

Violation of this act entitles the slave to freedom.

Corporations of Washington and Georgetown authorized to break up depots of slaves.

Levy Court of Washington co. vested with same authority.

to be subsequently transferred to any other State or place to be sold as merchandize. And if any slave shall be brought into the said District by its owner, or by the authority or consent of its owner, contrary to the provisions of this act, such slave shall thereupon become liberated and free.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for each of the corporations of the cities of Washington and Georgetown, from time to time, and as often as may be necessary, to abate, break up, and abolish any depot or place of confinement of slaves brought into the said District as merchandize, contrary to the provisions of this act, by such appropriate means as may appear to either of the said corporations expedient and proper. And the same power is hereby vested in the Levy Court of Washington county, if any attempt shall be made, within its jurisdictional limits, to establish a depot or place of confinement for slaves brought into the said District as merchandize for sale contrary to this act.

APPROVED, September 20, 1850.

Sept. 20, 1850. CHAP. LXIV. — *An Act to supply a Deficiency in the Appropriation for Pay and Mileage of Members of Congress for the present Session.*

Mileage and pay.

Stationery.

Proviso as to mileage from California and Oregon.

Contingent expenses of H. of Representatives.

Mileage and pay of H. N. Smith and A. W. Babbit, delegates from New Mexico and Utah. Proviso.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the sum of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of mileage and per diem of senators, members of the House of Representatives, and delegates in Congress, at the present session: two thousand three hundred and thirty dollars for additional expense of stationery for members of the House of Representatives, during the present session: *Provided*, That the mileage of the senators and representatives from California, and the delegate from Oregon, be computed according to the most usual travelling route within the limits of the United States; and the per diem of said senators and representatives for this session shall commence from the day on which the Constitution of California was first communicated to the two Houses of Congress, respectively:

And that the sum of fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the sum already provided for, in the civil and diplomatic appropriation bill, be, and *and* the same is hereby, appropriated for the contingent expenses of the House of Representatives:

And that Hugh N. Smith and Almon W. Babbit, late claimants for seats in the House of Representatives, from New Mexico and Utah, be allowed their per diem of five dollars, from the day of their arrival in Washington, to the day when their claim to a seat was rejected by a vote of the House of Representatives; and, also, the sum of two thousand dollars each for their mileage: *Provided*, That no per diem shall be allowed, for any time previous to the commencement of the present session of Congress.

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1848, ch. 150. Judicial powers withdrawn from ministers and consuls of the U. States as regards Macao.

CHAP. LXV. — *An Act to repeal so much of the Act approved eleventh of August, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, as extends the Provisions thereof to Macao.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That so much of the act "to carry into effect certain provisions in the treaties between the United States and China and the Ottoman Porte," giving certain judi-

cial powers to ministers and consuls of the United States in those countries, approved the eleventh day of August, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, as extends jurisdiction over, or the right to exercise any of the powers conferred by said act in Macao, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

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CHAP. LXIX. — *An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to permit Vessels from the British North American Provinces to lade and unlade at such Places in any Collection District of the United States as he may designate.*

Sept. 26, 1850

*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, with the approbation of the President of the United States, provided the latter shall be satisfied that similar privileges are extended to vessels of the United States in the colonies hereinafter mentioned, is hereby authorized, under such regulations as he may prescribe, to protect the revenue from fraud, to permit vessels laden with the products of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward's Island, or either of them, to lade or unlade at any port or place within any collection district of the United States which he may designate; and if any such vessel entering a port or place so designated, to lade or unlade, shall neglect or refuse to comply with the regulations so prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, such vessel, and the owner or owners, and master thereof, shall be subject to the same penalties as if no authority under this act had been granted to lade or unlade in such port or place.

Secretary of the Treasury authorized to permit vessels from British North American provinces to lade or unlade at such places as he may designate, provided the same privileges are extended to vessels of the U. States by said provinces.

APPROVED, September 26, 1850.

CHAP. LXX. — *An Act to increase the Commissariat of the United States Army.*

Sept. 26, 1850.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be added to the subsistence department four commissaries of subsistence with the rank of captain, to be taken from the line of the army.

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SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the senior aid-de-camp of the major-general commanding the army may be taken from the captains or majors of the army, and shall be allowed the pay and emoluments of a major of cavalry.

Senior aid-de-camp of the major-general commanding the army.

APPROVED, September 26, 1850.

CHAP. LXXI. — *An Act providing for the Examination and Settlement of Claims for Land at the Sault Ste. Marie, in Michigan.*

Sept. 26, 1850.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the register and receiver of the land office at the Sault Ste. Marie be, and they are hereby, authorized to examine and report upon claims to lots at the Sault Ste. Marie, in township forty-seven north, of ranges one east and one west, in Michigan, according to the provisions hereinafter contained, and pursuant to such instructions as may be given by the commissioner of the general land office.

Register and receiver authorized to examine claims to certain lots.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said commissioner shall cause the register and receiver to be furnished with a map, on a large scale, of the lines of the public surveys at the Sault Ste. Marie, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to direct the proper military officer, on the application of the register and receiver, to designate, or

Commissioner of general land office to furnish the register and receiver with a large map, upon which the tracts