

the United States; and each of the said surveyors, besides the fees paid in relation to the admeasurement, and registering of vessels, shall receive an annual salary of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Their powers and emoluments.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the collector of the district of Mississippi shall, on the surrender of any temporary register, granted to a vessel of the United States as aforesaid, issue a permanent register for such vessel: *Provided*, that the master of such vessel shall take the usual oath, and perform all the other conditions required by the registering act, except that he shall not be obliged to give any new bond to the said collector.

Permanent registers to be issued by the collector of Mississippi.

Proviso.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of any act or acts as erects any of the shores or waters, annexed by this act to the Mississippi district, into separate districts, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Repeal of any act making separate districts of the shores and waters referred to.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to cause to be built upon some convenient site, belonging to the United States, in the city of New Orleans, a good and sufficient house, to serve as an office and place of deposit for the collector of the customs at that place. And the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to defray the expense of erecting the same, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Secretary of the Treasury to cause a custom-house to be built at N. Orleans.

APPROVED, February 13, 1807.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. XV.—*An Act authorizing the President of the United States to accept the service of a number of volunteer companies, not exceeding thirty thousand men.*

Feb. 24, 1807.

*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 hereby is authorized to accept of any company or companies of volunteers, either of artillery, cavalry, or infantry, who may associate and offer themselves for the service, not exceeding thirty thousand men, who shall be clothed, and furnished with horses, at their own expense, and armed and equipped at the expense of the United States, after they shall be called into service, except such of them as may choose to furnish their own arms, and whose commissioned officers shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by law in the several states and territories to which such companies shall, respectively, belong: *Provided*, that where any company, battalion, regiment, brigade, or division of militia, already organized, shall tender their voluntary service to the United States, such company, battalion, regiment, brigade or division shall continue to be commanded by the officers holding commissions in the same, at the time of such tender, and any vacancy thereafter occurring shall be filled in the mode pointed out by law in the state or territory, wherein the said company, battalion, regiment, brigade, or division shall have been originally raised.

[Obsolete.]

President authorized to accept of the services of volunteer corps.

How to be officered, equipped, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any company, battalion, regiment, brigade, or division, thus offering itself for the service, shall be liable to be called upon to do military duty at any time the President of the United States shall judge proper, within two years after he shall accept the same, and shall be bound to continue in service for the term of twelve months after they shall have arrived at the place of rendezvous, unless sooner discharged, and when called into actual service, and whilst remaining therein, shall be under the same rules and regulations, and be entitled to the same pay, rations, forage and emoluments of every kind, bounty and clothing excepted, with the regular troops of the United States. *Provided*, that in lieu of clothing, every non-commissioned officer and private, in any company, who may thus offer them-

Corps offering themselves liable to be called upon to do duty, &c.

How long to continue in service, &c.

Pay, &c.

Proviso.

selves, shall be entitled, when called into actual service, to receive in money a sum equal to the cost of the clothing of a non-commissioned officer, or private (as the case may be) in the regular troops of the United States.

President authorized to have them organized, when called into service.

In the mean time they are to perform militia duty, &c.

Volunteers to be saved harmless except in cases of negligence or accidental losses and damage.

Specific appropriation.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is authorized to organize the companies so tendering their service, as aforesaid, into battalions, squadrons, regiments, brigades, and divisions, as soon as the number of volunteers shall render such organization, in his judgment, expedient; but until called into actual service, such companies shall be bound to do regular militia duty as is required by law in like manner as before the passage of this act.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in case any volunteer above mentioned, while in actual service, shall sustain any damage, by injury done to his horse, or such other equipment as shall have been furnished at his own expense, or by loss of the same, without any fault or negligence on his part, a reasonable sum, to be ascertained in such manner as the President of the United States may direct, shall be allowed and paid to such volunteer for each and every such damage or loss.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, to be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, be, and the same hereby is appropriated towards defraying any expense incurred by virtue of the provisions of this act.

APPROVED, February 24, 1807.

#### STATUTE II.

Feb. 24, 1807.

CHAP. XVI.—*An Act establishing Circuit Courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the district courts in the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio.*

Repeal of so much of any act as gives jurisdiction of circuit to the district courts of Kentucky, E. and W. Tennessee, and Ohio.

Act of March 23, 1804, ch. 31, sec. 6.

Districts established for the circuit courts.

These districts to compose the seventh circuit.

Sessions of the circuit courts, and places where to be held.

Kentucky.

Act of March 22, 1808, ch. 38, sec. 1, 2, 3, 4.

Tennessee.

Ohio.

1797, ch. 2.

All the authority, &c. vested in the several circuit courts, vested in this court.

Causes, &c. returnable to the circuit court and tried therein.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That so much of any act or acts of Congress, as vests in the district courts of the United States, in the districts of Kentucky, East and West Tennessee and Ohio, the powers, authority and jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of holding therein the circuit courts, to be established by this act; the state of Kentucky shall constitute one district, the state of Tennessee one district, and the state of Ohio one district, and the said districts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio, shall constitute and be denominated the seventh circuit. And there shall be holden annually in each district of the said circuit, two courts, to be called circuit courts, and to consist of one justice of the supreme court of the United States, and the judge of the district where such court shall be holden. And the sessions of the said courts, in the district of Kentucky, shall be held at Frankfort, and commence on the first Monday in May and November, annually; in the district of Tennessee, at Knoxville and Nashville, alternately, to commence on the first Monday in June and third Monday in October, annually, beginning at Nashville; and in the district of Ohio, at Chillicothe, to commence on the first Monday in January and September, annually. And the circuit court of Tennessee, shall designate at which of the two places where the said court is hereby directed to be holden, the office of clerk thereof shall be kept.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That all the authority, powers and jurisdiction, vested in the several circuit courts of the United States, or the judges thereof, or either of them, shall be, and hereby are vested in, and may be exercised by the several circuit courts of the seventh circuit, and the judges thereof: and that all actions, causes, pleas, process, and other proceedings, relative to any cause, civil or criminal, which shall be returnable to, or depending in the several district courts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio, acting as circuit courts, on the first day of May