

City post-office, and those of superintendent and surveyor of the city or of the surveyor to be removed.

Fire-proof rooms to be erected in the public offices west of the President's house.

Appropriation.

States be, and hereby is authorized to cause the city post-office, and the offices of the superintendent and surveyor of the city of Washington, to be immediately removed from the public building west of the President's house; and that he cause to be built within the said public building, as many fire-proof rooms as shall be sufficient for the convenient deposit of all the public papers and records of the United States, belonging to, or in the custody of the state, war or navy departments.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be appropriated for the purposes expressed in this act, out of any monies in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 28, 1810.

STATUTE II.

April 30, 1810.

CHAP. XXXV.—*An Act providing for the sale of certain lands in the Indiana territory, and for other purposes.*(a)

Act of March 26, 1804, ch. 35.
Certain lands to which Indian title has been extinguished to be added to the districts of Cincinnati and Vincennes.

These lands to be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

Conditions, places, &c. &c.

Lands unsold may be sold at private sale.

Compensation of the superintendents of the public sales.

Boundary between districts of Vincennes and Jeffersonville.

Sales to be regulated accordingly.

Certain claims to land in the district of Vincennes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that tract of land, to which the Indian title was extinguished by the treaty made at Fort Wayne, on the thirtieth day of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and nine, lying west, and adjoining to the boundary line established by the treaty of Greenville, shall be attached to, and made a part of the district of Cincinnati; and the residue of the lands to which the Indian title was extinguished by the said treaty, and other treaties made at Vincennes in the same year, shall be attached to, and made a part of the district of Vincennes; and the said lands, with the exception of section number sixteen, which shall be reserved in each township for the use of schools within the same, shall be offered for sale to the highest bidder, under the direction of the register of the land-office, and of the receiver of public monies, at the places respectively where the land-offices are kept, and on such day or days as shall by proclamation of the President of the United States, be designated for that purpose; the sales shall remain open at Cincinnati one week, and at Vincennes three weeks and no longer; the lands shall not be sold for less than two dollars an acre, and shall in every other respect be sold in tracts of the same size, and on the same terms and conditions, as have been or may be provided for lands sold in the same districts; all the lands in the said tracts, with the exception above mentioned, remaining unsold at the close of the said sales, may be disposed of at private sale by the register of the respective land-offices, in the same manner, under the same regulations, for the same price, and on the same terms and conditions, as are, or may be provided by law for the sale of lands in the same districts, and patents shall be obtained in the same manner, and on the same terms as for other public lands, sold in the same districts.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the several superintendents of public sales directed by this act, shall receive four dollars a day, for each day's attendance on the said sales.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the first day of June next, the second principal meridian established by the surveyor-general in the Indiana territory, shall be the boundary between the districts of Vincennes and Jeffersonville; and the lands included in the said districts respectively, according to the boundaries above mentioned, shall become a part of the district in which they are included, and shall be sold at the same place, in the same manner, and on the same terms and conditions as the other public lands, lying in the same district.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That any person or persons entitled to donation lands, in the district of Vincennes by any former resolution or act of Congress, and who were minors, or did not reside within the

(a) See notes to the act of March 26, 1804, chap. 35.

Indiana territory during the time allowed by law for registering claims to land within the said district, and whose claims have not heretofore been presented to either of the boards of commissioners for adjusting claims to land at Vincennes and Kaskaskia, may, until the first day of November next, give notice, in writing, to the register of the land-office of the said district of their claims, and have the evidence of the same recorded in the same manner, and on payment of the fees provided by an act, entitled "An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indiana territory, and for other purposes;" and the right of any such persons neglecting to give such notice of his claim, and to have the evidence of the same recorded, shall become void, and for ever be barred.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the register of the land-office and the receiver of public monies at Vincennes shall perform the same duties and exercise the same powers in relation to the claims filed with the register under this act, which by the last recited act were enjoined on, or vested in the commissioners designated by the said act; and it shall also be the duty of the said register and receiver, to make to the Secretary of the Treasury a report of all the claims thus filed with the register of the land-office, together with the substance of the evidence adduced in support thereof, with such remarks thereon as they may think proper; which report, together with a list of the claims, which in the opinion of the register and receiver ought to be confirmed, shall be laid by the Secretary of the Treasury before Congress at their next session, for their determination thereon; and the said register and receiver shall each be allowed an additional compensation of one hundred dollars, in full for their services in relation to such claims, and one hundred dollars for clerk hire.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That a tract of land in the Illinois territory, at, and including Shawneetown, on the Ohio river, shall, under the direction of the surveyor-general, be laid off into town lots, streets and avenues, and into out lots, in such manner and of such dimensions as he may judge proper: *Provided*, the tract so to be laid off shall not exceed the quantity of land contained in two entire sections, nor the town lots one quarter of an acre each. When the survey of the lots shall be completed, a plat thereof shall be returned to the surveyor-general, on which the town lots and out lots shall respectively be designated by progressive numbers, who shall cause two copies to be made, one to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, and the other to the register of the land-office; and the lots shall be offered to the highest bidder at public sale, at the same time and place, on the same terms and conditions, (except as to the quantity of land,) as have or may be provided for the sale of the other public lands in the said territory: *Provided*, that no town lot shall be sold for a less price than eight dollars, nor any out lot for less than at the rate of five dollars an acre.

APPROVED, April 30, 1810.

CHAP. XXXVI.—*An Act to extend the time for making payment for the Public Lands of the United States in certain cases.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every person who, prior to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and six, had purchased any tract or tracts of land of the United States, not exceeding in the whole, six hundred and forty acres, at any of the land-offices established for the disposal of said lands, whether such purchase was made at public or private sale, (sales by virtue of a pre-emption right only excepted,) and whose lands have not already been actually sold or reverted to the United States for non-payment of part of the purchase money,

Mode of proceeding for having them recorded.

Act of March 26, 1804, ch. 35. Persons not giving notice to be barred.

Register of the land office and the receiver of public monies at Vincennes, how affected by this act.

Compensation.

A tract of land in the Illinois territory to be laid off under direction of surveyor-general.

The tract laid off into lots not to exceed the quantity in two sections.

No town lot to be sold for less than eight dollars.

STATUTE II.

April 30, 1810.

Act of March 2, 1809, ch. 26.

Actual settlers, with some exceptions, under purchases from the United States allowed a further time to make their payments.