

send them to the bank or branch banks of the United States, in each of the states where such bank is established; and where there is no bank established, then to the collector of the principal town in such state (in the proportion of the number of inhabitants of such state) to be by such bank or collector, paid out to the citizens of the state for cash, in sums not less than ten dollars value; and that the same be done at the risk and expense of the United States, under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the department of the treasury.

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Mode of distribution of cents and half cents.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1795.

CHAP. XLVIII.—*An Act for the more effectual recovery of Debts due from individuals to the United States.*

Comptroller may issue notification to debtors, &c.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the comptroller of the treasury be, and is hereby authorized to issue a notification to any person who has received monies for which he is accountable to the United States, or to the executor or administrator of such person, if he be deceased, requiring him to render to the auditor of the treasury, at such time as he shall think reasonable, according to the circumstances of the case, within twelve months from the date of such notification, all his accounts and vouchers, for the expenditure of the said monies, and in default thereof, suits shall, at the discretion of the comptroller of the treasury, be commenced for the same, without further notice: And the party sued, as aforesaid, shall be subject to the costs and charges of such suits, whether the ultimate decision shall be in his favour or against him.

Marshals of the districts to serve such notification.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the marshals of the respective districts be, and are hereby authorized and directed to serve the said notifications on the parties therein named, by leaving copies thereof at their respective dwellings, or usual places of abode, at least four months before the time fixed in such notification, for rendering their accounts, as aforesaid, and that the return of the said notifications to the comptroller's office, with the marshal's certificate thereon, that such service has been made, be deemed legal evidence in the district or circuit courts, of the proceedings, and for the recovery of costs and charges. And that in cases, where accounts shall be rendered to the auditor of the treasury, within the time limited in the notifications aforesaid, he shall immediately proceed to liquidate the credits to be passed for the said accounts, and report the same to the comptroller, with a particular list of any claims which shall have been disallowed by him. And that the comptroller of the treasury immediately proceed to the examination of the credits allowed by the auditor, and if the same be approved by him, that he cause credit therefor to be passed on the public books. And the comptroller shall also appoint a day, for hearing the claimant on the claims so disallowed by the auditor, as aforesaid.

Auditor to liquidate account and transmit it to the Comptroller, &c.

1809, ch. 28, sec. 2.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That a list of all such credits aforesaid, as shall have been claimed, and not admitted by the comptroller, be made out and transmitted to the marshal of the district, where the claimant resides; and that a copy thereof be served on the claimant, or left at his dwelling or last usual place of abode, with notice of the time assigned by the comptroller, for the final hearing, as aforesaid, at least four months before such hearing; of which proceedings, the marshal is hereby directed to transmit an official return to the comptroller. And in case of an omission or neglect, on the part of the claimant, to assign, in writing, or otherwise, his reasons to the comptroller, within the time limited, as aforesaid, why the suspended credits should be admitted, all future claims therefor shall be, and are hereby forever barred. But in case the claimant shall, within the time aforesaid, assign in

How suspended credits are to be finally determined on.

writing, or otherwise, his reasons why the suspended credits should be admitted, the comptroller shall immediately consider the same, and decide thereon, according to the principles of equity, and the usages of the treasury department.

Decision of
Comptroller
conclusive on
all concerned.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in all cases, where the final decision of the comptroller shall be against the claimant, such determination shall be final and conclusive to all concerned.

APPROVED, March 3, 1795.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1795.

CHAP. XLIX.—*An Act to authorize a grant of lands to the French inhabitants of Gallipolis, and for other purposes therein mentioned.*

President to
cause a certain
tract of land to
be surveyed.

SECTION 1. *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 shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to cause to be surveyed, in the territory northwest of the Ohio, a tract of land situate on the northerly bank of the river Ohio, beginning one mile and a half on a straight line above the mouth of Little Sandy, thence down the said river Ohio along the courses thereof eight miles when reduced to a straight line, thence at right angles from each extremity of the said line so as to include the quantity of twenty-four thousand acres of land to be disposed as herein after directed.

1798, ch. 59.

To cause the
French inhabit-
ants of Gallio-
polis to be enu-
merated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President be authorized to cause to be ascertained the number of French inhabitants and actual settlers of the town or settlement of Gallipolis, being males above eighteen years of age or widows who are or shall be within the said town or settlement of Gallipolis on the first day of November next.

Letters patent
to be issued to
John G. Gervais
for a tract of
said land on
condition.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to issue letters patent in the name and under the seal of the United States, thereby granting to John Gabriel Gervais, and his heirs, four thousand acres of land, part of the said twenty-four thousand acres to be located on the northwest bank of the river Ohio opposite to the mouth of the Little Sandy, with condition in the said letters patent that if the said John Gabriel Gervais or his heirs shall not personally within three years from the date of the same patent settle on the same tract of land, and there continue settled for three years next thereafter, the same letters patent shall be void and determine, and the title thereof revert in the United States as if this law had not passed.

Remainder to
be distributed
among the ac-
tual settlers of
Gallipolis.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to cause to be surveyed, laid off and divided, the remaining twenty thousand acres of land, residue of the twenty-four thousand acres, into as many lots or parts as the actual settlers of Gallipolis shall on the ascertainment aforesaid amount to, and the same to be designated, marked and numbered on a plat thereof to be returned to the secretary of the said territory, together with a certificate of the courses of the said lots, the said lots or parts of the aforesaid tract, to be assigned to the settlers aforesaid by lot.

Patents to is-
sue,

And the President of the United States is hereby authorized and empowered to issue letters patent as aforesaid to the said actual settlers and their heirs for the said twenty thousand acres, to be held by them in severalty in lots to be designated and described by their numbers on the plat aforesaid, with condition in the same letters patent that if one or more of the said grantees his or her heirs or assigns shall not within five years from the date of the same letters make or cause and procure to be made an actual settlement on the lot or lots assigned to him, her or them, and the same continue for five years thereafter, that then the said letters patent so far as concerns the said lot or lots not settled and continued to be

on condition.