

## STATUTE I.

May 24, 1828.

Act of May  
26th 1824, ch.  
173, continued  
in force.

Claims to be  
decided upon.

To be rati-  
fied.

So much of  
the said act, as  
subjects the  
claimants to the  
payment of  
costs, in any  
case where the  
decision may be  
in favour of  
their claims,  
repealed.

Where any  
claim, founded  
on concession,  
&c., shall be  
adjudged  
against and re-  
jected.

CHAP. XC.—*An Act to continue in force for a limited time, and to amend an act, entitled "An act to enable claimants to lands within the limits of the state of Missouri and territory of Arkansas, to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims."* (a)

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the act approved the twenty-sixth of May, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, entitled "An act to enable claimants to lands within the limits of the state of Missouri and territory of Arkansas, to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims," shall be, and the same hereby is, continued in force: that is to say, for the purpose of filing petitions in the manner prescribed by that act, to and until the twenty-sixth day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, and for the purpose of enabling the claimants to obtain a final decision on the validity of their claims in the courts of Missouri and Arkansas, respectively; the said claims having been exhibited within the time above specified; the said act shall be continued in force to, and until, the twenty-sixth day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty, and no longer; and the courts having cognisance of said claims shall decide upon and confirm such as would have been confirmed under the laws, usages, and customs of the Spanish government, for two years, from and after the twenty-sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and all the claims authorized by that act, to be heard and decided, shall be ratified and confirmed to the same extent that the same would be valid if the country in which they lie had remained under the dominion of the sovereignty in which said claims originated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the said act as subjects the claimants to the payment of costs in any case where the decision may be in favour of their claims, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the costs shall abide the decision of the cause as in ordinary causes before the said court; and so much of the said act as requires the claimants to make adverse claimants parties to their suits, or to show the court what adverse claimants there may be to the land claimed of the United States, be also hereby repealed. And the confirmations had by virtue of said act, and the patents issued thereon, shall operate only as relinquishment of title on the part of the United States, and shall, in no wise, affect the right or title, either in law or equity, of adverse claimants of the same land.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That where any claim, founded on concession, warrant, or order of survey, shall be adjudged against and rejected, the claimant or his legal representatives, by descent or purchase, being actual inhabitants and cultivators of the soil, the claim to which shall have been rejected, shall have the right of pre-emption, at the minimum price of the public lands, so soon as the land shall be surveyed and subdivided by the United States, of the quarter section on which the improvement shall be situate, and so much of every other quarter section which contains any part of the improvement, as shall be within the limits of the rejected claim.

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Legislature  
of the state of

CHAP. XCI.—*An Act to authorize the legislature of the state of Indiana to sell the lands heretofore appropriated for the use of schools in that state.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the legislature of the

(a) See notes of the act of May 26, 1824, ch. 154.

state of Indiana shall be, and is hereby, authorized to sell and convey, in fee simple, all, or any part, of the lands heretofore reserved and appropriated by Congress for the use of schools within said state, and to invest the money arising from the sale thereof in some productive fund, the proceeds of which shall be forever applied, under the direction of said legislature, for the use and support of schools, within the several townships and districts of country for which they were originally reserved and set apart, and for no other use or purpose whatsoever: *Provided*, said land, or any part thereof, shall, in no case, be sold without the consent of the inhabitants of such township, or district, to be obtained in such manner as the legislature of said state shall, by law, direct: *And provided, also*, That in the apportionment of the proceeds of said fund, each township and district aforesaid shall be entitled to such part thereof, and no more, as shall have accrued from the sum or sums of money arising from the sale of the school lands belonging to such township or district.

Indiana authorized to sell, &c., in fee simple, all, or any part, of the lands heretofore reserved for the use of schools within said state.  
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Where proceeds are insufficient for the support of schools in any township.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, if the proceeds accruing to any township or district, from said fund, shall be insufficient for the support of schools therein, it shall be lawful for said legislature to invest the same, as is hereinbefore directed, until the whole proceeds of the fund belonging to such township or district shall be adequate to the permanent maintenance and support of schools within the same.

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CHAP. XCIII.—*An Act supplementary to the several acts providing for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Mississippi.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the claimants of lands within that part of the limits of the land district of Jackson Courthouse, in the state of Mississippi, lying below the thirty-first degree of north latitude, whose claims have been presented to the commissioners appointed to receive and examine claims and titles to lands in said district of Jackson Courthouse, or to the register and receiver of the land office at Jackson Courthouse, acting as commissioners under the provisions of the act of third of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, entitled "An act for adjusting the claims to lands, and establishing land offices in the district east of the Island of New Orleans," and which have not been reported to Congress, or whose claims have not been heretofore presented to said commissioners, or to the register and receiver acting as commissioners, or whose claims have been acted upon, but additional evidence adduced, be allowed until the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, to present their titles and claims, and the evidence in support of the same, to the register and receiver of the land office at Jackson Courthouse, in the state of Mississippi, whose powers and duties in relation to the same, shall, in all respects, be governed by the provisions of the acts before recited, and of the act of the eighth of May, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices in the district east of the island of New Orleans."

Claimants of lands within that part of the limits of the land district of Jackson Courthouse lying below the 31st degree of north lat. whose claims have been presented by the commissioners under act of March 3, 1819, ch. 100. whose claims have not been acted upon, allowed until Jan. 1st, 1829, to present their titles, &c.

Act of May 8, 1822, ch. 128.

Register and receiver to hold their sessions at Jackson Courthouse, and the town of Shieldsborough, &c.

Register and receiver to appoint a clerk.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said register and receiver shall have power to receive and examine such titles and claims, and for that purpose shall hold their sessions at Jackson Courthouse, and the town of Shieldsborough. They shall give immediate notice after the passage of this act of the time and place of their meeting, but may adjourn from time to time as may best suit the convenience of claimants, upon giving due notice thereof. And the said register and receiver shall have power to appoint a clerk, who shall be a person capable of