

CHAP. IX.—*An Act extending the right of suffrage in the Mississippi territory; and for other purposes.*(a)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every free white male person in the Mississippi territory, above the age of twenty-one years, having been a citizen of the United States, and resident in the said territory, one year next preceding an election of representatives, and who has a legal or equitable title to a tract of land, by virtue of any act of Congress, or who may become the purchaser of any tract of land from the United States of the quantity of fifty acres, or who may hold in his own right a town lot of the value of one hundred dollars within the said territory, shall be entitled to vote for representatives to the general assembly of said territory.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the general assembly of the territory aforesaid, shall have power to apportion the representatives of the several counties therein, or which may hereafter be established therein, according to the number of free white male inhabitants above the age of twenty-one years in such counties: *Provided,* that there be not more than twelve, nor less than ten of the whole number of representatives; any act or acts to the contrary notwithstanding, until there shall be six thousand free white inhabitants of full age, in said territory; after which time the number of representatives shall be regulated agreeably to the ordinance for the government thereof.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the citizens of the said territory, entitled to vote for representatives to the general assembly thereof, shall, at the time of electing their representatives to the said general assembly, also elect one delegate from the said territory to the Congress of the United States, who shall possess the same powers heretofore granted to the delegates from the several territories of the United States; any thing in the ordinance for the government of said territory, to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, January 9, 1808.

STATUTE I.
Jan. 9, 1808.

[Obsolete.]

Qualifications of electors of representatives to the general assembly of the Mississippi territory.

1804, ch. 57, sec. 7.

General assembly may apportion representatives.

Not more than 12 nor less than 10 representatives until there shall be six thousand free inhabitants in the territory.

A delegate to Congress to be elected at the time of the general election.

STATUTE I.

Jan. 19, 1808.

CHAP. X.—*An Act supplemental to an act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States, south of the state of Tennessee."*(b)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every person and the legal representatives of every person, who being either the head of a family or above the age of twenty-one years, and who did on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seven, actually inhabit and cultivate a tract of land not claimed by virtue of a certificate granted by the boards of commissioners east and west of Pearl river, in the Mississippi territory, and who has obtained permission to remain on such tract or tracts of land agreeably to an act, intituled "An act to prevent settlements being made on lands ceded to the United States, until authorized by law," shall be entitled to a preference in becoming the purchaser from the United States of such tract of land, at the price at which the other lands of the United States in the said territory, are directed to be sold, and payment may be made therefor in the same manner, and under the same conditions as directed by law for such other lands: *Provided,* that such tract of land shall not exceed one section: *And provided also,* that the same shall be surveyed agreeably to the sectional lines already established, or which may hereafter be established by the surveyor of the lands of the United States south of the state of Tennessee.

Actual settlers entitled to a preference in becoming purchasers.

1803, ch. 27.

1807, ch. 46.

Proviso that such tract of land shall not exceed one section, and shall be surveyed agreeably to

(a) By the act of March 1, 1817, chap. 23, Mississippi was admitted into the Union as a State.
(b) See notes to act of March 3, 1803, chap. 27.

sectional lines already established.

Notice to be given by persons claiming, under the foregoing section.

Their rights otherwise forfeited.

Time allowed to persons having pre-emption rights.

This act not to extend to certain other claimants.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That every person claiming a tract of land by virtue of this act shall, before the first day of October next, deliver to the register of the land-office within whose district the land may be, a notice of his claim in writing, together with a plat of the tract of land claimed; and if any person shall fail to deliver such notice and plat, the person or persons so failing, shall forfeit all claim or pretension of claim to such tract of land, and the same shall be sold with the other lands of the United States in said territory.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That persons entitled to a right of pre-emption under the first section of this act, shall be allowed until the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine, to make the first payment of the purchase money of such tract or tracts of land as may be claimed by virtue of said section, and the residue of the said purchase money shall be paid in the same manner, and under the same conditions as directed for the other lands in said territory.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall not extend to any person or persons claiming other lands in said territory in his or their own right, by virtue of British or Spanish grants, or to any person or persons to whom a donation has been granted, by either of the said boards of commissioners.

APPROVED, January 19, 1808.

STATUTE I.

Jan. 19, 1808.

[Obsolete.]

Part of a former act revived and continued in force.

Act of March 26, 1804, ch. 46.

Act of Jan. 10, 1809, ch. 7.

Proviso.

CHAP. XI.—*An Act to revive and continue in force for a further time the first section of the act, intituled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers."*

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 passed on the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and four, intituled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers," as is contained in the first section of the said act, be, and the same hereby is revived and continued in force, until the first day of January next: *Provided however*, that the additional duty laid by the said section, shall be collected on all such goods, wares and merchandise, liable to pay the same, as shall have been imported previous to that day.

APPROVED, January 19, 1808.

STATUTE I.

Jan. 21, 1808.

[Obsolete.]

Expenses authorized by the committee of inquiry or the managers of the impeachment of Judge Chase to be settled, and paid.

Proviso.

1804, ch. 29.

CHAP. XII.—*An Act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the impeachment of Samuel Chase.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby directed to audit and settle the accounts of all persons who may have claims against the United States, for expenses incurred in the inquiry into the conduct, and in the impeachment of Samuel Chase; which expenses may have been authorized by the committee of inquiry, or the managers of the said impeachment: *Provided*, that the said accounts shall have been first certified by the chairman of the said committee, or managers; and the same shall be paid out of any monies in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, January 21, 1808.

STATUTE I.

Jan. 27, 1808.

[Obsolete.]

Act of Feb. 20, 1804, ch. 12,

CHAP. XIV.—*An Act to continue in force for a limited time an act, intituled "An act continuing for a limited time the salaries of the officers of government therein mentioned."*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an act passed on the