

officers of the treasury shall be, and are hereby, authorized and required to audit and settle the accounts of the surveyor of public lands in the states of Illinois and Missouri, and territory of Arkansas, for extra clerk hire in his office, for surveying executed before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, and for which provision was not made by an allowance of mileage on the surveys of the public lands, under the act of the Congress of the United States, of the third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and make him an allowance therefor, not exceeding the rate of clerk hire now allowed by law in the offices of the other surveyors general, proportioned to the quantity of work done in each; and the amount, so allowed, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1823.

the accounts of the surveyor of Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas, for extra clerk hire.

Act of April 3, 1818, ch. 26.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1823.

CHAP. LXV.—*An Act providing for the accommodation of the circuit court of the United States for Washington county, in the District of Columbia, and for the preservation of the records of said court.*

*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 cause to be purchased, and completely finished, in the City Hall, now building in the city of Washington, permanent and suitable apartments for holding the sessions of the circuit court of the United States, for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, for the use of the grand and petit juries of the said county, for the offices of the clerk of the said court and the marshal of the said district, and for the preservation and security of the books, papers, and records, of the said court, provided that the said purchase can be made upon reasonable terms, and not exceeding the sum hereinafter appropriated. And for effecting the object of this act, the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Circuit court of Washington county in the District of Columbia, to be accommodated with apartments in the City Hall.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the appropriation hereinbefore made shall be expended under the superintendence of the commissioner of the public buildings, in such manner as shall be directed by the President of the United States.

To be expended under the superintendence of the commissioner of public buildings.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, so soon as the said apartments shall have been provided, the said circuit court, and the said clerk's and marshal's offices, with all the books, papers, and records, thereunto belonging, shall be removed thereto; and no allowance of money for the rent of apartments for the use of the said court and offices shall thenceforth, or thereafter, be made out of the treasury of the United States.

When apartments are finished, court to be removed, and no allowance admitted afterwards for rent.

APPROVED, March 3, 1823.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1823.

CHAP. LXVI.—*An Act to establish an additional land office in the state of Missouri.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That so much of the public lands of the United States, as lies west of the range line dividing the twenty-third and twenty-fourth tiers of townships west of the fifth principal meridian, in the present Howard land district, in the state of Missouri, shall form a land district for the disposal of the said lands, to be called the western district; and a land office shall be established at Lexington, in the county of Lillard, for the disposal thereof.

A new land district to be formed, to be called the western district, for which a land office is to be established.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be a register and

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receiver to be appointed.

receiver appointed to the said office, to superintend the sales of the public lands in the said district, who shall reside at the place where said office is established, give security in the same manner and sums, and whose compensation, emoluments, duties, and authorities, shall, in every respect, be the same, in relation to the lands to be disposed of at their offices, as are, or may be, by law, provided in relation to the registers and receivers of public moneys in the several offices established for the sale of the public lands.

From 1st April next there shall be a new township line between the townships No. 37 and 38.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, from and after the first day of April next, the division line between the St. Louis and the Jackson land districts, in the state of Missouri, shall be the township line between the townships number thirty-seven and thirty-eight; any thing in the former acts, creating land districts in the state of Missouri, to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, March 3, 1823.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1823.

CHAP. LXVII.—*An Act to authorize the purchase of a number of copies of the sixth volume of the laws of the United States.*

The Secretary of State authorized to subscribe for 550 copies of the 6th volume of the laws of the United States. Distribution.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary for the Department of State be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to subscribe for, and receive, for the use and disposal of Congress, five hundred and fifty copies of the sixth volume of the laws of the United States, published by Davis and Force, of the city of Washington, and cause to be distributed one copy thereof to the President of the United States, one copy to the Vice President of the United States, one copy to each of the heads of departments, to the attorney general of the United States, to each of the senators and representatives, and to each delegate of territories of the seventeenth Congress; fifteen copies to the secretary of the Senate, for the use of the Senate, and thirty copies to the clerk of the House of Representatives, for the use of that House; one copy to each branch of the legislature of each state and territory, and one copy to each of the executives of the several states and territories; and cause the residue to be deposited in the library of Congress.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, for the purpose aforesaid, the sum of two thousand two hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1823.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1823.

CHAP. LXVIII.—*An Act to confirm certain claims to lots [lots] in the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois.*

Certain claims to lots in the village of Peoria confirmed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That there is hereby granted, to each of the French and Canadian inhabitants and other settlers in the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois, whose claims are contained in a report made by the register of the land office at Edwardsville, in pursuance of the act of Congress, approved May the fifteenth, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, and who had settled a lot in the village aforesaid, prior to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, and who have not heretofore received a confirmation of claims, or donation of any tract of land or village lot from the United States, the lot so settled upon and improved, where the same shall not exceed two acres, and where the same shall exceed two acres, every such

Act of May 15, 1820, ch. 117.