times and places of holding the circuit courts therein mentioned, and for other purposes, Act of March 3, 1801, ch. 32, sec. 1.

An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the courts of the United States, and for other purposes, March 8, 1802, ch. 8.

An act establishing a circuit court within and for the district of Maine, March 30, 1820, ch. 25.

(b) *Circuit courts in New Hampshire:*

An act providing compensation for the officers of the judicial courts of the United States, and for jurors and witnesses, and for other purposes, March 3, 1791, ch. 22, sec. 2.

An act altering the time of holding the circuit courts in certain districts of the United States, and for other purposes, April 3, 1792, ch. 21, sec. 2.

An act to alter the times and places of holding the circuit courts in the eastern district and in North Carolina, and for other purposes, March 2, 1793, ch. 23.

An act concerning the circuit courts of the United States, March 3, 1797, ch. 27.

An act for altering the times and places of holding the circuit courts therein mentioned, and for other purposes, Act of March 3, 1801, ch. 32, sec. 1.

An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the courts of the United States, and for other purposes, March 8, 1802, ch. 8.

An act to alter the times of holding the circuit court in the first district, March 26, 1812, ch. 45.

mouth, on the first day of May; and at Exeter, on the first day of October, shall hereafter be holden at Portland, on the first day of May; at Wiscasset, on the first day of October; at Portsmouth, on the eighth day of May; and at Exeter, on the eighth day of October, in said districts, in each year; and when either of said days shall be Sunday, the session of said court shall commence on the day next following; and all causes, suits, actions, process, pleadings, and proceedings, of every description, existing or depending in the circuit court, in the districts aforesaid, shall be returnable to, and proceeded with, in due form of law, at the times conformable to the alterations herein provided for.

APPROVED, March 3, 1823.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1823.

CHAP. XLII.—*An Act supplementary to "An act for the better organization of the courts of the United States within the state of New York."*

Act of April 3, 1818, ch. 32.
An appeal to be from the northern district court of New York, to the circuit court in the southern district.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from final decrees or judgments, in the district court of the northern district of the state of New York, there shall be an appeal to the circuit court in the southern district of said state, in the same manner, and upon the same terms, as from other district courts to their respective circuit courts.

APPROVED, March 3, 1823.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1823.

CHAP. XLIII.—*An Act further to prolong the continuance of the mint at Philadelphia.*

[Expired.]

Act of March 3, 1801, ch. 21, concerning the mint, revived for five years.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the act, entitled "An act concerning the mint," approved March the third, one thousand eight hundred and one, is hereby revived and continued in force and operation for the further term of five years, from the fourth day of March next.

Duty of commissioner of loans to be performed by the collector of Philadelphia.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, during the continuance of the mint at the city of Philadelphia, the duties which were enjoined on the commissioner of loans for the state of Pennsylvania, by the second section of the act, entitled "An act concerning the mint," passed on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and one, shall be performed by the collector of the port of Philadelphia for the time being.

Expense of materials used in refining, and other deductions, to be made from the deposit, and accounted for to treasury of the United States.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That when any silver, brought to the mint for coinage, shall require refining, the expense of the materials used in the process shall be deducted from the amount of the deposit; and that, when silver so deposited, shall be of a quality superior to that of the legal standard of the silver coins of the United States, a deduction shall be made from the amount, equal to the expense of the copper necessary to reduce it to the said standard; and that all such deductions be regularly accounted for, by the treasurer of the mint, to the treasury of the United States.

APPROVED, March 3, 1823.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1823.

CHAP. XLIV.—*An Act for the better organization of the district court of the United States within the state of Louisiana. (a)*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, for the more conve-

(a) District courts of Louisiana.

An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state, April 8, 1812, ch. 50.